Waterski Wakeboard Sask
SaskFirst Application 2027

2027 SaskFirst Adaptive Team Selection Criteria

The purpose of the SaskFirst Adaptive team is to develop Saskatchewan excellence in Adaptive Watersports. We strive to develop adaptive athletes and see them medal at nationals, contribute to provincial standings at nationals, receive invitations to national teams, and compete at major international tournaments. We are working towards this goal of developing athletes by increasing training accessibility, providing access to top-level coaches, and removing barriers to participating in the sport.

The following outlines the selection criteria for the HP and Development levels for the team. Each interested athlete must email their application to:

wswsask@gmail.com by **Nov. 30th.**

Include in your application:

- Personal info (date of birth, contact info)
- Home training site
- Hours of training available per week (estimate)
- Top 3 best competition results from the 2026 season for each discipline. (1 jump, 1 trick, 1 slalom). Include the sanction number for the event. High Performance Athletes must submit scores from CRC and WRL events. (not required for prospect / DEV).

  You can use these links to verify national events https://waterskicanada.ca/results/athlete-results/ or - https://www.skidata.towedwatersportscanada.ca/tournamentlist.php and for international events http://www.iwsftournament.com/

- 2027 season plans and goals

Adaptive High Performance Program Selection

- Must be at or "on-track" to be at the Learn to Compete stage of Adaptive Waterski Canada's LTAD (https://wswc.ca/about-us/long-term-athlete-development/)
- Must demonstrate commitment and a drive to advance in the sport, and have competed in more than one discipline at events.

- If an athlete is named to the HP program for one discipline and meets the national standard for additional disciplines, they will be named for all disciplines they meet the national standard for
    - E.g. Athlete is in the top 4 for trick and meets the national standard for slalom. This athlete will be named to the HP program for both trick and slalom.
- Special considerations:
    - There will be at least 1 male and 1 female named to the HP program based on applications.

Adaptive HP Program Expectations

- Attend sport science sessions
- Attend training camps
- Discuss long-term and seasonal goals with your coach
- Train to the best of your ability
- HP athletes are expected to develop their coaching and officiating skills
- Attend and officiate at Provincials
- Attend at least one Record Capable tournament (e.g. Westerns, Nationals, Canadian Open, US Open, etc.)
- Participate in Fundraising for the Program

Adaptive HP Program Benefits

- Training opportunities with top-level coaches
- Free sport science seminars (mental performance, sport nutrition, injury prevention)
- Subsidized funding for registration fees to attend national and international competitions based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model and points attained during the season and overall budget
- Subsidized funding for training based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model and points attained during the season – up to $700 training card allocation per discipline
- Access to the Athlete's Assistance fund based on points attained during the season
    - Training Expenses as per their card amount and budget allocation
    - Competition fees based on budget allocation and points from event attendance, scores and results

- Out of Pocket based on fundraising
- Subsidized coaching and officiating training

Adaptive Development Program Selection Criteria

- Must meet minimum standards for assigned division, as noted in Waterski Canada's 2026 Rule Book (https://waterskicanada.ca/rule-books/)
- Should be at or near the FUNdations or Build the Skills stages of Waterski Canada's LTAD (https://wswc.ca/about-us/long-term-athlete-development/)
- Must demonstrate commitment and a drive to advance in the sport
- Special considerations:
  - There will be at least 1 male and 1 female named to the HP program based on applications.

Adaptive Development Program Expectations

- Attend dryland training and sport science sessions
- Attend a SaskFirst training camp in July or August
- Discuss long-term and seasonal goals with your coach
- Train to the best of your ability
- Compete at Provincials
- Participate in fundraising for the program

Adaptive Development Program Benefits

- Training opportunities with top-level coaches
- Free sport science seminars (mental performance, sport nutrition, injury prevention)
- Subsidized funding to attend competitions based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model and points attained during the season
- Subsidized training based on the athlete's benchmarks in the LTAD model for each discipline and points attained during the season
- Access to the Athlete's Assistance fund based on points attained during the season
- Subsidized coaching and officiating training