



Olympic Selection Criteria

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Purpose

Weightlifting Canada Haltérophilie (“**WCH**”) is dedicated to developing high-performance athletes who compete at the highest levels at International Competitions, including the Olympic Games. The purpose of this document is for WCH to outline and communicate the qualification process and selection procedure for determining which athletes it will nominate to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (“**Olympic Games**”).

Objectives

WCH has established 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
August 1, 2022 – April 24, 2024	Olympic Qualification Period – All events that count towards the IWF Absolute Ranking can be found here: https://www.iwf.net/qualif/menu/
January 15, 2024	Deadline for National Olympic Committees (“ NOC ”) to submit their request for Universality Places
April 28, 2024	Deadline for NOCs to notify the IWF to withdraw from the OQR an athlete who becomes unable to participate (due to injury, etc.)
May 1, 2024	IWF notifies the NOCs which have athlete(s) ranked in the top 10 of Olympic Qualification Ranking (“ OQR ”) in more than one body weight category to select the bodyweight category in which the athlete(s) will remain in the top 10

May 6, 2024	The respective NOCs to notify IWF of the selected bodyweight category of those athlete(s) which are ranked in top 10 positions in OQR in more than one bodyweight category
May 8, 2024	OQR is updated
May 10, 2024	IWF notifies the NOCs that have more eligible athletes than 3 per gender ranked in the top 10 positions of OQR to select the athletes and bodyweight categories that will remain in the top 10 of the OQR respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC
May 15, 2024	The respective NOCs to notify IWF of the selected athletes and bodyweight categories that will remain in the top 10 of the OQR, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC
May 16, 2024	IWF notifies the NOCs that have more athletes than 3 per gender eligible to obtain a Continental quota place to select the 3 athletes per gender and bodyweight categories that will remain eligible to receive the Continental quota places, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC
May 23, 2024	WCH to notify IWF of the selected athletes and bodyweight categories that will remain eligible to receive Continental quota places, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC
May 24, 2024	IWF publishes the final Qualification Ranking lists and notifies NOCs about the allocated quota places obtained through the top 10 and Continental representation per weight category according to the OQR
May 31, 2024	WCH to confirm the use of allocated quota places to IWF
June 3, 2024	IWF to confirm to NOCs the reallocation of any unused quota places
June 10, 2024	NOCs to confirm the use of the reallocated quota places to IWF
June 11, 2024	IWF notifies the Host Country for the available host country quota places
June 12, 2024	Host Country to confirm the use of host country quota places
June 12, 2024	IWF to inform IOC on the available bodyweight categories for Universality Places
June 14, 2024	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality Places to the NOCs

June 14, 2024	IWF to confirm to NOCs the reallocation of any host country quota places
June 21, 2024	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated host country quota places to IWF
June 21, 2024	NOCs to confirm use of allocated Universality Places to IWF
July 3, 2024	COC Team Nomination Deadline
July 8, 2024	Deadline to resolve appeals of nominations. All appeals must be resolved by 5pm EST.
July 8, 2024	Paris 2024 Olympic Games Sport Entries Deadline
July 26 – August 11, 2024	Paris 2024 Olympic Games

IWF Qualification System Summary

The following is a summary of the IWF Paris 2024 Qualification System, subject to the most recent version of the IWF Qualification System published on the IWF website from time to time (https://iwf.sport/qualif2024/P2024_Qualification). In case of a 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 60 males and 60 females. The maximum number of athletes per weight category is 12.
- The IWF will publish the Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) including one athlete per Olympic bodyweight categories per NOC with the highest Totals (in kilograms).
- At maximum, one (1) athlete per NOC shall be ranked on the OQR, which would be the highest-ranked athlete per NOC, in each bodyweight category to be contested at Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- If two or more athletes record the same total in the same Olympic bodyweight category, they shall be ranked in order of which achieved the result first, using equivalent Greenwich Mean Times (GMT) to decide such if necessary.
- If an athlete is ranked in the top 10 in more than one event in the OQR, then the NOC in consultation with the Member Federation, as recognised by the IWF, must declare to the IWF by May 6, 2024 in which event that athlete will compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The athlete will then be removed from the OQR in other bodyweight categories. Any freed ranking position due to declaration of competing in another event will then automatically move to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete.
- Results achieved by athletes in non-Olympic bodyweight categories will be included in the OQR in the respective Olympic bodyweight category that incorporates their weight. For example, an athlete's total in M67kg achieved at the 2023 IWF Grand Prix 1 will be included in the Olympic bodyweight category of M73kg.

