

LIFESAVING SOCIETY
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM - ORANGE CUP 2025
ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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In line with its commitment to offer international exposure to its performance and development athletes, the Lifesaving Society is announcing the eligibility and selection criteria for the following event:

Name:	Orange Cup 2025
Location:	Netherlands
Tour Dates:	November 23-December 1, 2025
Type:	Pool lifesaving
Teams:	National Team – 6 men, 6 women
Fee Cost:	\$5000.00

The Orange Cup is an annual pool event that allows athletes from different nations to compete in a championship of international caliber.

The selection criteria are consistent with International Lifesaving Society (ILS) rules and eligibility criteria at the time of publication and may be subject to change. The National Sport Commission will make reasonable efforts to advise athletes if it becomes aware of a change to rules that would in turn impact these selection criteria.

Since the intention of the National Team is to prepare athletes for international competition, allowing the best possible preparation and the most time for these athletes to develop, it was decided to send athletes to compete in an international pool lifesaving event in 2025 other than just the Commonwealth Championships. The goal is to give more opportunities to develop Canadian athletes, and for these athletes to demonstrate their skills and prepare them for future international events. Consequently, the criteria are as follows:

- 1. To be admissible, an athlete will only be considered if he or she has not competed in the National team for the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships 2025.**
- 2. An athlete must have competed at any pool competition between January 1st, 2025, and July 30, 2025. Competitions sanctioned by Canada or ILS will be considered for time evaluation, however priority will be given to the 50m competitions.**
- 3. If an athlete wishes to be considered for the Orange Cup Canadian National team, they must submit their candidacy by sending an email of intention with a picture of them to sport@lifeguarding.com before September 8, 2025, at midnight according to your Province of residence. Failure to submit their candidacy or any required supporting document by the established deadline is ground for automatic rejection of their candidature.**

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In line with its commitment to offer international exposure to its athletes but using this event mainly as a development tool, the Lifesaving Society is announcing the eligibility and selection criteria for the following event:

Name: Orange Cup 2025
Location: Rotterdam, Netherlands
Dates: November 23-December 1, 2025
Teams: National Team – 6 men, 6 women
Fee Cost: \$5000.00 ¹

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete as a member of the National Team representing Canada for the Orange Cup 2025, the athlete shall:

- Be a bona fide member in good standing of the Organization and its provincial branch.
- Be a registered athlete with the Lifesaving Society Canada.
- Be a Canadian citizen, by birth or naturalization; or permanent resident of Canada.
- Hold a current Canadian Passport by November 1st, 2025 that has an expiry date no earlier than June, 2026.
- Comply with anti-doping rules and policies set by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the International Life Saving Federation (ILS).
- Be a minimum of 15 years of age as of December 31, 2025. There is no maximum age.
- Be willing to participate in designated training camps or regimens as required by the Team Coach or risk removal from the team.
- Be available for the duration of the tour.
- Being a member of the National Team program will be considered positively.
- Agree to respect the Athlete agreement and the Tour Agreement.

¹ The payment calendar will be defined and included in the Tour Agreement, once the team is selected.

- Not to be a part of the National team for another pool championship in 2025.

Purpose of the tour

The purpose of having a team participate in this event is primarily to allow the members of the development program the opportunity to gain international experience. Any other athlete, including athletes from the national team program may be part of this team depending on the needs established, including the need for an athlete to participate in time trials (needed to be selected in a particular international event, ex: World games etc.), the mentorship that the athlete can provide to younger athletes, etc.

Consequently, with this goal, an athlete that has participated as a member of the National Team at the Commonwealth Games 2025, cannot present his/her candidacy for this championship.

Selection Philosophy

Selection criteria are aimed at selecting the team that will provide the best overall outcome for the National Team. The purpose of this tour is to give the development athletes (named or to be named to the program) priority in this selection; to allow them to get international experience. As previously mentioned, it does not prevent members of the performance program from being selected (see Purpose of the tour).

Meeting a criterion does not grant an automatic selection to the team. A given athlete's contribution to the team will need to be assessed against what other athletes meeting one or more of the criteria can bring to the team.

The athlete wishing to be part of this tour must report to Canada at the request of the head coach and/or participate in a designated national team training camp or event chosen by the head coach in Canada or abroad. Failure to comply with this rule will automatically result in removal from the list of athletes eligible to participate on that tour.

