

Olympic Selection Criteria for the Canadian Weightlifting Federation Haltérophile Canadienne For the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Purpose

The Canadian Weightlifting Federation Haltérophile Canadienne ('CWFHC') is dedicated to developing high performance athletes with a focus on competing at the highest levels at International Competitions, including the Olympic Games. The purpose of this document is for the CWFHC to outline and communicate the qualification process and selection procedure for determining which athletes it will nominate to represent Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games ('Olympic Games').

Objectives

The CWFHC has set forth these Olympic Selection Criteria ('Selection Criteria') to select the best possible team, which includes a maximum number of qualified athletes and support staff nominated to serve on the Canadian Olympic Team ('Olympic Team'), subject to, and in accordance with the most recent publication of the International Weightlifting Federation ('IWF') Qualification System referenced below.

Qualification Timeline

Date	Milestone
November 1 st , 2018 – April 30 th , 2020	Olympic Qualification Period – All events that count towards the IWF Absolute Ranking can be found here: https://www.iwf.net/qualif/menu/
May 1 st , 2020	IWF to publish IWF Absolute Ranking and inform National Olympic Committees ('NOC') of allocated quota places.
May 15 th , 2020	CWFHC to confirm use of allocated quota places to IWF and select athletes if qualified, or if eligible, more athletes as per the IWF Qualification System.
As of May 15 th , 2020	IWF to reallocate all unused quota places.
June 7 th , 2020	CWFHC confirm and communicate Olympic Team Nomination
July 1 st , 2020	Canadian Olympic Committee Nomination Deadline
July 6 th , 2020	Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sport Entries Deadline

IWF Qualification System Summary

The following is a summary of the IWF Tokyo 2020 Qualification System (subject to the most recent version of the IWF Qualification System published on the IWF website at <http://www.iwf.net/tokyo2020/>). In case of conflict between this Selection Criteria and the IWF Qualification System, the most recent published version of the IWF Qualification System will prevail.

- The total quota for weightlifting will be 98 males and 98 females. The maximum number of athletes per weight category is 14.
- The IWF Qualification System will award quota places earned via the IWF Absolute Ranking to the athlete by name (Individual Qualification).
- For the Olympic Games, individual quota places will be issued to the eligible athlete drawn from world and/or continental points accrued via the IWF Absolute Ranking.
- Athletes competing across all new body weight categories can gain quota places through the IWF Absolute Ranking.

The Olympic Games will use seven (7) Men classes and seven (7) Women classes:

- Men- 61Kg, 67Kg, 73Kg, 81Kg, 96Kg, 109Kg and 109+Kg
- Women - 49Kg, 55Kg, 59Kg, 64Kg, 76Kg, 87Kg and 87+kg

The maximum number of Individual Qualified athletes per NOC is four (4) Men and four (4) Women. Three (3) men and three (3) women are issued through the Host Country method.

All quota spots are subject to IWF Athlete Eligibility (found in the IWF Qualification System) and the eligibility requirements specified in this Selection Criteria (please see below).

Additional IWF Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for endorsement by an NOC an athlete shall:

1. Not be subject to a period of ineligibility imposed by the IWF or the athletic national anti-doping organization/member federation;
2. Comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the IOC and IWF;
3. For quota places attained via the IWF Absolute Ranking, participation at eligible events during the qualification period is required as follows:

Period 1: 01 Nov 2018 - 30 Apr 2019

Period 2: 01 May 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

Period 3: 01 Nov 2019 - 30 Apr 2020

4. Participate at a minimum in 1 gold level event plus either one gold or one silver level event.

For tripartite commission invitations, athletes must have participated in a minimum of 2 eligible events during the qualification period, including at least one silver level event.

Eligible Events:

- Gold Level: IWF World Championships
IWF Junior World Championships
Continental Championships
Junior Continental Championships
- Silver Level: Existing IWF events
Multiple sports games championships
- Bronze Level: other international competitions, championships, cups etc.

