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2019 Western Canada Summer Games Team Saskatchewan Athlete Selection

- Team: Team Sask 2019 Western Canada Summer Games
- Competition: 2019 Western Canada Summer Games, Swift Current, SK (Long Course competition)
- Competition Dates: August 8 to 13, 2019
- Tour Dates: August 4 to August 13, 2019
Team Sask will attend a staging camp in Moose Jaw, SK, from August 4th to August 8th, 2019. Athletes will move into the Athlete's Village in Swift Current on August 8th. Once athletes move into the village, no athletes will be permitted to leave the team until after the Open Water & Team debrief on August 13th.
- Team Size: Olympic eligible (Able-body): Maximum of 14 Females and 14 Males (28 Total)
Para-Swimmers (Classes S1 to S14): Maximum of 2 Females and 2 Males (4 Total)
Special Olympics: Maximum of 2 Females and 2 Males (4 Total) //36 Athletes
- Athlete Age: Olympic (Able Body) eligible: Female swimmers must be born between 2004 and 2007
Olympic (Able Body) eligible: Male swimmers must be born between 2003 and 2006
Para-Swimmers: Female and Male swimmers born between 1994 and 2006
Special Olympics: Female and Male swimmers born between 1994 and 2006
- Selection Competition: Only results from the following competitions may be used towards athlete selection.
Olympic & Para Swimmers: LC Prairie Championships, March 15-17, 2019.
Special Olympics swimmers: Swift Current January 14, 2019 and Regina March 31 (TBC)
- Team Assessment Fee: There will be an assessment fee charged to help offset some of the additional clothing that will be purchased for the team and for the staging camp.
Fee TBC but currently estimated to be approx. \$200

Eligible results from Selection Competitions for Olympic & Para-Swimmers:

- ✓ Only swimmer's individual Long Course results from the "Selection Competitions" may be used for athlete selection.
- ✓ Relay Lead-off splits may not stand as an individual result for athlete selection.
- ✓ Official splits during individual events may not stand as an individual result for athlete selection (i.e. 400 Freestyle split time from an 800 Freestyle).

To be eligible for selection to 2019 Western Canada Games Team Sask, swimmers must meet **ALL** of the following:

- ✓ Have a birth year that falls between the appropriate "Athlete Age" specifications above
- ✓ Meet the eligibility criteria in the 2019 Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package (available through the Western Canada Games website– <http://2019wcsg.ca/sports/swimming/>)
- ✓ Deemed a Saskatchewan resident as per the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package (Item # 4.2 and the "Athlete Eligibility" Appendix)
- ✓ Must be members in good standing with their home club, Swim Saskatchewan and Swimming Canada. Special Olympics swimmers must be a member of Special Olympics Saskatchewan and prior to the games also be registered with Swim Saskatchewan.
- ✓ Must have competed and recorded results in the "Selection Competition" listed above.



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1. Olympic Eligible (Able-body) Athlete Selection to the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games Team

2019 Western Canada Games event for both Female and Male are:

50, 100, 200, 400, 800 & 1500 Free	50 and 100 Breast, 200 Breast
50, 100 and 200 Fly	200 and 400 IM
50, 100 and 200 Back	Open water – 1.5 and 3 km

NOTE: While the above is a list of all the events offered at the 2019 Western Canada Games, only Olympic Events will be used to select swimmers to the team.

- 1.1. The fastest eligible swimmer achieving the Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) (Appendix A) at LC Prairie Championships in Finals (or Time Finals) will be selected in an individual Olympic Event to a total team size of 28 swimmers (14 male & 14 female). In the event an athlete does not qualify for Finals from their preliminary swim, their preliminary time may stand for selection. In the event an athlete qualifies for Finals but chooses to scratch/no show their final swim, their Preliminary time will not be considered for selection.
- 1.2. In the event the team is not filled by 1.1, all eligible swimmers who achieve the MQS at LC Prairie Championships in Finals (or Time Finals) shall be ranked based on their swim percentage of the National Team Development Program Identification times (Appendix A) and selected in rank order to a maximum of 28 swimmers (14 male and 14 female). Percentages will be carried to two decimal places (i.e. 97.53% - See example below). In the event an athlete does not qualify for Finals from their preliminary swim, their preliminary time may stand for selection. In the event an athlete qualifies for Finals but chooses to scratch/no show their final swim, their Preliminary time will not be considered for selection.

