

**LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION**

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

<b>Name:</b>	Lifesaving World Championships 2026
<b>Location:</b>	Port Elizabeth, South Africa
<b>Tour Dates:</b>	November 23 to December 8, 2026 – Subject to change
<b>Type:</b>	Pool and Surf Lifesaving
<b>Teams:</b>	National Open Team – 6 men, 6 women National Youth Team – 6 men, 6 women
<b>Fees:</b>	\$5000.00

The National Teams competition is a main event during the Lifesaving World Championships 2026 (LWC 2026) to which Canada will send one Open Team and one Youth Team.

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

Since the intention of the National Team management is to allow the most time for the athletes to prepare between the moment of their selection and the competition at LWC 2026, it was decided to include training camps and to give more opportunities to athletes to demonstrate their skills. Consequently, the calendar of selection is as follows:

These events will be taken into consideration for the selection of the LWC 2026 National teams:

**2025**

- Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2025: Pool athletes – Windsor, Canada
- Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships 2025: Pool athletes – Swansea, Wales
- Canadian Lifeguard Challenge 2025: Surf athletes – Nova Scotia, Canada
- Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships 2025: Surf athletes – Nova Scotia, Canada
- Orange Cup 2025: Pool athletes – Rotterdam, Netherlands

## 2026

- Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2026: Pool athletes – Laval, Quebec

Any provincially, nationally or internationally sanctioned lifesaving competition will be considered for time evaluation, however priority will be given to long course (50 m) competitions.

The results need to be approved by the Chief Referee of the specific competition.

### Training camps

- April 24-26, 2026, Camrose, Alberta (Pool Development)
- July 17-19, 2026, GTA, Ontario (**mandatory camp for selected athletes**)
- Other optional camps: TBD

**Note:** When submitting your candidacy, you agree to do everything possible to be present at the National Team LWC 2026 Training Camp held in Ontario in July 2026, which will be the official training camp in preparation for LWC 2026. The camp will be used to improve upon lifesaving sport skills and decide relay configurations for LWC 2026. Any absence from this camp by a selected athlete must be authorized in advance by the Head Coach; the National Team Selection Committee reserves the right to modify the selection if an athlete refuses to be present. **Selected athletes should plan to pay for the cost of transportation to Markham, Ontario and a fee of approximately \$600 for the camp (meals, hotel, pool time, equipment, transportation in GTA, coaching). Athletes must plan their own transportation to and from Markham.** Details will follow upon selection.

Every athlete qualifying to the team as a pool athlete, must compete in at least 1 individual event at CPLC 2026. Any exception must be authorized by the National Team Head Coach in advance of the event.

To be considered for the LWC 2026 Canadian National Team Open or Youth, eligible athletes must submit their application form and include all required documents by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:59pm (Eastern time), via this link: <https://forms.gle/rkQhSoXzNsBrb3oS9>

The above is the only acceptable method of application. Emails stating interest will not be considered.

For further information or clarification, please contact Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at [headcoach@lifesaving.ca](mailto:headcoach@lifesaving.ca).