





Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and **BC Ringette Association** Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria

Criteria Approved **December 3, 2018:**

CSI Pacific Representative	
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PURPOSE

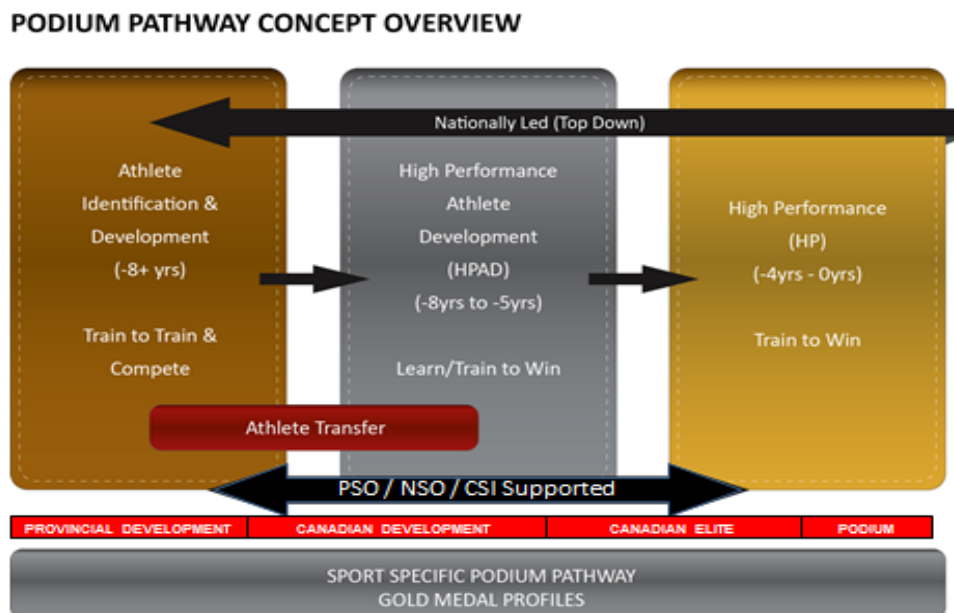
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and **BC Ringette Association**, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage to win medals for Canada. The partners work jointly to encourage sport excellence and increase podium performances in communities throughout BC.

This template provides a standardized process to identify athletes and coaches within the **BC Ringette Association** high performance program as well as athletes who are tracking against key development pathway metrics toward national teams. The levels within the targeting seek to create a common standard across all sports; hence, the template must be used in its entirety. PSO/DSOs are able to adapt the template to suit their own purposes (e.g. branding, application process, etc.) provided all relevant information is contained within.

Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport athlete and coach support for the Podium and Canadian Elite nomination focuses on athletes and teams 0-4 years from the Podium, identified by the sport-specific Podium Pathway (see Figure 1 below) and Gold Medal Profile. These athletes and teams represent the current generation of National Team athletes who are carded by the NSO through Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program.

Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport athlete and coach support for the Canadian Development and Provincial Development nomination focuses on athletes and teams 5-12 years from the Podium, identified by the sport-specific Podium Pathway (see Figure 1 below) and Gold Medal Profile. These athletes and teams represent both the next generation (5-8 years from Podium) and future generations (9-12 years from Podium) of Olympic and Paralympic (or World Championship) medallists. Support may be focussed more toward the future generation (9-12 years from Podium) for some targeted Paralympic sports depending on the quality of the next generation (5-8 years from Podium) of athletes and teams.

Figure 1



¹ In general, a BC athlete is defined as an athlete born, developed, and/or trained/centralized (for a minimum of three months) in British Columbia.

DETAILS

Through the above partnership, and with the above purpose in mind, **BC Ringette Association** may nominate athletes and their coaches who meet specific criteria for Canadian Sport Institute Pacific / PacificSport athlete or coach registration. Upon registering, athletes and coaches can engage in enhanced programs, benefits, and selected support services through Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and the network of PacificSport regional centres in BC.

Canadian Sport Institute and PacificSport athlete support is divided into **four levels** based on performance, each with a slate of designated benefits. Please click on the following for an outline of Canadian Sport Institute athlete and coach benefits, programs, and services. Please see Appendix 1 for an outline of **BC Ringette Association** targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through **BC Ringette Association**.

Targeted athletes are nominated by **BC Ringette Association** based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to **BC Ringette Association's Executive Director** (executivedirector@bcringette.org). As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward **BC Ringette Association** high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. **BC Ringette Association's Executive Director** and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with **BC Ringette Association** have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / **BC Ringette Association** targeting runs **November 1 – October 31** annually, and athletes are selected based on performances from the previous 12 months. Athletes who meet criteria throughout the annual nomination cycle may be added to the **BC Ringette Association** targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative.