Results (represented by Robi points) attained at Gold, Silver and Bronze level events will enable athletes to accrue Absolute Ranking points according to a multiply factor:

Gold x 1.10

Silver x 1.05

Bronze x 1.0

At the end of the qualification period, an athlete's final ranking points will be drawn from 4 results in the total only;

- a) Three results, first 1 from each period as defined before; and
- b) One next best result.

Following each eligible event, the IWF will publish the results of the absolute ranking points on its website.

Declaration of Interest by Athletes and Coaches

The athlete must submit their Declaration of Intent to Participate in writing, via email, to the CWFHC President (cwalker@cwfhc.ca) before February 7, 2020 to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and indicate whether their personal coach would be available (a) if they are nominated, and (b) if the CWFHC receives sufficient accreditations from the COC.

To be eligible for nomination to the Olympic Team, athletes must submit a photo to the CWFHC, respecting the rules of a passport photo and a copy of a valid Canadian passport which will not expire on or before February 9, 2021.

To cover administration costs of the CWFHC, the athlete must send a cheque, money order, or e-transfer (to treasurer@cwfhc.ca) in the amount of \$100.00 paid to the order of the CWFHC. Coaches are not required to pay the administration fee.

The administration fee payment must be sent along with the Declaration of Interest and is non-refundable. Without the administration fee payment, candidacy is not valid.

DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The CWFHC Executive Committee is responsible for developing and approving this Selection Criteria. The CWFHC Executive Committee is responsible for the implementation of these procedures and final selection and nomination to the Olympic Team. The CWFHC Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

ON SITE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The Team Leader, or in the absence of the Team Leader, the Head Coach (if applicable) is responsible for on-site decision-making authority at the Olympic Games and during any training camp in Japan prior to the start of the Olympic Games.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to be nominated to the Olympic Team and compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, all athletes must meet and comply with the following eligibility requirements:

- Be born on/or before December 31, 2005
- Be a registered member in good standing of the CWFHC (through the athlete's Provincial Sport Organization), based on the athlete's Provincial Sport Organization's membership criteria,
- Hold Canadian citizenship, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- Accept nomination to the team by the deadline that has been communicated by the CWFHC.

- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation form
- All athletes nominated to the Olympic Team must possess a Canadian passport that will not expire on or before February 9, 2021.
- Agree to be subject to the Anti-Doping Rules of the IWF, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them;
- Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination or for any period that would include the period of the Olympic Games.
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by the CWFHC, or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them
- Agree to participate in international competitions
- Comply with the CWFHC Conduct Policy.

NSO SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Process

Athletes who have earned an Individual Qualification through IWF Absolute Rankings (World or Continental Rankings) will be automatically nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, subject to satisfying all relevant and applicable eligibility requirements.

The CWFHC Executive Committee is responsible for the final submission of Team Nomination to the COC for the Olympic Games based on the application of these criteria.

Alternate

In announcing the final Team Nomination for the Olympic Games, where appropriate, the CWFHC will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace a nominated athlete who has, following their nomination, become ineligible or unable to compete at the Olympic Games. This athlete(s) will be nominated to the Olympic Team as an Alternate Athlete (but will not travel to the Olympic Games unless eligible to compete in the competition). The CWFHC will adhere to the IWF’s policy for naming these alternates and submitting the athlete(s) as an entry to the Olympic Games.

Performance Readiness

All athletes selected to the Olympic Team must prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. The CWFHC will help to provide a preparation environment to ensure peak performance for Olympic Team athletes but accepts that athletes are responsible for how they conduct some or all of their preparation outside the CWFHC program.

Injury, Illness, or Change in Training Status and Removal from Olympic Team

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at the Olympic Games. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the Olympic Games may result in the athlete being removed from the Olympic Team. Notification must be sent immediately by the athlete or their coach to the Team Leader and/or CWFHC Executive Committee.

