

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2025 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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:

Name: Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth games 2025 (RLSSC Games 2025)

Location: Swansea, Wales

Dates: July 10-13, 2025 (tour July 6-14, 2025)

Teams: National Team – 5 female, 5 male Development Team – 5 females, 5 males

Fees: \$5,000

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to compete as a member of the Canadian National or Development Team at this championship, the athlete shall:

- Be a bona fide lifesaver in good standing with the Lifesaving Society of Canada and your branch;
- Be a registered athlete with the Lifesaving Society of Canada by May 11, 2025
- Be a Canadian citizen, by birth or naturalization; or landed immigrant of Canada;
- Comply with anti-doping rules and policies set by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the ILS;
- Hold a current Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard certification that is dated no more than two years prior to the last day of the Championships;
- Be a minimum of 16 years of age as of 31 December 2025;
- For Development Team members only, they must not have ever been a member of a National Team (Open) at World Championships nor on a National Team (Open) at RLSSC Games or World Games. Competitors may be selected to a Development Team multiple times;
- Be available to participate in designated training camps or regimens as required by the Team;
- Be available for the duration of the tour;
- Respect the term of the tour agreement and the athlete agreement.

Preselection and selection interests and selection

National team (Open)

- Submit an email highlighting your interest in qualifying for the National Team by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight-Saving Time (EDT) on April 6, 2025 to the attention of Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at headcoach@lifesaving.ca
- Announcement of the National Team will be done on April 14, 2025.
- If the National team is not completed by April 14, 2025 athletes interested in making the National Team are invited to submit an email highlighting your interest in qualifying for the National or Development Team by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight-Saving Time (EDT) on May 10, 2025 to the attention of Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at headcoach@lifesaving.ca
- If the selection is not completed by April 14, 2025, the final selection will be announced on May 11, 2025 at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2025.

Development team

In an effort to help the development of lifeguards as athletes in lifesaving sport and in order to see to the constant development of their efforts to surpass themselves, the National team will proceed through a pre-selection process. This process will be held between January 1 and April 6, 2025, it will allow pre-selection of athletes (development) and naming them on the Development Program of the National Team.

In order to be selected for the RLSSC Games 2025, these athletes must be present at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2025 and demonstrate that they were able to maintain their qualifying times or improve them.

- Preselection: Submit an email highlighting your interest in qualifying for the Development Team by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight-Saving Time (EDT) on April 6, 2025 to the attention of Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at headcoach@lifesaving.ca
- The announcement of the preselection will be done at Noon April 14, 2025.
- If you are unable to participate in the pre-selection process but demonstrates an interest in being part of the Commonwealth Championships Development team, they are invited to demonstrate their interest. You must submit an email highlighting your interest in qualifying for the Development Team by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight-Saving Time (EDT) on May 10, 2025 to the attention of Pierre Tabah, National Team Head Coach at headcoach@lifesaving.ca
- The final selection will be announced on May 11, 2025 at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2025.

Selection Philosophy

Selection criteria are aimed at selecting the team that will provide the best overall outcome for the teams at the RLSSC Games 2025 and to develop lifesaving sport in Canada. Meeting a criterion does not grant an automatic selection to the team as 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 and what the team needs to perform.

Selection Criteria's National and Development Team:

National and Development team athletes and alternates shall be selected based on their actual performance in events listed in the Program of Events for the RLSSC Games 2025.

If and only if the selection committee is not able to fill a team (in accordance with the selection dates sets for each team) with the participant at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship 2025, then the Selection Committee may refer to past performances or may decide to send not a full team (not filling all positions). This past performance will then be evaluated by one of the two following ways:

1. Athletes who wish to be selected must have competed in at least one sanctioned competition or time trial event between June 1, 2024 and May 11, 2025, which includes the 2024 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships, 2024 Lifesaving World Championships (LWC), and National Sport Commission sanctioned events (e.g. domestic time trials).
2. Otherwise, an athlete may submit a formal expression of interest to Pierre Tabah before 23:59 on May 10, 2025, as defined above. To be eligible, the performance must have occurred at an internationally sanctioned competition or time trial event by ILS or another international sporting body held between August 1, 2024 and May 11, 2025. If the athlete is competing in another sport, the event must be transferable to an event listed in the Program of Events of the Championship.

Eligible athletes must receive a majority nomination from the members of the selection committee. The selection guidelines for the team selection are:

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

To respect the selection guidelines, 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 Teams preliminary times) in any individual ILS pool event from the RLSSC Games program performed [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];

- An Outstanding performance between January 1st and April 6, 2025, in any individual ILS pool event from the RLSSC Games program performed [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- For the Development Team and for an Open Athlete (if the team is not completed by April 14, 2025) an outstanding performance between January 1st and May 11, 2025, in any individual ILS pool event from the RLSSC Games program performed [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- Two (2) wins in the 2025 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open (if the team is not completed by April 14, 2025) or 15-18year age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the RLSSC Games program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- A Canadian record performance in the 2025 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open (if the team is not completed by April 14, 2025) or 15-18-year age category in any individual even on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];

In the event that the above criteria are deemed by the selection committee to be insufficient to finalize the selection of the team, the committee will take into consideration:

- An Outstanding performance in the 2025 Canadian Pool Championship in the Open or 15-18-year age category in any individual event on the Program of Events of the Commonwealth Championship program - [Individual event doesn't include line throw and SERC];
- Best sanctioned times in any individual ILS pool event achieved between August 1, 2024 and May 11, 2025.
- Best results from sports outside of lifesaving (sanctioned by the appropriate international sporting body) between August 1, 2024 and May 11, 2025.
- Past international results from a recognized competition in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) event;
- Past international results from a recognized competition in the Line throw event [Thrower only].

Selection Committee

National Team Open

- The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Open Team selection by April 6, 2025 with an announcement at Noon April 14, 2025.

National Development Team

- The selection committee will proceed with the preselection of the National Development Team selection by April 6, 2025 with an announcement at Noon April 14, 2025.
- The selection committee will proceed with the selection of the National Development Team selection by May 11, 2025 with an announcement at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championship Banquet.

Alternates

The selection committee will select one or more alternates at their discretion to ensure that a number of athletes are competition ready and prepared to assume a position on the team in the event that a previously selected athlete was to pull out (due to health or other reasons) or be removed from the team.

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 policy. 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 Lifesaving Sport Commissioner within ten (5) days of public announcement of the National and Youth-Development Teams.

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 Sports 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 not be

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.