



NEXTGEN ATHLETE PROGRAM & SELECTION

2022 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 NextGen program is to improve Canadian performances at major international sporting events such as the Junior World Championships & 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 (2022) as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Program (2022) to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the NextGen Athlete Program (2022). 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 (2022) 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 (2022), 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 Manager (HPM) 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 Manager.

3 – PROGRAM CYCLE & QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualification period will be from April 01, 2022 to May 31, 2022, plus results from 2021 Junior and 2021 U23 World Championships. Please refer to Appendix A for the Nomination Criteria.

The program cycle will run from June 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022.

4 – PROGRAM CAPACITY & PRIORITIZATION

The program capacity will be up to 20 athletes. Athletes will be nominated in the following order of priority, based on the ranking system (please see Appendix A):

- Athletes that meet Tier 1 nomination criteria
- Athletes that meet Tier 2 nomination criteria

All nominations will be reviewed by the HPD, or their designate.

5 – PROGRAM DETAILS

To be determined.

6 – FUNDING ALLOCATION

To be determined.

7 – 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 a PTSO, and in good standing with the WCL¹;
- b) Must possess Canadian citizenship throughout the 2022 calendar 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.)

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.

8 – 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).

9 – 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. 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);

APPENDIX A – NGAP 2022 NOMINATION CRITERIA

MINIMUM STANDARDS

All athletes must meet minimum standards to be considered for nomination to the Next Gen Athlete Program.

- All athletes must be U23 eligible (18 to 23 years of age in 2022)
- All athletes must rank at the 2022 Canadian Wrestling Trials as follows:
 - Senior Final Ranking Top 6 at an Olympic weight class; OR
 - Senior Final Ranking Top 3 at a Non-Olympic Weight Class; OR
 - Junior Final Ranking Top 3 at an Olympic weight class; OR
 - Junior Final Ranking Top 2 at a Non-Olympic weight class

Tier 1	Automatic nomination	<p>2022 Senior World Team members after all relevant wrestle-offs and trials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1 Ranking at an Olympic weight class only <p>2022 NCAA Division 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 5 Ranking (men) <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past World Championship Medallist (2018-2021) • *Achieving 20 points and above on the Nomination Points System
Tier 2 International Performance	Nomination based on points system	<p>2021 U23 World Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points awarded up to 8th place <p>2021 Junior World Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points awarded up to 8th place

Tier 2 Domestic Performance	Nomination based on points system	<p>2022 Senior Canadian Wrestling Trials (all weight classes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final ranking #2 and #3 receive points. (must have minimum 2 wins in order to score points) <p>2022 NCAA Div. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points awarded up to 8th place <p>2022 Junior Canadian Wrestling Trials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Weight classes top 3 (true 2nd). (must have minimum 2 wins in order to score points) Non-Olympic weight classes top 2 (must have minimum 2 wins in order to score points) <p>2022 U SPORTS, WCWA, NCAA Div. 2, NAIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points awarded only to 1st and 2nd place
<p>*At all competitions, athletes finishing below 1st place must win at least 2 matches. If only 1 match is won, the athlete is rewarded half the points indicated in the table. If there are no matches won, no points will be awarded.</p> <p>**Please note that the threshold for Tier 2 consideration is 5 points.</p> <p>***Tie-breaking criteria, if necessary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The “modified” International Performance Index (as per 2022 Carded Athlete Program) 2021 Senior World Championship Final Placement 2021 U23 World Championship Final Placement 2021 Junior World Championship Final Placement Placement at 2021 National Carding Ranking Tournament 		

APPENDIX B – NGAP NOMINATION POINTS SYSTEM

	Event	Placement	Olympic weights		Non-Olympic weights	
			Men	Women	Men	Women
World	U23 World Championships	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Automatic nomination to Next Gen Program			
		5th	Automatic	6	Automatic	6
		7th	3	3	3	3
		8th	2	2	2	2
	Junior World Championships	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Automatic nomination to Next Gen Program			
		5th	Automatic	6	Automatic	6
		7th	3	3	3	3
		8th	2	2	2	2
Continental	Senior Pan American Championships	1st	Automatic	Automatic	3	2
		2nd	Automatic	Automatic	2	1
		3rd*	5	5	1	0
		5th*	3	3	0	0
	Junior Pan American Championships	1st	4	4	2	2
		2nd	2	2	1	1
		3rd	1	1	0	0
National	Senior Canadian Trials	1st	Automatic	Automatic	3	3
		2nd	7	7	2	2
		3rd	5	5	1	1
	U23 World Team	1st	3	3	3	3
	Junior Canadian Wrestling Trials	1st	3	3	2	2
		2nd	2	2	1	1
		3rd	1	1	0	0

	NCAA Div. 1 (OW points awarded)	1 st to 8 th				
Carding	Carding Tournaments (use only one) and Canada Cup	1st	5	5	2	2
		2nd	3	3	1	1
		3rd	1	1	0	0
Varsity	U SPORTS, WCWA, NCAA Div. 2, NAIA leagues (excluding NCAA Div. 1 - see above)	1st	3	3	n/a	n/a
		2nd	2	2	n/a	n/a