Example calculation for selection ranking: Women's 100 Free

Athlete Time:	0:59.50
MQS:	1:04.24 (athlete meets the minimum requirement in this event)
NTDP ID Time:	0:57.95
Swim Percentage =	$(57.95 / 59.50) \times 100\% = 97.39\%$

- 1.3. Where there is a tie in the swimmer selection process from performances at LC Prairie Championships, the swimmer's preliminary swims will be utilized to break the tie. If a tie persists, the athlete's second highest ranking event percentage shall be used. If a tie persists, the Technical Coordinator for Swim Saskatchewan shall then have the full discretion to determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.
- 1.4. Where there is a tie between a time final event and another event, the athlete's second highest ranking event percentage shall be used. If a tie persists, the Technical Coordinator for Swim Saskatchewan shall then have the full discretion to determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.
- 1.5. If the team does not reach the maximum of 14 male & 14 female athletes selected through priorities 1.1 to 1.4 above, then the Swim Saskatchewan Western Canada Games Selection Committee has discretion and may select additional swimmers who have achieved the MQS at the July 2019 LC ManSask Championships. Any additional swimmers under this discretionary selection will be selected in rank order based on their swim percentage of the National Team Development Program ID Times (Appendix A). This may include summer swimmers registered in the Summer-Open category who compete at 2019 LC ManSask. Any ties will be resolved utilizing 1.3 and 1.4. No swimmer selected under this clause can displace a swimmer previously selected via priorities 1.1. to 1.4.



- 1.6. If the team does not reach the maximum of 14 male & 14 female athletes after priorities 1.1 to 1.5, then the unfilled spots shall remain vacant.
- 1.7. The 2019 Western Canada Games will overlap with the 2019 Canadian Swimming Championships (CSC). Athletes will **not** be able to attend both events. If an athlete does meet the qualifying times for CSC and is selected to the Western Canada Games team at LC Prairie Championships, then **Swim Saskatchewan requires written confirmation that an athlete will accept or decline their position on the Western Canada Games team by Wednesday, April 17th, 2019.**



2. Para-Swimmer Selection to the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games Team

2019 Western Canada Games Para-Swimming events for both Female and Male are:

- 50 Fly (S1-S7) and 100 Fly (S8-S14)
- 50 Back (S1-S5) and 100 Back (S6-S14)
- 50 Breast (SB1-SB3) and 100 Breast (SB4-SB14)
- 50 and 100 Free (S1-S14)
- 150 IM (SM1-SM4) and 200 IM (SM5-SM14)

