

# Water Ski Wakeboard Manitoba Provincial Team Identification and Funding Policy

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## PURPOSE

WSWM believes it is important to support competitive and high performance athletes in their endeavors to achieve goals. The purpose of this policy is to identify athletes who are eligible to participate in the provincial team programs, ensure fairness to the athletes and to assist WSWM to function within its budget constraints.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all male and female members of WSWM 24 years of age and younger. Funding for provincial team athletes officially ends at 21, however exceptions may be approved by the high performance committee for athletes between 21 and 24 years of age.

## CONDITIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION

- Member in good standing;
- Primary residence is in Manitoba;
- Must have participated at the previous year's provincial event;
- Water Ski athletes must participate at Westerns and Nationals;
- Wakeboard athletes must participate at Nationals (boat or cable) and at one additional contest of regional level competition or higher (minimum of 2 provinces). Attending a second National event (boat or cable) is acceptable.
- Athletes wishing to attend alternate commitments must submit a written request to the high performance committee for permission of absence.

The High Performance committee will review previous year's results, and athlete's progress to determine identification of team members each year. The final decision on selection will be approved by the Executive Board. Identified athletes will be contacted acknowledging their eligibility and will be required to respond with their acceptance by a required date.

In order to retain their provincial team status, athletes will be required to fulfill the following obligations:

- Sign and return WSWM Provincial Team Contract by due date.
- Sign WSWM Consent to Disclose Athlete Information Form.
- Sign WSWM Public Relations Release Form.
- Work WSWM Bingos or have representative 18 years or older fulfill bingo commitment.
- Be accountable for expenses.
- Meet minimum training and tournament requirements.

## TEAM FUNDING

The High Performance committees will collect the necessary data and calculate the funding for each athlete based on the current funding formula (Appendix A – Water Ski, Appendix B - Wakeboard). The funding formula will be reviewed annually by the High Performance Committee and any changes to the current formula must be approved by the Executive Board. The final funding results will also be used to determine bingo allocations for athletes as outlined in the bingo policy.

The total annual budget amount for athlete funding will not exceed the annual Bingo funding less 10% and will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee yearly.

\*Should the total funding amount exceed the net Bingo allocation each individual athlete-funding amount would decrease on a pro rata basis.

#### Expectations:

- Funded Water Ski athletes are expected to attend Provincials, Western Canadian and National Championships. Any athlete wishing to attend alternate commitments must submit written request to the high performance committee for permission of absence.
- Funded Wakeboard athletes must attend Provincials, Nationals and an additional Regional, National or higher caliber event. Any athlete wishing to attend alternate commitments must submit written request to the high performance committee for permission of absence.
- Funded athletes are required to work bingos as per bingo policy.
- All athlete results used to determine funding must be substantiated by WSWC or the tournament sheet must be submitted.
- The competitive season will mirror that of the Athlete Assistance timeframe: January 1st to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Results must be from that time frame.
- Expenses will be paid out upon completion of funding commitments and return of final expense form. Payout is as follows:
  - 50% following Nationals
  - 50% following submission and approval of expense claim (submission deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>), less Bingo holdback.
  - In the case where an athlete's Bingo holdback amounts to more than their remaining funding there will be no November payout and the final distribution of funds will occur in March after the completion of all bingo responsibilities.

#### In case of injury:

- In the case where the injured athlete is unable to compete at Nationals that year, their funding for the subsequent season will be based on results from the season prior to injury.
  - An injured athlete may claim 50% of their expenses, up to the maximum amount of their original funding eligibility (base only, not including medals) for one-year post injury.

#### **Appendix A:**

##### **Funding Allocations – Water Ski**

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#### The following will apply:

- Funding is based on each skier's ratings as a percentage of the WSWC Nationals standard for each event. An overall rating will be used in a minimum of 2 events
- Skiers with percentages over 150% will receive \$2,000.00. \*
- Skiers with percentages over 100% but fewer than 150% will receive \$1,500.00. \*
- Skiers with percentages over 80% but fewer than 100% will receive \$1,000.00. \*
- Skiers with percentages over 50% but fewer than 80% will receive \$500.00. \*
- National Team members will receive a bonus of \$750.00
- Second national team appt to be ½ the value of the first appt.

#### Additional funds will be provided for medals as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
International	200	150	100
Nationals	100	75	50
Westerns	50	30	20
	1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall
International	300	250	200
Nationals	200	150	100
Westerns	100	75	50

#### **Appendix B:**

##### **Funding Allocations – Wakeboard**

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#### The following will apply:

- Funding is based on results from Nationals and/or Cable Nationals
- Athletes are not required to attend both cable and boat Nationals however for those athletes who do; base funding will be established by their best performance/placing. Their performance/placing at the second event will provide "top up" funding up to a maximum of \$2,000 in base funding.
- Base funding will be calculated according to an athlete's placing in the Final.
- If an athlete doesn't qualify for the final, it will be calculated by comparing the athlete's score with the overall average top score.
- Base funding amounts vary by event and by age division. These amounts are set by the High Performance Committee annually and are based on the number of competitors and the quality of competition at the previous year's event.
- Level 1 +85% of top rider (or top 3 finish)
- Level 2 75-85% of top rider (or qualify for finals)
- Level 3 50-75% of top rider (or qualify for semis)

Cable	Open/Pro Men	All other Age Divisions (In Prov)	All other Age Divisions (Out of Prov)
Level 1	\$2000	\$500	\$750
Level 2	\$1500	\$375	\$625
Level 3	\$1000	\$250	\$500

Boat	All Age Divisions
Level 1	\$2000
Level 2	\$1500
Level 3	\$1000

- In the case where any age division or competition category (Boat or Cable) has less than 3 Provinces represented or less than 6 competitors they will automatically revert to the following scale.

Level 1	\$750
Level 2	\$625
Level 3	\$500

Additional funds will be provided for medals at a National Championship/Pro/International Event as follows (secondary/regional event is not eligible for additional funding)

Medals for Boat	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Nationals (AM div/obstacles)	200	150	100
Nationals (Jr Men/Open Pro)	300	250	150
International or Pro Event	500	350	200
Medals for Cable	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Nationals (all other divisions)	100	75	50
Nationals (Jr Men/Obstacles)	200	150	100
Nationals (Open)	300	250	150
International or Pro Event	500	350	200

National Senior Team members will receive a bonus of \$750 paid as follows \$375 for appointment and \$375 for attending the IWWF world championships. In the year when there is no IWWF worlds the WWA worlds will be accepted. If you not a senior team member but selected to attend a world championship by WSWC you would also qualify for the \$750.00.

Review and approval

This policy was approved March 16, 2016 and will be reviewed by the Executive Board on an annual basis.