The Olympic Games will use five (5) Men's weight categories and five (5) Women's weight categories:

- Men: 61Kg, 73Kg, 89Kg, 102Kg, and +102Kg
- Women: 49Kg, 59KG, 71Kg, 81Kg, and +81kg

The maximum number of Individual Qualified athletes per NOC is three (3) men and three (3) women. Two (2) men and two (2) women are issued through the Host Country method.

If WCH has more than three (3) athletes in one gender who are eligible to receive quota places, then WCH will decide which of these athletes will receive the quota places based on the rank of the athletes relative to the standards according to the most recently published WCH Team Selection Document (<https://weightliftingcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Selection-Procedures-2023-V1.1-9-Feb-2023.pdf>)

All quota spots are subject to IWF Athlete Eligibility criteria (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. Participate in the 2023 IWF World Championships (Riyadh) and the 2024 IWF World Cup (Phuket);
4. Participate in at least 3 of the following: 2022 IWF World Championships (Bogota), 2023 Continental Championships (Bariloche), 2023 IWF Grand Prix I (Havana), 2023 IWF Grand Prix II (Qatar), 2024 Continental Championships; and
5. For Universality places, athletes must have participated in a minimum of 2 eligible events during the qualification period.
6. Participation for the purposes of the above means, at a minimum, attending, weighing-in, and participating in the official introduction of athletes.

<u>Eligible Events:</u>

Compulsory Events: athletes must participate in the following events:

- 2023 IWF World (Senior) Championships
- 2024 IWF World Cup

Additional Events: athletes must participate in a minimum of three of the following events:

- 2022 IWF World (Senior) Championships
- 2023 Continental (Senior) Championships or Games
- 2023 IWF Grand Prix 1
- 2023 IWF Grand Prix 2
- 2024 Continental (Senior) Championships

The OQR will be collated from the official results only from the aforementioned IWF international events.

The highest total achieved by each athlete in the aforementioned events shall be counted towards their overall ranking.

Declaration of Interest by Athletes

WCH will distribute an Expression of Interest Link and QR code. The athlete must submit their Declaration of Intent to Participate via the link by 23:59:59 (Pacific time) on February 7, 2024 to be eligible to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

To be eligible for nomination to the Olympic Team, athletes must submit a passport-eligible photo to WCH and a copy of a valid Canadian passport which will not expire on or before February 11, 2025. Once the accreditation process has begun, athletes are strongly encouraged to avoid making changes to their passports.

To cover administration costs of WCH, the athlete must send an e-transfer (to dfriesen@cwfhc.ca) in the amount of \$100.00. 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 invalid.

Decision-Making Authority

The WCH Board of Directors is responsible for developing and approving this Selection Criteria. The WCH Board of Directors is responsible for the implementation of these procedures and final selection and nomination to the Olympic Team. The WCH Board of Directors 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

Unless otherwise directed by the WCH Board of Directors, the Team Leader (or in the absence of the Team Leader, the Head Coach) has on-site decision-making authority at the Olympic Games and during any WCH training camp prior to the start of the Olympic Games. The WCH Board of Directors will determine who serves as the Head Coach if such an appointment is necessary.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the Olympic Team and to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, all athletes must meet and comply with the following eligibility requirements:

- Be born on/or before December 31, 2009
- Be a registrant in good standing of the WCH (through membership in 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 WCH

- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation form and/or another documentation the COC requires no later than June 10, 2024. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- All athletes nominated to the Olympic Team must possess a Canadian passport that will not expire on or before February 11, 2025.
- 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 WCH, or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them
- Agree to participate in international competitions
- Sign, submit, and comply with the WCH Athlete Agreement
- Sign and submit the consent form of the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner
- Comply with the WCH Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy and all other applicable WCH policies.
- Where applicable, comply with the vaccination policies and vaccination requirements of the NSO, COC, IWF, the IOC and the host country of the event.

