




Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and Squash BC Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria

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PURPOSE

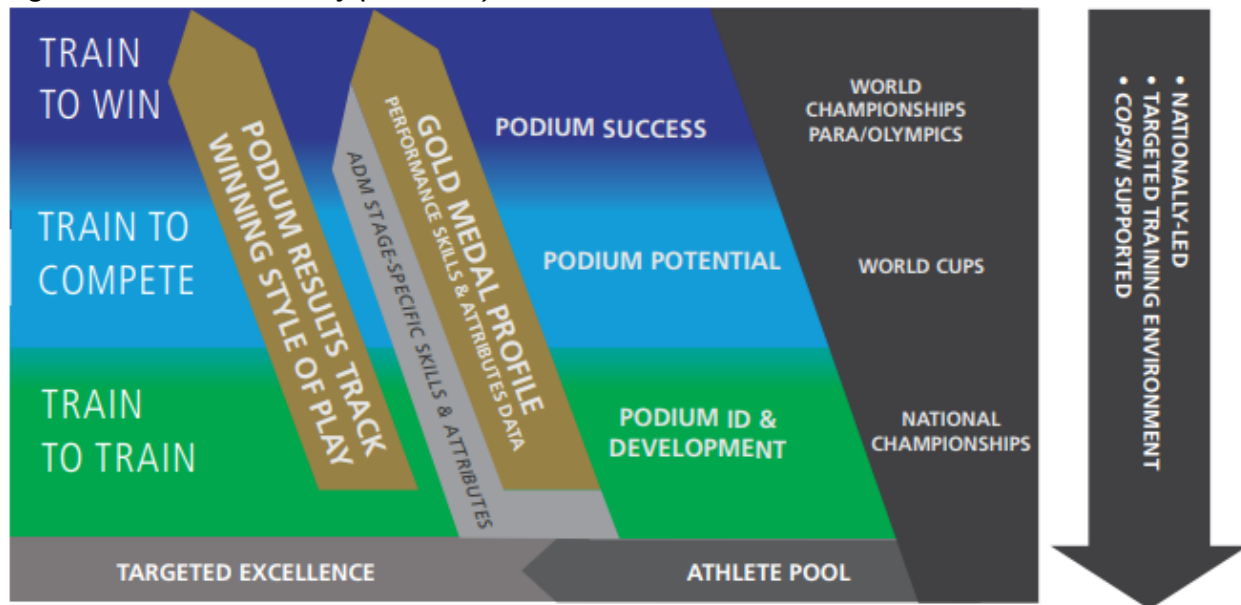
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Squash BC, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage 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 Squash BC 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 international 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 international 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 away) and future generations (9-12 years away) of Olympic and Paralympic (or World Championship) medallists. Support may be focussed more toward the future generation (9-12 years away) for some targeted Paralympic sports depending on the quality of the next generation (5-8 years away) of athletes and teams.

Figure 1 – Podium Pathway (LTAD 3.0)



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, Squash BC 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 Squash BC targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Squash BC.

Targeted athletes are nominated by Squash BC based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Nancy Thompson, Squash BC Executive Director, executive.director@squashbc.com. As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward Squash BC high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Nancy Thompson, Squash BC Executive Director and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Squash BC have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Squash BC targeting runs February 1st to January 31st 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 Squash BC 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 Squash BC 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 Squash BC 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 Squash BC'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 Squash BC in the previous 24 months.

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the Squash BC 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.

**Note, it is the responsibility of Squash BC, in consultation with the NSO, to identify and nominate any Sport Canada AAP Carded athletes meeting Core Criteria.*

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 “NextGen” defined as the expectation to be selected to the senior national team in eligible events **within 24 months**, and verified by the NSO.

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Be a named member of the Squash Canada Transition Squad or a non-carded member of the Squash Canada High Performance Squad in the last 24 months, **OR;**
- Competed in one of the following events in the past 24 months: Pan-Am Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympics, World Senior Championships, **OR;**
- Links -- Squash Canada High Performance & Transition Squads: <http://www.squash.ca/en/squads>

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 the criteria below:
 - Met specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile categories: Physical, Technical, Tactical, Mental, Lifestyle),

AND

- Competed at the U23 or Junior World Championships in an eligible event (or equivalent international developmental event) in the past 24 months, **OR;**

- 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, there is an expectation that athletes nominated at the Provincial Development level convert into National Team programs (Canadian Development or Podium / Canadian Elite) within a maximum duration of five years (combined Provincial Development Level 1 and Level 2).*

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Be named to the Squash Canada Talent Identification (TID) Squad in the previous 24 months, OR;
- Have competed for a Canadian National Team in the past 24 months (e.g. World Individual or Team Junior Championships, Junior Pan Am Games, Battle of the Borders or equivalent events as determined by Squash BC)

Squash Canada Talent Identification Squads: <http://www.squash.ca/en/squads>

OR, achieve one of the following results in the past 24 months:

- U19 Division – World Junior Individual Championships (Top 16)
- U19 Division - Pan Am Junior Invite – Individual Singles Event (Champion)
- U17 or U19 Division – Canadian Junior Squash Championships (Finalist)
- U17 or U19 Division – Prontefract Junior Open, British Junior Open and Scottish Junior Open (Top 16)
- U17 or U19 Division – Canadian Junior Open, US Junior Open, Pioneer Junior Open, or Dutch Junior Open, or other National Junior Opens (Top 4)
- U13 and U15 Canadian Junior Squash (Champion)
- U15 and U17 World Junior (Finalist)

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 the criteria below:
 - Met specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile categories: Physical, Technical, Tactical, Mental, Lifestyle),

AND

- Competed in an eligible event at the appropriate² age group national championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months, **OR**;
- Won a medal in an eligible event at their appropriate age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;

² Definition of appropriate is based on a number of factors such as peak development age, average age of National Team, sport's competition schedule, and logical pathway progression. Final determination will be made by CSI Pacific.

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria

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- Be a member of the Provincial Training Squad for the squash season in which they are nominated for Canadian Sport Institute / Pacific Sport athlete registration, and/or for the previous season (September to April), OR:
- Selected to represent BC in National Team Competition (e.g. Canada Winter Games, Team Junior Championships, Canadian Men's Team Championships, Canadian Women's Team Championships, or equivalent events as determined by Squash BC).

AND

- Be at least 14 years old by December 31 of the calendar year in which they are nominated for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport athlete registration.

Link:

[Squash BC Provincial Training Squad Information \(see Squash BC Policies & Procedures: p19-20 section 8.D.i to x.\)](#)

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.

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria: (Optional):

- Be an NCCP Certified Provincial Squash Coach (Competitions-Development Level),
AND
- Coach a Squash BC Provincial Team or Squad Camp
OR;
- Be the primary individual coach of an athlete named to the CSI Targeted Athlete List,
OR:
- Be a member of the High-Performance Project Working Group