- 2.1. In order to be eligible for selection, Para-Swimmers must have a Swimming Canada Level 2 Classification and at least one 2018-2019 Para-Swimming Provincial Standard ([standards found here](#)) for their sport class in an event at the 2019 Western Canada Games to be eligible for selection. The athlete must have their Level 2 sport class evaluation completed no later than June 15, 2019.
- 2.2. Swimmers long course eligible results completed at LC Prairie Championships will be collected and listed. Only the fastest result, heats or finals, from each event will be listed for each swimmer.
- 2.3. Swimmer's results from events being offered at the 2019 Western Canada Games for Para-Swimmers will be scored using Swimming Canada's Para Swimming Performance Charts (see Appendix B).
- 2.4. The single best point score from the swimmer's highest scoring swims will be considered. Swimmers will then be ranked from highest to lowest based on the combined score.
- 2.5. The top 2 female and 2 male swimmers with the highest single scores will be selected to Team Sask, provided the athletes meet the minimum requirement in 2.1.
- 2.6. In the event of a tie for a position on the team, a 2nd event (or 3rd event if necessary) will be scored according to 2.2. If a Para-Swimmer only has a single swim (i.e. SB only para-swimmer for example), then their 2nd event score would be considered zero for the tie break.
- 2.7. Swim Sask will select a total of 1 swimmer per gender as alternates. After filling the team with 2 swimmers per gender, the next swimmer with the highest single event score will be named as an alternate, provided these athletes meet the minimum requirement in 2.1.
- 2.8. If the team does not reach the maximum of 2 male & 2 female athletes selected through priorities 2.1 to 2.7, then then Swim Saskatchewan Western Canada Games Selection Committee has discretion and may use results achieved at LC ManSask July 4-7, 2019, from athletes who have their Level 2 sport class evaluation completed no later than June 15, 2019, for consideration. The procedures outlined in 2.3 to 2.6 above will be followed to select any additional Para-Swimmers.
- 2.9. If the team does not reach the maximum of 2 male & 2 female athletes after priorities 2.1 to 2.8 above, then the unfilled spots shall remain vacant.
- 2.10 The 2019 Western Canada Games will overlap with the 2019 Parapan American Games. Athletes will not be able to attend both events. If an athlete does qualify for Parapan American Games and is selected to the Western Canada Games team at LC Prairie Championships, then **Swim Saskatchewan requires written confirmation that an athlete will accept or decline their position on the Western Canada Games team by Wednesday, April 17th, 2019.**



3. Special Olympics Athlete Selection to the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games Team

2019 Western Canada Games Special Olympics Events for both Female and Male are:

- 50 Fly
- 50 and 100 Back (S6-S14)
- 50 Breast
- 50 and 100 Free (S1-S14)

- 3.1. Special Olympics Saskatchewan will select 2 female and 2 male athletes to be members of Team Saskatchewan.
- 3.2. One alternate for each gender will be selected in the event that another Special Olympics athlete is no longer able to train/compete between selection and the Games.
- 3.3. Athletes that have demonstrated the capacity to race all six Special Olympic events at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games (50 and 100 Freestyle, 50 and 100 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke, 50 Butterfly) will have an advantage during the selection process.
- 3.4. Selected athletes must be registered with Special Olympics Saskatchewan and be active in a Special Olympics swimming program and must all be registered with Swim Saskatchewan prior to the games.
- 3.5. Proof of commitment will be formalized with a written contract agreement after the team has been selected.
- 3.6. Those athletes not fulfilling their contractual commitments may be replaced by an alternate.

Due to the demands that are put on the athletes at high levels of competition, and the fact that the experience should be enjoyable for all involved, athletes should have demonstrated the ability to cope with the pressures involved while traveling, competing, and being removed from their usual environment for up to a one-week period. With this in mind, athletes who have demonstrated problems with social adaptation or behavior, in the past, may not be selected. These athletes may deprive other team members of a pleasant and rewarding experience and place undue stress and responsibility upon coaches assigned to their supervision

A final decision on selection necessitates a consultation between the athlete, his/her Head Coach, Community Coach, and/or Training Coach, the Special Olympics Western Canada Games Coach, and the athlete's parent/guardian. It will be up to the above-named individuals to decide if the athlete meets all of the following criteria:

- Is the athlete able to travel without community coach?
- Has the athlete's previous behavior at events and programs been acceptable?
- Can the athlete be away from home for 7 – 10 days?
- Does the athlete show dedication to their sport (i.e.: do they attend practices willingly?)

In the event that there are not 2 male and 2 female swimmers that meet of the criteria outlined above, then Special Olympics Saskatchewan has the discretion to leave spots vacant.



4. Alternate Athletes

- 4.1. In the event that a selected swimmer is unable to compete due to injury or illness prior to the Western Canada Games, an alternate may replace the athlete as per the Medical Replacement Policy (Appendix C). The alternate must be named on or prior to Wednesday July 10, 2019.
- 4.2. Alternates must be named no later than Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Any vacancies after that date shall not be filled.