Once notified of an athlete’s injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, the CWFHC will work with the athlete, the athlete’s coach, and available Performance and Health Services resources

to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best.

However, if, following the above assessment, the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, the athlete may be declared unready for competition and the athlete may, by decision of the Team Leader and/or CWFHC Executive Committee, be removed from the Olympic Team.

Once selected, an athlete may also be removed from the Olympic Team if:

- They are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and will be serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension during the Olympic Games; or
- They are found to have breached any of the CWFHC's policies or the policies of any other sport organization that has jurisdiction over them and have had a suspension imposed against them that will be served during the Olympic Games.

Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

Any changes to these Selection Criteria shall be communicated directly to all affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a qualification competition or criteria which formed part of this Selection Criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from changes to the IWF Qualification System, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, or quota re-adjustment. If there are changes made to the document, the CWFHC will inform the COC for the reasons behind the change as soon as possible.

Olympic Games – Coaches Selection Process

Coaches will be first considered as a candidate for selection to the Olympic Team by virtue of the athlete(s) they coach being nominated to the Olympic Team, then further nominated by the CWFHC Executive Committee based on the following criteria:

- The number of selected coaches shall depend on the number of coaches allocated by the Olympic Games Organizing Committee and the COC.
- In the case where places are earned for men and women at the Main Olympic Qualification or at the Continental Olympic Qualification and two (2) coaches are allocated, the coach of the athlete who has ranked the highest (men and women classified together in one group) according to the IWF Absolute Ranking (i.e., Robi Points) shall be the privileged person to be the Head Coach of the Olympic team.
- The second coach of the Olympic Team shall be the coach of the athlete of the opposite gender who is ranked highest in their gender. For example, when the privileged candidate is the woman's coach, then the second coach shall be the coach of the highest ranked male athlete.
- Must have previously worked as a coach at Junior World Championships, University World Championships, Senior World Championships, Pan Am Championships and /or Olympic Games.
- Must declare their availability and interest to serve as coach at the Olympic Games by email to the CWFHC President (cwalker@cwfhc.ca).
- The coaches must be certified at least at NCCP Level 2, NCCP Competition Development or equivalent and have had coaching experience at the provincial and national level.

- Coaches nominated by the CWFHC to the COC (as a COC requirement) must be members in good standing with the Coaches of Canada/Entraîneurs Canada (www.coachesofcanada.com). Proof of membership with the Coaches of Canada must be sent to the CWFHC before March 2, 2020. The Code of Ethics of Coaches Canada/Coaches of Canada will be in effect during the Olympic Games Qualification period.
- In the case where these coaches are not available or eligible, the coach of the next highest-ranked athlete (based on Absolute Rankings) will be asked to be the Head Coach of the Olympic team.
- In the case where the places were earned by athletes of the same gender at Olympic Qualification competitions or at the Continental Olympic Qualifications competitions, and when two (2) coaches were allocated, the coach of the athlete who ranked the highest according to the IWF Qualification System will be the selected candidate and named the Head Coach of the Olympic Team.
- The second coach of the team will be the one whose athlete placed second in the ranking and nominated as a coach to the Olympic Team.
- In the case these above coaches are not available or eligible, the coach of the next highest-ranked athlete on the Olympic Team (based on Absolute Rankings) will be asked to be a coach of the Olympic Team.

Appeals Process:

Any selection decision may be appealed to the CWFHC Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee comprises three members appointed at large (excluding the members of the CWFHC Executive Committee) by the CWFHC Board of Directors. These three members shall be appointed at the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CWFHC, or, if nominees do not stand for appointment at the AGM, then appointed at large by the CWFHC Executive Committee.

Any decision of the CWFHC Appeal Committee may be appealed to the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada (SDRCC).

An appeal before the CWFHC Appeal Committee may be waived and heard directly before the SDRCC upon agreement of the parties.