ATHLETE/COACH REGISTRATION

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, he or she will be notified by **BC Ringette Association** and will be provided with information on how to register with his or her local Canadian Sport Institute campus or PacificSport regional centre. A Canadian Sport Institute or PacificSport. Athletes and coaches must register with their local centre in order to receive athlete or coach support.

CORE CRITERIA

1. For PSO/DSO nominations, athletes must be considered in good standing (at the discretion of the PSO/DSO) with **BC Ringette Association** as a competitive athlete and meet the definition of a BC athlete.
2. In principle, all athletes nominated should have a designated coach who is responsible for planned programming with the coach(es)'s name and email identified on the targeted athlete list.
3. Athletes who fail to meet targeting criteria due to injury or absence, may remain on **BC Ringette Association's** nomination list at coach's discretion when:
 - a. There is an expectation the athlete in question would have met criteria if no injury or absence had occurred. **AND;**
 - b. The athlete in question was previously nominated by **BC Ringette Association** in the previous 24 months.
4. **Must maintain a BCRA registered participant number**
5. **At least sixteen (16) years of age prior to the event.**
6. **Pay any required fees.**
7. **Attend all selection camps as stipulated by BC Ringette Association**
8. **Must be training and progressing according to the expectations of Ringette Canada LTAD pathway**

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the **BC Ringette Association** sport-specific criteria:

Podium / Canadian Elite (Sport Canada AAP Carded)

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

- Athletes who appear on the Sport Canada AAP Carding List and verified by the NSO. These athletes are in the High Performance (HP/T2W) stage of the Podium Pathway.

Canadian Development

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

- Athletes who compete on the senior national team in eligible events, but do not receive Sport Canada AAP funding, and verified by the NSO. These athletes are in the High Performance (HP/T2W) stage of the Podium Pathway. **OR;**
- Athletes who are in the HP Athlete Development (L2W/T2W) stage of the Podium Pathway (including Gold Medal Profile), and verified by the NSO. If the NSO does not have an approved Podium Pathway, the following criteria will be used:

- Athletes who have been targeted as 'Hot prospects' defined as the expectation to be selected to the senior national team in eligible events **within 24 months**, and verified by the NSO.

BC Ringette Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who are named to a Ringette Canada Senior National Team for International exhibition games and or World Championships. Senior Team Criteria

OR

- Athletes who have been invited to and attended a Ringette Canada Senior National Team selection camp in the previous 12 months, as verified by the NSO.

Provincial Development Level 1

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

- Athletes who are in the Athlete Identification & Development stage of the Podium Pathway, and who are tracking toward the HP Athlete Development stage according to the NSO-specific Podium Pathway and Gold Medal profile. If the NSO does not have an approved Podium Pathway, the athlete must be tracking toward Canadian Development and meet one of the two criteria below:
 - Have competed at the U23 or Junior World Championships in an eligible event (or equivalent international developmental event) in the past 24 months, **OR**;
 - Have won a medal in an eligible event at their Sport-Specific National Elite/Open, U23, or U19 Championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

*Note: Athletes who are eligible for Provincial Development are typically supported for a maximum duration of 5 years (combined Provincial Development Level 1 and Level 2).

BC Ringette Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athlete is a member of Canada's Junior National team (U19) in the previous 12 months (Refer to Appendix 1 for Ringette Canada High Performance Program Policy).

AND OR

- Athlete has been invited to attend a Jr. National Team selection camp in the previous 12 months

AND OR

- Rostered member of a BC National Ringette League Team.

AND

- Provincial Level Athletes who are tracking towards a Canadian Development level and attaining "Train to Win" off ice expectations according the Ringette's LTAD pathway.

Provincial Development Level 2

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

- Athletes who are in the Athlete Identification & Development stage of the Podium Pathway, and who are tracking toward Provincial Development 1 according to the NSO-specific Podium Pathway and Gold Medal profile. If the NSO does not have an approved Podium Pathway, the athlete must meet one of the two criteria below:
 - Competed in an eligible event at the appropriate age group national championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) and/or place within the top 20% at the appropriate age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;
 - Competed for Team BC at Canada Summer Games or Canada Winter Games in the previous 12 months.

