Waterski Wakeboard Sask
SaskFirst Application 2027

2027 SaskFirst Waterski Team Selection Criteria

The purpose of the team is to develop Saskatchewan excellence in waterskiing. We strive to develop young 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 young athletes by increasing training accessibility, providing access to top-level coaches, and removing barriers to participating in the sport. The SaskFirst Waterski Team consists of three programs – High Performance, Development, and Prospects. This document will outline what to include in your application, the selection criteria for each designation, athlete expectations, and benefits of being a part of the Waterski SaskFirst team. The teams will be comprised of skiers who must meet the following criteria - High Performance (HP) Team: Athletes must be 26 years of age or under as of 1 January - Development and Prospects (DEV and PR) Team: Athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of 1 January.

a) 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

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Waterski High Performance Program Selection Criteria

- Must meet national standards for respective age division, as noted in Waterski Canada's 2026 Rule Book (https://waterskicanada.ca/rule-books/)
- Must be at or "on-track" to be at the Learn to Compete stage of Waterski Canada's LTAD (https://wswc.ca/about-us/long-term-athlete-development/)
- Must be in the top 4 of Saskatchewan skiers for their respective discipline
    - This is assessed by calculating the skier's best score as a percentage of the Canadian record for their age division https://waterskicanada.ca/results/athlete-results/
    - Skiers with the highest 4 percentages in each discipline (slalom, trick, jump) will be placed on the High Performance (HP) team
- 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 team based on applications.
    - If an athlete is named to the HP team 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 team for both trick and slalom.

HP Team Expectations

- Attend dryland training and sport science sessions
- Attend SaskFirst training camps in July and August
- Discuss long-term and seasonal goals with your coach
- Train to the best of your ability
- Compete and officiate at Provincials
- Take part in Coach Development opportunities and develop officiating skills
- Attend at least one Record Capable tournament (e.g. Westerns, Nationals, Jr. Canadian Open, etc.)
- Develop coaching and driving skills
- Participate in fundraising activities for the Team

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HP Team Benefits

- Funded training camps with top-level coaches
- Free sport science seminars (mental performance, sport nutrition, injury prevention, etc.)
- Free pre-season dryland training
- Subsidized funding for competition/registration fees for national and international competitions based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model and overall budget
- Subsidized funding for training based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model – up to $700 training card per qualifying discipline
- Access to the Athlete's Assistance fund
    - 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

Development Team Selection Criteria

- Must meet minimum standards for respective age 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 Development team

Development Team 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

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Development Team Benefits

- Access to Provincial coach and training opportunities
- Funded training camps with top-level coaches
- Free sport science seminars (mental performance, sport nutrition, injury prevention, etc.)
- Subsidized funding for competition/registration fees for national and international competitions based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model and overall budget
- Subsidized funding for training based on the athlete's benchmarks for each discipline in the LTAD model – up to $700 training card per qualifying discipline
- Access to the Athlete's Assistance fund
    - 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

Prospects Team Selection Criteria

- Should be at the FUNdamentals stage 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 and participate in competitions, and have competed in at least one tournament in the 2026 season

Prospect Team Expectations

- Train to the best of your ability
- Compete at Provincials

Prospects Team Benefits

- Access to provincial coach
- Free sport science seminars (mental performance, sport nutrition, injury prevention, etc.)