



加拿大龍獅文化運動協會  
Dragon Lion Cultural Sports Association of Canada

# CanAm - Nationals

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Official Member of IDLDF for Canada

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## Team Selection Criteria

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### SUMMARY

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Dragon Lion Cultural Sports Association of Canada will participate in the 44<sup>th</sup> annual CanAm Championships, using the competition as a site for selecting representatives for Team Canada at International events for 2026. This year's competition and selection will be open to all teams; with the next selection type event requiring Coach certification members of at least level 2, as is expected in other Canadian sports, to officially take part.

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### ELIGIBILITY

- National competition open to all teams (no affiliation restrictions)
    - must disclose any affiliations at a domestic or international level
  - Must be Canadian resident (Citizen or Permanent Resident)
  - Qualification for team selection requires that the team includes at least one member who meets one of the following criteria at the time of registration:
    - Has completed the official DLCSAC Level 1 online seminar; OR
    - Has participated in an official DLCSAC seminar or event within the past 12 months.
  - Agree to competition terms and waivers
  - File proper registration paperwork
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### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Follows IDLDF registration standards
  - Complete roster of competing athletes, team leader and coach/sifu required
  - Routine theme, description, and difficulty moves documented
  - Participation waiver signed
  - Pay all required fees
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### TEAM SELECTION OVERVIEW

- Season Scope: Selection applies to the Competition Season, which encompasses World Championships, individual sanctioned competitions, invite competitions, and any other events the DLCSAC participates in.
- Venue: Selection takes place at the CanAm Championships.
- Team refers to the club or troupe which the participating athletes register as and compete in the name of
- Division Distinction: While teams may compete in both Exhibition and Competition divisions, only teams competing in the Competition division are eligible for consideration for Official team selection.

- A Grand Champion will be awarded at the CanAm Championships. This is a championship title, not a selection title; however, the Grand Champion team is guaranteed a spot in the selection pool.
  - Event Weighting: The Traditional South Lion event will be weighted most heavily in the scoring metric.
  - Minimum Event Requirement: To qualify for selection, a team must compete in at least (1) Traditional Competition event. To qualify for Grandchampion a team must compete in (1) Traditional event and (1) Race event.
  - World Championship Qualification: The top-ranked selected teams will be the ones designated to qualify for the World Championships.
  - Other Events: Participation in other events (sanctioned, invite, etc.) will be offered based on the order of selection and the team's ability to fulfill attendance requirements.
  - Coach Selection: Coaches for Team Canada will be selected based on team rank and participation in the DLCSAC coach/judge stream. If a primary coach is unavailable or ineligible, selection will proceed to the next qualified coach or the coach of a participating team.
  - Authority: The DLCSAC reserves the right to make all final decisions.
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## **DISQUALIFICATION CONDITIONS**

A winning or qualifying team may NOT be selected to represent at an event if:

- They cannot agree to required terms for representing Canada
  - Less than 70% of their competition roster is available for International competition
  - They have violated eligibility requirements
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## **SELECTION PRIORITY**

- Initial Order:
  - Grand Champion (Guaranteed spot).
  - Top-ranked eligible teams (Secondary, Tertiary, etc.).
- Event Assignment Logic:
  - World Championships: Assigned first to the highest-ranked selected teams.
  - Other Events: Offered sequentially based on selection rank and availability.
- Reallocation Protocol: If a selected team cannot fulfill a full roster or declines an event opportunity:
  - The team may select from a DLCSAC provided list of individual athletes to fill gaps; OR
  - The position is offered to the next qualified team in the selection order.
- If no selected team can participate, DLCSAC has the right to offer the position to any team that participated in the CanAm Championship.
- Final Priority Hierarchy for Reallocation:
  - Selected top team.
  - Selected secondary or further ranked team.
  - Teams with the highest-ranking coach (based on DLCSAC certification).
  - Any participating team capable of attending the event.

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## **ASSOCIATION PROTECTIONS**

- Recognition that the DLCSAC is the sole official representative of Canada to IDLDF and sanctioned international events
- "Team Canada" / "Official Team Canada" and similar titles are exclusive to DLCSAC-selected teams (transitory designation for international representation only)
- Misuse of name, logo, or properties is prohibited
- Nothing that disparages the association's reputation (internationally or domestically) is permitted

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## **POST-SELECTION RESTRICTIONS**

- Selected teams may not claim to represent Canada at any competitions not sanctioned by DLCSAC for the duration of the selection season.
- Approval Process: Teams may request approval to compete in unsanctioned events; approval is solely at the discretion of the DLCSAC panel.
- Leadership: The Association retains the right to select Coaches and Team Leaders for the National teams.