BC Ringette Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Provincial Level Athletes who are tracking towards a Provincial Development level 1 and attaining “Train to compete” off ice expectations according the Ringette’s LTAD pathway

AND

- Must be on AA team (or higher) within BC

AND

- On the roster of the Canada Winter Games Team TEAM BC (See Appendix 2)
 - In Games year (2018-19; 2022-23) or 1 year post Games, must be a team member or alternate
 - In one year pre-Games (2021-22) member of official short list

Coach Nomination

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

Coaches are nominated by having his or her name included in the targeted athlete list when they are the coach of an athlete who achieves designated criteria. The PSO/DSO may nominate up to two coaches per athlete in cases where both the Provincial/National coach and a personal coach have a significant impact on the athlete’s training program. While not required, it is highly recommended that PSO/DSO nominated coaches meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be the lead person designing and implementing an annual training program for the athlete.
- Be designated as Provincial or Regional coach by the PSO/DSO.
- Be designated as a National Development / Senior National coach by the NSO.
- Be designated as athlete’s coach of record based on sport-specific criteria below.

APPENDIX 1: Ringette Canada High Performance Program Policy

Purpose

1. The Purpose of this Policy is to set Ringette Canada's procedures, guidelines, criteria, standards and timelines governing High Performance Programs as it fulfills its responsibility to organize, develop and select ringette players and teams to represent Ringette Canada at Domestic and International events.

Application of this Policy

2. This Policy applies to all parties who may be interested or engaged in any activities related to the High Performance Program as outlined herein.

Definitions

3. The following term has this meaning in this Policy: "National Team Committee" – The High Performance Committee when executing the duties outlined in this Policy.

Communication

4. This Policy, and any amendments to this Policy, will be published on Ringette Canada's website as soon as practicable.

Authority for High Performance Programs and Selection

5. The Board has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the High Performance Committee.

Goals/Objectives of Team Selection

6. The selection criteria shall be approved by the Board and are designed to select athletes who will create the best possible competitive and cohesive team.

Team Size

7. Team size will be dictated by the event. When this is not the case, the High Performance Committee will have the discretion to name a larger team that will include a greater number of reserve athletes, or to name a smaller team due to resource constraints.

Team Announcement

8. Ringette Canada will announce the selected team within seven (7) days of the final selection camp by posting the team list on Ringette Canada's website and by contacting selected athletes directly or via telephone.

Athlete Eligibility

9. To be eligible to be considered for selection, an athlete must:

- 9.1 Be a registered member in good standing of Ringette Canada, her provincial/territorial Ringette association and her local ringette association (Recommended AA caliber);
- 9.2 Be a citizen of Canada or have resided in Canada for at least four (4) years immediately preceding the event;
- 9.3 Be a permanent resident at least 180 days prior to the selection camp of provincial/territorial ringette association in which she is representing;
- 9.4 At least sixteen (16) years of age prior to the event;
- 9.5 Nominated by her provincial/territorial ringette association or identified by Ringette Canada;
- 9.6 Pay any required fees;
- 9.7 Attend all selection camps as required; and
- 9.8 Eligible to participate as per the rules of the applicable event.

Residency

10. Eligible athlete must declare their provincial/territorial permanent residency upon application for selection. An athlete will only have one permanent residence.
11. Athletes attending school in a full-time basis outside of their province of permanent residence will be permitted to represent their province/territory of permanent residence or the province/territory in which the athlete attends school.
12. Athletes wishing to represent their province/territory in which they are a full-time student, not their province/territory of permanent residence, must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the academic year and must be a registered member of that particular provincial/territorial ringette association.
13. Athletes registered with a provincial/territorial ringette association outside of their permanent residence may be deemed by the High Performance Committee eligible if the athlete:
 - a. Is a registered member of a ringette club and provincial/territorial ringette association for the entire immediate previous competitive season; or
 - b. Represented that province/territory at the immediate previous Canadian Ringette Championships; or
 - c. Attended school full-time the immediate previous academic year.
14. The permanent residence of an athlete will be determined by the High Performance Committee.
15. Provincial/Territorial Associations may challenge the permanent residency of an athlete within thirty (30) days prior to the first selection camp or ten (10) days after application.

Selection Camps

16. The High Performance Committee will host selection camps for any eligible athlete wishing for selection on the National Team.

Team Selection Process

17. The High Performance Committee will:
 - 17.1 Appoint the Head Coach, Assist Coach and Team Manager;
 - 17.2 Recommend the hiring of paid Staff and consultants;
 - 17.3 In conjunction with the Head Coach and Coaching Staff, develop a list of characteristics and physical tests to be completed by each eligible athlete;
 - 17.4 Ensure a minimum of one (1) athlete per province/territory is a member of the team, including reserves;
 - 17.5 Ensure that in the event that one of the top ranked athletes decides not to join the team, the next highest ranked athlete will be asked as a replacement; and
 - 17.6 Remove themselves from any discussions, ranking and voting if there exists a conflict of interest.