5. Competitive Readiness – Selected and Alternate Athletes

- 5.1. In order for athletes to remain eligible for the Western Canada Games Team, both selected athletes and alternates, athletes must remain in a full-time training program April 1st 2019 (May 1st for a Summer Swimmer) through August 2nd 2019 which includes at least one appropriate competition. The 2019 Western Canada Games Selection Committee shall have sole discretion to remove a selected swimmer, or not to move up an alternate if the swimmer is deemed to not be fit and healthy. For Special Olympics athletes, the Selection Committee will seek recommendations from Special Olympics Saskatchewan.
- 5.2. “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the 2019 Western Canada Games, as compared to the performance(s) the swimmer achieved in qualifying. Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2019 Western Canada Games, to Swim Saskatchewan Technical Coordinator Aaron Maszko via email at: maszko@swimsask.ca
- 5.3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by Swim Sask Technical Coordinator, in consultation with any or all of: 2019 Western Canada Games Head Coach, Swim Saskatchewan Board member; Director High Performance or Swim Saskatchewan Executive Director.

6. Removal of a Swimmer from Team

- 6.1. Swim Saskatchewan may, at any time, disqualify a swimmer from being considered for selection to the team or remove a swimmer after selection, based on current or past behaviour of the swimmer that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada and/or Swim Saskatchewan’s Code of Conduct.

A swimmer will be removed from being considered for selection to a Swim Saskatchewan provincial team or be removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).



7. Entry in Events at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games for Team Sask

- 7.1. Athlete selection events do not guarantee specific event entry at the Games.
- 7.2. Individual entries will be discussed by 2019 Western Canada Games Team Sask Head Coach and the athlete home coach prior to the entry deadline for the Games. The final decision for individual and relay entries at the Games will be at the sole discretion of the Team Sask Head Coach.
- 7.3. Relay participants may change from those used during the entry process at the discretion of Team Sask Head Coach.
- 7.4. Olympic and Paralympic swimmers may enter a maximum of 1 individual events per session, to a maximum of 6 and Olympic Eligible athletes may also swim in 1 Open Water event.
- 7.5. Special Olympics swimmers may enter all 6 Special Olympics events.
- 7.6. Every athlete can expect to race once per session throughout the 2019 Western Canada Games schedule.
- 7.7. Only Olympic Eligible athletes may enter the Open Water events at the discretion of Team Sask Head Coach. Swimmers must have the Open Water appropriate waivers & documents signed.

8. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

- 8.1. In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Swim Sask 2019 Western Canada Games Selection Committee and/or Board of Directors, the committee shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

9. Changes to this Document

- 9.1. Swim Sask and/or the 2019 Western Canada Games Selection committee, reserves the right to make changes to this document at its discretion up to and including April 10th, 2019. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to Coaches and Clubs and published on the Swim Sask website.

10. Appeals

- 10.1. Appeals from any decision of the Selection Committee shall be as permitted in the Swim Saskatchewan Dispute Resolution Policy, M-6 and Appeals Policy, M-7.

11. Selection Committee:

- 11.1. There will be 3 persons appointed to the selection committee for 2019 Team Sask Western Canada Games. One of which will be the Swim Sask Executive Director Marj Walton, one will be the Swim Sask Technical Coordinator Aaron Maszko, and then one other designate.



Appendix A

2019 Western Canada Games Team Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) and National Team Development Program Identification Times

All Times are Long Course

Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS)		
Women	Event	Men
0:29.26	50 Free	0:27.22
1:04.24	100 Free	0:59.31
2:18.56	200 Free	2:06.35
4:48.82	400 Free	4:30.25
9:54.55	800 Free	9:13.84
19:38.29	1500 Free	18:01.64
1:11.53	100 Back	1:05.80
2:33.70	200 Back	2:19.43
1:19.35	100 Breast	1:15.55
2:52.40	200 Breast	2:42.84
1:09.23	100 Fly	1:04.96
2:33.20	200 Fly	2:23.27
2:36.02	200 IM	2:23.80
5:25.29	400 IM	5:12.20

