

# **Hong Kong China National Wakesurf Team Selection Procedures by HKCWA**

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## **Goals**

1. Develop a transparent and impartial system to select the most suitable athletes to represent Hong Kong China in competitions.
2. Create a system where it motivates athletes to improve their skills and encourages them to qualify for the National Team (National Training Squad & National Reserve Squad).
3. Create a system where athletes get adequate funding and resources for training and competition subsidies.
4. Emphasize more on current year's standard given the fast growing pace of the sport.
5. Assess & encourage athlete's commitment to participate in competitions more often to stay consistently competitive.

## **Procedures**

HKCWA strives to select the best available athletes to represent the association and Hong Kong China in competitions based on an open and fair process.

The selection procedures are outlined below, with the final selection approved by the executive committee.

# 1. National Training Squad qualification

- The National Training Squad receives training subvention.
- To be eligible for the National Training Squad, athletes must be members of the HKCWA in good standing and compete in either the Open or Junior category at designated HKCWA-organized competitions, which are open to all Hong Kong residents.
- Athletes must hold a valid Hong Kong ID card, and reside in Hong Kong for the past three years.
- Placement points will be awarded to each athlete based on their final placement in respective categories with the 1st placement being allocated 1000 points, and next placement will be discounted by 30% and so on. (See Appendix A)
- For each athlete, a COMPETITION RANKING SCORE will be calculated based on the sum of 2 placement points from the latest 2 designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents.
- All points have to be earned within 24 months from the latest competition held. ( For example, any results earlier than 1st April 2020 will not be counted towards the COMPETITION RANKING SCORE following a competition held on 31 March 2022)
- To reflect on the current performance standard, the most recent results are emphasized. A discount system will be applied to the valid placement points as follows:
  - No discount on the latest competition placement points.
  - 20% discount on the second last competition placement points that is less than 12 months old (as of the latest designated local competition held date, which is open to all Hong Kong residents).
  - 40% discount on competition placement points that is more than 12 months old and less than 24 months old (as of the latest designated competition held date, which is open to all Hong Kong residents).

- In the unfortunate event where no designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, were held during the past 2 years, a qualifying tryout should take place, preferably in a LIVE event, if circumstances allow. Failing that, a video format tryout out is also a viable option. Failing that, the wakesurf committee can take reference from other reputable international competition rankings as the basis of producing a COMPETITIVE RANKING SCORE. This should take place as soon as possible after the trigger event (no designated local competition, which was open to all Hong Kong residents, in the past 12 months). The results of the qualifying tryout/ video qualifying tryout/ taking reference from other reputable competition rankings, will be treated as a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. The decision must be approved by more than 90% of committees.
- COMPETITION RANKING LIST is generated for:

Open Men's Surf	Junior Men's Surf
Open Men's Skim	Junior Men's Skim
Open Women's Surf	Junior Women's Surf
Open Wimen's Skim	Junior Wimen's Skim

based on the COMPETITIONS RANKING SCORE by each athlete.

- A maximum of 5 athletes in each category with highest COMPETITION RANKING SCORE respectively, will be considered to enter the National Training Squad. The list of candidates will be submitted to the executive committee for review.
- Athletes who have been previously disqualified from the National Team will be excluded from the Training Squad selection. (See below National Team Disqualification)
- In the case where an athlete in the top 5 was disqualified or left the National Training Squad, the executive committee will review the circumstances and decide if the next athlete in the COMPETITION RANKING LIST will fill the vacancy.

- The COMPETITION RANKING LIST shall be updated by the HKCWA Office Secretary and checked by the Wakesurf Chairman or his/ her delegate after each designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. The COMPETITION RANKING SCORE will be published publicly within 1 month after the competition.
- Qualified athletes will be invited to join the National Training Squad at the same time when the publication of the updated COMPETITION RANKING LIST is done.
- Placement points arrangement for athletes who missed a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, due to overseas representation for HKCWA - A re-placement point for the missed designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, will be generated by averaging the 2 raw placement points from the previous 2 designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents. For example, the athlete came 1st and 3rd in the last two designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents. The re-placement point will be  $(1000 + 490)/2 = 735$ .
- After the COMPETITION RANKING LIST is updated, the athletes who did not make the top 5 will be eliminated from the National Training Squad with immediate effect.
- In the event where athletes having the same COMPETITION RANKING SCORE, the person with the higher placement point in the latest designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, takes priority.
- In case where an athlete finished in a joint position with another athlete in a different heat, for those who cannot make into Finals, their ranking points they received will be based on heat scores provided by the same judge panel for all heats.
- For any skim / surf combined events, regardless of the combined placements, scores will be awarded based on skim ranking / surf ranking separately.
- The COMPETITION RANKING SCORE only accounts for Hong Kong athletes with a valid Hong Kong ID card, placement for international athletes will be ignored.
- If an athlete no longer has any COMPETITION RANKING SCORE, they will be eliminated from the National Reserve Squad with immediate effect.