Exceptions

18. A maximum of two (2) athletes may be added to the team by the National Team Committee, upon their sole discretion, if the appointed athletes were unable to participate in mandatory events, competitions or evaluations due to illness, injury, other medical circumstance or personal, educational or competitive commitments.
19. If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process or its timelines to be implemented as planned, the National Team Committee reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all eligible athletes will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

Athlete Requirements to Remain Selected and Removal

20. Upon selection and in order to remain on the National Team an athlete must:
 - 20.1 Sign a Team Member Agreement;
 - 20.2 Provide to Ringette Canada all required documents (medical records, classification card, birth certificate, health card, etc.);
 - 20.3 Participate in all team events, activities and meetings;

- 20.4 Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds;
- 20.5 Obey all rules established by Ringette Canada; and
- 20.6 Assist Ringette Canada in public relation and fundraising project where required.

21. Once selected to a team, an athlete may withdraw or be withdrawn for the following reasons:

- 21.1 Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Head Coach;
- 21.2 Failure to adhere to team rules and Ringette Canada's Code of Conduct and policies;
- 21.3 Failure to remain competitive-ready leading up to the event. Athletes who do not remain competitive ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level;
- 21.4 Voluntary withdrawal/retirement; or
- 21.5 Fraudulent misrepresentation.

22. Where an athlete is unable to meet training standards, competitive readiness, violates team rules or the code of conduct or provides fraudulent misrepresentations, the High Performance Committee will have the discretion to remove the athlete from the team and to replace the athlete with another suitable candidate.

23. The High Performance Committee will notify the athlete in writing that she has been removed from the team and reasons for the removal.

Funding

24. Any money required to be contributed by the athlete must be paid to Ringette Canada as requested. Failure to pay such monies may result in the athlete removal from the Team.

Appeals

25. Any appeal against a decision of the High Performance Committee can be made in accordance with the Ringette Canada Appeal Policy.

This Policy is subject to review at least once every three years

Date of last review: July 2011

The publication of Ringette Canada policies will be in the English and French languages. In the case of conflicting interpretations, the English version will prevail.

APPENDIX 2: BC Ringette's Canada Winter Games Player Selection Policy.

Selection Committee

The team selection committee will be comprised of the CWG Head Coach and Assistant Coaches', with assistance from external evaluators. The external evaluators' names will be approved by BCRA. Team staff has the final say on player selection.

Criteria for Team Section

No athletes shall be eliminated for the reason of injury or documented conflicts, unless they are no longer able to compete in the program. (major injury or conflict that would prohibit them from competing at the time of the games).

Any athlete that registers before the August Tournament camp shall be allowed reasonable ice time to be evaluated prior to being released or advanced through the program.

Any released athlete may appeal the decision within 72 hours by following the steps outlined in the appeal policy.

Every athlete involved in the process must pay the total amount of the try-out fee, whether she attends all camps or not, in order to advance to the next level.

Athlete Selection

Athlete will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Skating technique, speed and agility
- Legal aggressive play during game situations
- Checking ability
- Play making ability
- Ringette related physical fitness
- Ringette related physical strength
- Coachability and willingness to try new techniques, strategies and tactics
- Team play and ability to work with everyone
- Athlete potential
- Game sense and a strong work ethic

The most emphasis is on team play, followed by skating speed, aggressiveness and coachability.

The other skills will be averaged out and athletes that rank the highest of all skills mentioned above will be selected for the CWG Team BC ringette team. This decision will be on a number score of +/- allowing room for attitude.

Number of Athlete Selected

The first releases will start after August 15, two years before the games. All athletes will be notified in person or by phone if there is a geographical challenge. All athletes will be informed as to what strengths they possess in the sport, areas they could work on and the reason that they were reassigned. The CWG will be reduced to approximately 60 athletes minimum after the first camp.

The second release will start August 29, two years before the games. All athletes will be notified in person or by phone if there is a geographical challenge, and will receive a letter confirming their status. All athletes will be informed as to what strengths they possess in the sport, areas they could work on and the reason that they were reassigned. The CWG roster will be reduced to approximately 35 players minimum after the second camp.

The third releases will start after the camp in January, one year before the games. All athletes will be notified in person as to their status, there will be no phone calls at this time. All athletes that are released will be given a ranking of where they are at present against the other players, and a formal presentation

of the grades will be presented to them. The CWG roster will be reduced to approximately 24 players minimum after this camp.

After the January Camp, all players remaining will be considered the traveling squad guaranteed for the first tournament. After this athletes may be released at any time. The roster of 22 will be decided by December, 3 months before the games, and the final 18 players will be determined in early February, one month before the games.