Selection Criteria

This selection aims to give development athletes priority, to allow them to get international experience; this does not prevent other athletes from being selected (see Purpose of tour and Selection Philosophy sections). Eligible athletes must receive a majority nomination from the members of the selection committee. Considerations for the team selection will be:

- The athlete's potential for achieving the best result across the range of events.
- The athlete's potential to qualify for a final.
- The overall balance of the team required for the event.
- The athlete's contribution to the team overall, to foster a positive team culture and experience.

To respect the considerations mentioned above, the Selection Committee will take into consideration (but are not limited to), the following:

- Performance equal to a top 24 finish (based on LWC 2024 National [Open](#) or [Youth](#) Teams preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event performed between January 1, 2025, and July 30, 2025 [excluding line throw and SERC];
- A [Canadian record](#) performance in a competition between January 1, 2025 and July 30, 2025 in the Open or 15-18 years-old category in any individual event on the [Program of Events](#) of the LWC 2024 [excluding line throw and SERC];
- A win in at least two individual events at the 2025 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships Open or 15-18 years-old category [excluding line throw and SERC];
- Best sanctioned times in any individual ILS pool event achieved between January 1, 2025 and July 30, 2025;
- Best rankings in any individual “other sport” directly related to lifesaving sport (i.e., **swimming**) achieved at a National Sport Commission approved, national or international sporting body sanctioned competition or time trial event between January 1, 2025, and July 30, 2025.
- Past international results from a recognized competition in the Line throw event as a thrower, if needed for the tour.

If an athlete is selected on a time or a performance achieved from January 1, 2025 to July 30, 2025, the athlete must be able to demonstrate that he/she has maintained his/her level of performance by submitting recent times equivalent to or faster than the times achieved between January 1, 2025 and July 30, 2025 and must pass the performance evaluation tests required by the National Team coaching staff (TBD).

Selection Committee

The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Team for this Tour after September 8, 2025. The final selection will be announced on September 25, 2025.

The selection committee will be composed as follows: The National Team Head Coach, 2 coaches from the National team program, 1 external member of the Lifesaving Society, 1 high performance manager or branch sport representative. The National Sport Coordinator is present but has no vote. All members of the National team administration and coaching staff are permitted to assist and participate in the discussion leading to a vote but have no vote if they are not directly designated as a voting member. A coach who is a club coach cannot vote for an athlete of their club.

After a discussion on the athlete (in accordance with the criteria), if everyone (unanimously) agrees on the athlete selection, this athlete will be named on the Tour. If all members present at the selection are not unanimous on the selection, then a vote will be asked. In case of a vote, an athlete shall be named to the Tour only if he or she gets a majority of the votes.

If at the ends of the process the team is not complete, the Head coach could decide not to send a full team or ask for another round of discussion and vote until the team is complete. If the time allows for another round of candidacy submission (in accordance with the deadlines for registration to a tour and the requirement under ILS and other governing bodies (ie WADA)), the Head coach could decide to open the selection process again. Another round of candidacy submission must be approved by the Sport commission.

Alternates

The selection committee will select two or more alternates at their discretion to ensure that a number of athletes are ready and prepared to assume a position on the team in the event that a previously selected athlete was to withdraw (due to health or other reasons) or be removed from the team. Alternates may be named at the conclusion of the events acting as pre-selection and/or final selection.

Decisions

All decisions of the selection committee are considered to be unanimous and final.

Appeal

An aggrieved athlete may appeal against a failure of the selection committee to comply with the procedures as set down in this document. That is, an appeal may be made on procedural grounds only, not on the merits of a particular selection decision.

This appeal must be made to the Sports Commission within 10 days of public announcement of the National Team.

This appeal must be in writing setting out:

1. The particular alleged failure of the selection committee to comply with the procedure in question;
2. Grounds on which the appeal is made; and,
3. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged appeal attaching all supporting documentation/evidence, if applicable. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit in Canadian funds, refundable in the case of a successful appeal. The appeal will be reviewed by the Sport Commissioner, or a person designated by the Sport Commission and two available members of the National Sport Commission who shall have no significant relationship with the affected parties and shall have not been involved with the decision being appealed and shall be free from any other actual or perceived bias or conflict.

All decisions of the Appeal panel are considered to be unanimous, final and without appeal.

Withdrawal of Participation

These selection criteria do not guarantee that Canada will attend this event and/or attend this event with a complete delegation. This could in turn affect how the criteria are applied in order to reflect these changes. The Lifesaving Society is committed to providing this international sporting experience to its members and will therefore seek to avoid changes unless it is essential to ensure the safety and quality of the experience provided to its members.