NTDP ID Times Track 3		
Women	Event	Men
0:26.60	50 Free	0:24.34
0:57.95	100 Free	0:52.97
2:04.58	200 Free	1:53.60
4:20.75	400 Free	4:01.72
8:55.30	800 Free	8:16.25
17:27.45	1500 Free	16:03.20
1:04.47	100 Back	0:58.59
2:17.61	200 Back	2:04.98
1:11.45	100 Breast	1:06.57
2:35.34	200 Breast	2:23.28
1:02.19	100 Fly	0:57.33
2:17.06	200 Fly	2:06.02
2:20.41	200 IM	2:08.46
4:52.62	400 IM	4:36.17



Appendix B – Paralympic Points Chart

Swimming Canada's point calculator will be used to select Paralympic eligible athletes. If there are any questions in using the Swimming Canada 2018 Domestic Paralympic Points Calculator, please contact Aaron Maszko, Technical Coordinator, Swim Saskatchewan at: maszko@swimsask.ca

<https://swimming.ca/en/resources/para-swimming/points-calculator-para-swimming/>

Appendix C – Olympic and Para-Swimmer Athlete Requirements and Expectations

Once named to the Western Canada Games Team, the selected swimmers ***must*** maintain full time training from time of selection until the games; even if you are the only one from your club that is selected to the team. The expectation is that swimmers have to maintain their training even if they have to get a workout from their home coach and/or the Western Canada Games coaching staff and go to public lane swimming. Continuing to train is at an athlete and/or club expense.

Swimmers must be "*Competitive Ready*" see item 5

In addition to maintaining full time training, the selected athletes must attend all Team Meetings established by Swim Saskatchewan and the 2019 Western Canada Games Head Coach. In the event of a conflict, it is the responsibility of the athlete to notify Swim Saskatchewan of the conflict at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Failure to participate in the required events without written excuse submitted and accepted in advance of the Selection Committee, shall result in the removal of the athlete from the team and the substitution of an alternate.

Pay the Team Assessment fee (amount to be confirmed, but currently estimated at \$200)



Appendix D - Medical Replacement Policy

As per Sask Sport and Team Saskatchewan Guidelines, all sports are required to have a Western Canada Games Team Medical Replacement Policy.

- i. In case of an illness or injury to a swimmer while trying out for the final selection to a Western Canada Games Team, the decision to keep or release the swimmer will be left up to the discretion of the High Performance and/or Selection Committee and the 2019 Western Canada Games Head Coach, after consultation with the parents (athlete if age of majority), home coach/coach of record and responsible physician.
- ii. In the case where a swimmer who has been selected to the Western Canada Games Team, is injured or becomes ill prior to departure for the Games, and there is doubt whether the swimmer will be fit to compete at the Western Canada Games, the decision to keep or release the swimmer will be left up to the discretion of the Head Coach, after consultation with the parents, coach of record and responsible physician, and with the Swim Saskatchewan High Performance and/or 2019 Western Canada Games Selection Committee.
- iii. In the case where a swimmer who has been selected to the Western Canada Games Team is injured or becomes ill prior to departure for the Games, the swimmer MUST advise Swim Sask, who will then advise both the Western Canada Games Head Coach and Swim Saskatchewan Technical Coordinator, and if applicable Special Olympics Saskatchewan.
- iv. In the case where a swimmer who has been selected to the Western Canada Games Team in injured or becomes ill during a pre-Games event, competition, practice, camp, or otherwise less than a month from the event, and is unable to swim in the Games, an alternate may be selected to fill this vacancy.
- v. In the case of an athlete who does not have a family physician, or when a second opinion is required by the parent, athlete or coach, the Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan will provide to the parent, athlete or coach a list of medical professionals throughout the province who have an interest in sport medicine. These professionals can provide expert advice on an athlete's injury.