- Special Case Consideration for the National Training Squad. If an athlete demonstrates an exceptionally high skill level in the recent term but was unable to join any of the designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents, the executive committee may, at its discretion, include the athlete in the National Training Squad until the next designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. To qualify for special case admission, the athlete's performance must exceed the average level of the current National Training Squad members. This decision requires approval by at least 90% of the executive committee members.
- If a junior athlete competes in the Open category in a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. Placement points will be absorbed from "higher" categories to the "lower" categories. Such that the junior athlete will receive the same placement points for both Open and Junior category. However, if a junior athlete competes in the Junior category. The athlete will only get placement points for the Junior category.

## **2. National Reserve Squad qualification**

- The National Reserve Squad does not receive training subvention, unless it is approved by the executive committees.
- To be eligible for the National Reserve Squad, athletes must be members of the HKCWA in good standing and compete in either the Open or Junior category at HKCWA-organized competitions, which are open to all Hong Kong residents.
- Athletes must hold a valid Hong Kong ID card, and reside in Hong Kong for the past three years.
- Placement points will be awarded to each athlete based on their final placement in respective categories with the 1st placement being allocated 1000 points, and next placement will be discounted by 30% and so on. (See Appendix A)
- For each athlete, a COMPETITION RANKING SCORE will be calculated based on the sum of 2 placement points from the latest 2 designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents. All points have to be earned within 24 months from the latest competition held. ( For example, any results earlier than 1st April 2020 will not be counted towards the COMPETITION RANKING SCORE following a competition held on 31 March 2022)
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- In the unfortunate event where no designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, were held during the past 2 years, a qualifying tryout should take place, preferably in a LIVE event, if circumstances allow. Failing that, a video format tryout out is also a viable option. Failing that, the wakesurf committee can take reference from other reputable international competition rankings as the basis of producing a COMPETITIVE RANKING SCORE. This should take place as soon as possible after the trigger event (no designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, in the past 12 months). The results of the qualifying tryout/ video qualifying tryout/ taking reference from other reputable competition rankings, will be treated as a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. The decision must be approved by more than 90% of the executive committees.
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based on the COMPETITIONS RANKING SCORE by each athlete.

- A maximum of 3 athletes in each category with the 6th, 7th and 8th highest COMPETITION RANKING SCORE respectively, will be considered to enter the National Reserve Squad. The list of candidates will be submitted to the executive committee for review.
- Athletes who have been previously disqualified from the National Team will be excluded from the Training Reserve selection. (See below National Team Disqualification)
- In the case where an athlete in the top 6th, 7th or 8th was disqualified or left the National Reserve Squad, the executive committee will review the circumstances and decide if the next rider in the COMPETITION RANKING LIST will fill the vacancy.

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- Qualified athletes will be invited to join the National Reserve Squad at the same time when the publication of the updated COMPETITION RANKING LIST is done.
- Placement points arrangement for athletes who missed a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, due to overseas representation for HKCWA - A re-placement point for the missed designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, will be generated by averaging the 2 raw placement points from the previous 2 designated local competitions open to all Hong Kong residents. For example, the athlete came 1st and 3rd in the last two designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. The re-placement point will be  $(1000 + 490)/2 = 735$ .
- After the COMPETITION RANKING LIST is updated, the athletes who did not make the top 6th, 7th or 8th will be eliminated from the National Reserve Squad with immediate effect.
- In the event where athletes having the same COMPETITION RANKING SCORE, the person with the higher placement point in the latest designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents, takes priority.
- In case where an athlete finished in a joint position with another athlete in a different heat, for those who cannot make into Finals, their ranking points they received will be based on heat scores provided by the same judge panel for all heats.
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- If an athlete no longer has any COMPETITION RANKING SCORE, the athlete will be eliminated from the National Reserve Squad with immediate effect.
- Athletes who are unable to train or compete due to documented injuries, illness, pregnancy, or other valid reasons may be considered for continued support for a maximum of 12 months. The executive committee, at its discretion, may allow the athlete to remain in the National Reserve Squad until the next designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. Such decisions require approval by at least 90% of the executive committee members.
- If a junior athlete competes in the Open category in a designated local competition open to all Hong Kong residents. Placement points will be absorbed from "higher" categories to the "lower" categories. Such that the junior athlete will receive the same placement points in both Open and Junior category. However, if a junior athlete competes in the Junior category. The athlete will only get placement points for the Junior category.

