



NEXTGEN ATHLETE PROGRAM

2021 CYCLE

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1 – INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to present Wrestling Canada Lutte's (WCL) NextGen Athlete Program (NGAP). The target audience for this document are the athletes (and their coaches) who currently access or wish to access the program.

The NGAP is designed to support amateur high performance pathway athletes that demonstrate the potential to progress to the Top 8 in the World in Olympic weight classes (Women and Men's Freestyle). The purpose of the NGAP is to improve Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Junior & U23 World Championships. The program seeks to do so by relieving some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for and participating in international sport.

WCL is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and its impact on athletes' ability to consistently prepare for, participate in and perform on an international level. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, WCL will respect this published NextGen Athlete Program (2021) as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Program (2021) to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the NextGen Athlete Program (2021). In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this NextGen Athlete Program (2021) to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this NextGen Athlete Program (2021), in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and nomination philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, WCL will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

2 – DECISION AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD), or their designate, is responsible for the development and implementation of a program that falls within WCL guidelines and parameters. The High Performance Coordinator will assist the HPD in ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed.

The WCL NextGen Athlete Program will be overseen by WCL's NextGen Coaches and managed by the High Performance Coordinator.

3 – PROGRAM CYCLE & QUALIFICATION PERIOD

WCL has been following the evolution of the coronavirus and its impact on athletes' ability to consistently prepare for, participate in and perform on an international level. Due to the cancellation or postponement of numerous competitions that are relevant to the ranking process, WCL has decided to renominate all

athletes from the 2020-21 program for this 2021 cycle, including those that would ordinarily be withdrawn due to age ineligibility.

The program cycle will run from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, which currently aligns with the fiscal year.

The 2022 program cycle will be revised and will have an end date that aligns with the new carding cycle (April 01, 2022 – November 30, 2022). The qualification period for the 2022 cycle will be from August 01, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

4 – FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

WCL will provide two levels of funding to NGAP recipients for 2021 (all funding must be pre-approved by WCL). All remaining funding will be event based.

Tier 1 Athletes:

- 2020-21 carry-over funding:
 - Individual allocation of \$5,000 to be utilized for international or domestic training and travel (this is the funding that was allocated to athletes for the 2020-21 season that must be utilized by September 30, 2021). Athletes must present a YTP plan for this funding or it will be reallocated back into the program.
- 2021 Program Funding:
 - Individual allocation of \$2,500 to be utilized for international or domestic training and travel
 - A Bronze CAIP insurance package

Tier 2 Athletes:

- 2020-21 carry-over funding:
 - Individual allocation of \$500 to be utilized for international or domestic training and travel (this is the funding that was allocated to athletes for the 2020-21 season that must be utilized by September 30, 2021). Athletes must present a YTP plan for this funding or it will be reallocated back into the program.

Event Based Funding:

Funding has been allocated for the following events:

- U23 Worlds – Belgrade, Serbia
- Junior Pan Am Games – Cali, Colombia

The breakdown for this funding will be communicated with nomination to each event.

5 – ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a NextGen nomination, an Athlete must meet all the following requirements:

- a) Must be a current registered member of, and in good standing with the WCL¹;
- b) Must possess Canadian citizenship throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year;
- c) Must satisfactorily demonstrate that he/she will be eligible to compete for Canada in United World Wrestling (UWW) competitions;
- d) Must not be under suspension, or other sanction, for any doping or doping-related offense;
- e) Must sign and comply with the NextGen Athlete Agreement as required by WCL;
- f) Athletes who are full-time permanent residents outside Canada for more than two successive years and are competing within the Canadian sport system and representing Canada at international competitions (as a WCL sanctioned member of the Canadian National Team), may be considered for program at the discretion of the High Performance Director;
- g) Must fulfill the requirements of the NextGen Team Program as defined by the WCL Yearly Training Program (YTP) including testing, training, camps and events.
- h) Compliance rate of at least 80% via the Athlete Management System (Kinduct or other).
- i) Compliance rate of at least 80% for other NextGen program related activities (eg. webinars, etc.)

6 – ATHLETE AGREEMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES

An athlete's NextGen Program status is subject to the obligations and commitments as detailed in the WCL NextGen Athlete Agreement (which will include, but not limited to, annual competition, training, fitness testing, YTP confirmation and athlete monitoring system compliance).

7 – ATHLETE WITHDRAWAL AND NON-RENEWAL

Athletes may lose their NextGen program status or have their status withdrawn under the following conditions:

- Non-renewal of program status;
- Failure to meet training or competitive commitments;
- Violation of the athlete agreement;
- Athlete's failure to meet responsibilities outlined in NextGen Program;
- Gross breach of discipline; and
- Fraudulent misrepresentation

The High Performance Director may withdraw an athlete's program status, including funding and access to program services under the following conditions:

¹ In Good Standing with WCL: meet all eligibility requirements, no outstanding invoices or money owed to WCL, comply with all applicable code of conducts and discipline codes.

1. Provide a verbal warning to the athlete, including the steps and timelines to remedy the situation and the consequences of a failure to heed the warning;
2. Where applicable, follow up with a written warning to the athlete;

If the above steps are not successful in resolving the matter and WCL still wishes to withdraw status, WCL must send a letter to the athlete. This letter must indicate:

1. The grounds on which the withdrawal is being made;
2. The steps already taken to address the issue (verbal warning followed by a formal letter of warning).