



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

2009 COMMONWEALTH LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

November 13, 2008

Name of Competition:	Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
National & Development Team Tour Dates:	June 5 – 14, 2009
Team Membership:	National team – five females, five males Development team – five females, five males
Fundraising Commitment:	Maximum \$3,000.00 per member

Eligibility

Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships are intended for bona fide lifesavers who have demonstrated a commitment to lifesaving – people who are lifesavers first, competitors second.

To be eligible to compete on the Canadian National Team, a member shall:

- ⇒ Be a bona fide lifesaver in good standing with the Canadian Lifesaving Society.
- ⇒ Hold a **current** Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard certification that is dated no more than two years prior to June 10, 2009.
- ⇒ Be a registered athlete in the Lifesaving Canada database.
- ⇒ Be a Canadian citizen, by birth or naturalization; or permanent resident and landed immigrant of Canada.
- ⇒ Be a minimum of 16 years of age as of the appointment date (June 5, 2009).
- ⇒ Be willing to register and be tested with the World Anti-doping Agency.
- ⇒ Be willing to participate in any training camps or regimens as required by the Head Coach.
- ⇒ Be available for the duration of the tour (June 5 – 14, 2009).

Selection Criteria National Team:

National team athletes representing Canada at Commonwealth Championships 2009 shall be selected based on their performance at designated selection meets. In order to be selected for Commonwealth Championships 2009, an athlete must be on the national team and have met the requirements to maintain current status.

- ⇒ Eligible athletes will be selected based on performances at Rescue 2008 and NSO sanctioned time trials completed prior to January 31, 2009. **Sanctioned time trails to be announced.**
- ⇒ Athletes who wish to be selected on performance outside Canada must meet the following:
 - i. The competition must be an ILS sanctioned competition.
 - ii. The athlete must submit a letter of intent to the NSO, Lifesaving Sauvetage Canada asking for approval to use the out of country competition for selection purposes.
 - iii. The competition must be pre-approved by the NSO.
- ⇒ Eligible athletes will be selected based on performances in the pool events listed in the 2009 Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships Program of Events.
- ⇒ Eligible athletes will receive a nomination from 100 percent of the National Team selection committee members.

Consideration for team selection will be in the following order:

- ⇒ Performance equal to a top 8 finish (based on Rescue 2008 preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event (Coaches will look first to preliminary times from Open event followed by National Team times).
- ⇒ Performance equal to a top 8 finish at the 2006 Division 1 National Teams Commonwealth Championship in any individual events.
- ⇒ Performance equal to a top 16 finish (based on Rescue 2008 preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event performed since Rescue 2008 (Coaches will look first to preliminary times from Open event followed by National Team times).
- ⇒ Performance equal to a top 16 finish at the 2006 Division 1 National Team Commonwealth Championship.
- ⇒ A 2008 Canadian Championship win in any individual event.
- ⇒ Alternative consideration will be based on:
 - 1. International exposure and results.
 - 2. Swimming results.
 - 3. Line Throw and SERC exposure and results.
 - 4. Future potential.

Decisions:

- ⇒ All decisions of the committee will be unanimous and final.

Selection Criteria Development Team:

Development team athletes representing Canada at the 2009 Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships shall be selected based on the same criteria as National team with the following addition:

- ⇒ Athletes must qualify under the eligibility requirements laid out by the Commonwealth Championships for Development teams. To qualify for the development team, athletes must not now or ever have been on any National Team and never represented any nation in international lifesaving competition.