### **3. Selecting athletes from the National Team to represent Hong Kong, China for a competition.**

- The HKCWA reserves the right to enter athletes from the National Team into any wakesurf category in a competition, provided they demonstrate good conduct and sportsmanship.
- The Wakesurf Chairman shall select athletes based on the interests of the HKCWA, their COMPETITION RANKING SCORE, and the overall development of the National Team.
- Based on the number of available spots for each competition, the Wakesurf Chairman shall contact team members, starting with the highest COMPETITION RANKING SCORE and proceeding in descending order, until all spots are filled.
- Priority should be given to athletes in the Open and Junior National Team list. If it is to the interest of HKCWA, the Wakesurf Chairman may choose Junior athletes to compete in the Open category. If a Masters category is available in the competition, the Wakesurf Chairman may choose athletes from the Open National Team who are also qualified as Masters to compete in the Masters category. If other categories are available in the overseas competitions, the Wakesurf Chairman may choose athletes from the respective category to compete in the competition.
- Athletes may choose whether to compete, but the category in which they participate is determined by the Wakesurf Chairman.
- The Wakesurf Chairman will make the recommendation to the executive committee based on the above procedure, and the list of athletes representing Hong Kong China for that competition will be finalized and approved by the executive committee.
- The number of participants representing Hong Kong China in any competition will be decided by the executive committee, based on the funding available for the event. When funding cannot provide for all interested members, the National Team members can choose to represent Hong Kong China and join the event at their own

cost. However, HKCWA will not recognize any person who is not in the National Team to be an official Hong Kong China team representative.

- If funding is available to support the team's travel expenses, the subsidy allocation would be in accordance with the guidelines as laid down by the Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

#### **4. National Team disqualification.**

- Members of the National Team are required to read and understand the “Code of Conduct as a HKCWA National Team Member” and return a signed copy to the HKCWA.
- HKCWA reserves the right to disqualify athletes from the National Team if a violation of the Code of conduct or any other illegal or inappropriate behavior has occurred, HKCWA may take any corrective action we deem appropriate including suspension or termination of HKCWA membership.
- Members of the National Team must maintain a minimum training attendance rate (if applicable) of 70% for the year; Members who fail to achieve this attendance rate without good reasons will be disqualified from the National Team.
- If an athlete appointed to the National Team refuses to participate in competitions as requested by the Wakesurf Chairman for one full year (from the date of their enlistment as a National Team member), they will be disqualified from the National Team, regardless of maintaining a top 8 COMPETITION RANKING SCORE. The executive committee may select the next athlete on the Competition Ranking List to fill the vacant spot. Athletes wishing to rejoin the National Team in the future may request reinstatement from the Wakesurf Chairman, subject to the executive committee’s approval.
- In case of misconduct, it will be handled by the Disciplinary Council. The Disciplinary Council shall be based on the severity and intention of the issue to determine the appropriate punishment to the athlete.
- In accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regulations, by entering HKCWA’s events, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control. Information about

the Anti-Doping program, the Prohibited List can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.wada-ama.org/>

## **5. Appeal mechanism for National Team selection.**

- An athlete may appeal for their exclusion from the National Team by specifying in writing appropriate reasons within 14 days of the date of announcement of the selected members in the National Team.
- The HKCWA committee will review the appeal at the next monthly meeting.
- If the appeal is rejected, the athlete may further appeal to the HKCWA Appeals Committee for review. Any such appeal must be submitted again in writing sent by post to HKWSA's office 14 days from the date of such rejection.
- The HKCWA Appeals Committee will consist of 3-5 members appointed by the HKCWA committee to handle any such appeal.
- The decision of the HKCWA Appeals Committee will be final with no further right of appeal.
- The appeal must be in writing (marked as "Confidential") and it should be delivered to the HKCWA office. Address: Room1025, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

## Appendix A

All Category					
Final Placement	Placement Score	Factor			
1st	1000	0.7			
2nd	700				
3rd	490				
4th	343				
5th	240				
6th	168				
7th	118				
8th	82				
9th	58				
10th	40				
11th	28				
12th	20				
13th	14				
14th	10				
15th	7				

16th	5				
17th	3				
18th	2				
19th to last	1				
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