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Selection Process

Athletes who have earned an Individual Qualification through the Olympic Qualification Ranking will be automatically nominated to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, subject to satisfying all relevant and applicable eligibility requirements.

The WCH Board of Directors is responsible for the final submission of Team Nomination to the COC for the Olympic Games based on the application of these criteria.

Reallocation Process

If an athlete from any country withdraws from the Olympics, the athlete with the next highest ranking will be allocated the spot. In announcing the final Team Nomination for the Olympic Games, if a WCH athlete is called to replace a nominated athlete after the Organizing Committee’s entry deadline, that athlete will be subject to the IOCs’ Late Athlete Replacement Policy and the COC Team Selection Committee approval. The IOC, after consultation with the relevant International Federation and IOC medical expert (when needed), may permit permanent replacement of an athlete by another athlete.

For an athlete to be considered as a replacement, the athlete(s) must be nominated to the Olympic Team on or before the COC Team Nomination deadline or according to the Late Athlete Replacement Policy. WCH will adhere to the IWF’s policy for naming these alternates and submitting the athlete(s) as an entry to the Olympic Games. Note that the Canadian Olympic Team privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be transferred to the incoming athlete. The Alternate Athlete will be submitted for nomination to the COC and must meet all athlete eligibility requirements.

Performance Readiness

All athletes selected to the Olympic Team must prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. WCH 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 WCH 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 High-Performance Manager (mread@cwfhc.ca).

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, WCH 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 available Health Services personnel, 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 WCH'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, WCH will inform the COC for the reasons behind the change as soon as possible.

Olympic Games – Coach Selection Process

WCH selects Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches in accordance with the most recent version of the WCH Coach Selection Policy, as updated from time to time and posted to the WCH website.

The number of selected coaches will depend on the number of coaches allocated by the IWF and accreditation available by the COC.

To be eligible for selection and nomination, the coach must:

- a. be fully certified as either NCCP Level 2 (under the previous system) or NCCP Competition Development (current system);
- b. be recognized in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada per the COC Coach Recognition Policy;
- c. completed any safe sport requirements as communicated by WCH or the COC;
- d. sign, submit and comply with COC support staff agreement;
- e. have a valid passport which does not expire before February 11, 2025
- f. comply with the deadline for Coaching Association of Canada requirement, which is aligned with the COC Registration Requirement Deadline (June 24, 2024);
- g. declare their availability and interest to serve as coach at the Olympic Games by email to the WCH High-Performance Manager (mread@cwfhc.ca) or as otherwise directed by 23:59:59 (Pacific time) on February 7, 2024;
- h. have previously worked as a coach at IWF World Junior Championships, FISU World University Championships, IWF World Championships, Pan American Championships and /or Olympic Games;
- i. sign and submit the WCH Team Support Personnel Agreement; and
- j. complete a Canadian background check in compliance with the WCH Screening Policy and any background check requirements imposed by the COC.

Before final nomination to the Olympic team, the COC and/or WCH may require coaches to complete certain other education modules (e.g., WADA Adel courses, CCES courses) by a deadline as the COC and/or WCH may specify from time to time.

Coaches ultimately nominated by WCH 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 WCH before June 10, 2024. The Code of Ethics of Coaches Canada/Coaches of Canada will be in effect during the Olympic Games Qualification period.

Appeals Process:

Appeals of athlete and coach selection and/or nomination shall be done in accordance with the WCH Appeal Policy, as amended from time to time. (<https://weightliftingcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/WCH-Safe-Policy-Suite-Final-With-Appendix.pdf>)

The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada is the final arbiter of appeals under the WCH appeals process. All appeals must be completed by July 8, 2024, at 5pm EST.

Funding

While WCH aims to ensure that all athletes, coaches and team members are fully funded for the Olympic Games and any related training camps, the organization cannot guarantee the level of funding available. As such, all athletes, coaches and team members should be prepared to self-fund for the event if necessary. The level of funding and support will be decided in accordance with the WCH Team Selection Document, as updated from time to time.