



**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific
and **BC Wheelchair Sports Association (Athletics)**
Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria**

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PURPOSE

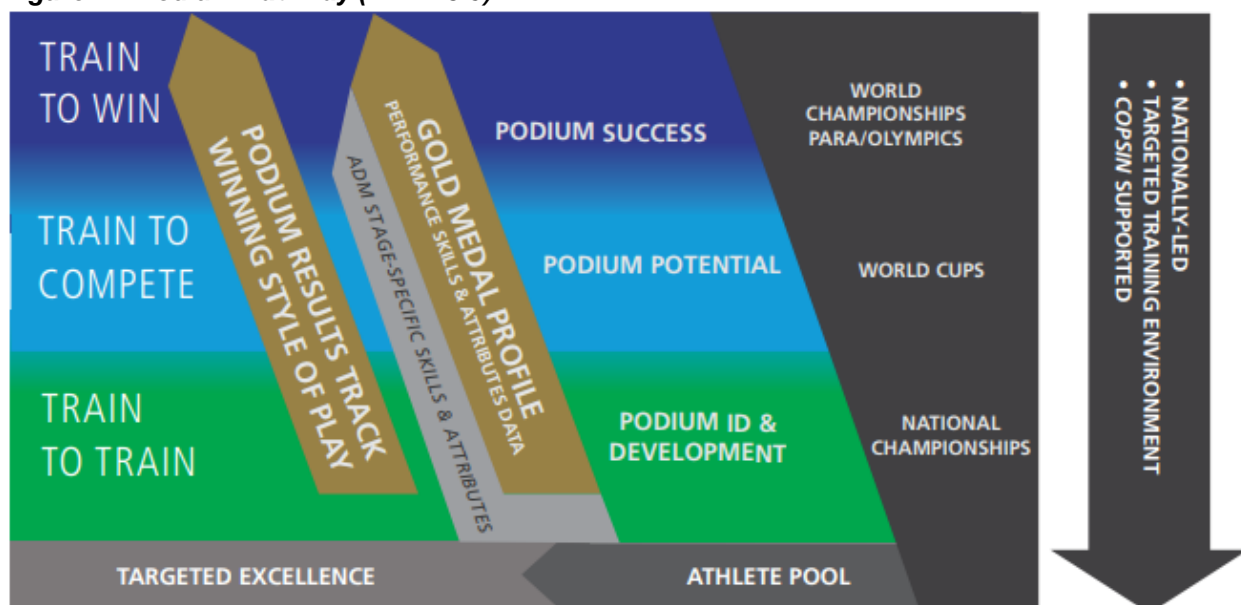
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and BC Wheelchair Sports Association collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches 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 Wheelchair Sports 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 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, BC Wheelchair Sports 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 Wheelchair Sports Association targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through BC Wheelchair Sports Association.

Targeted athletes are nominated by BC Wheelchair Sports Association based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Ana Karanovic (Program Coordinator) at ana@bcwheelchairsports.com; James Hustvedt (Provincial Wheelchair Racing Coach) james@bcwheelchairsports.com; or Garrett Collier (Provincial Seated Throws Coach). As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward BC Wheelchair Sports Association high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. The BCWSA Program Coordinator, Provincial Coaches and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with BC Wheelchair Sports Association have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / BC Wheelchair Sports Association targeting runs December 1st – November 30th annually, and athletes are selected based on performances from the previous 24 months. Athletes who meet criteria throughout the annual nomination cycle may be added to the BC Wheelchair Sports 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 Wheelchair Sports 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 Wheelchair Sports 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 Wheelchair Sports 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 Wheelchair Sports Association in the previous 24 months.
4. Participate in, or are available for, BCWSA programs and compete in BC Athletics and/or WPA Athletics Sanctioned meets.
5. Are a past, current or potential future internationally classifiable Men's/Women's athlete in wheelchair athletics (wheelchair racing and/or seated throws). Classification review would need to have occurred within the past 24 months or within the next 12 months.

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the BC Wheelchair Sports 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.

**Note, it is the responsibility of BC Wheelchair Sports Association, 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.

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who meet the minimum performance criteria for development level carding set by Athletics Canada and did not receive AAP Carding – See carding list and AC AAP Selection Criteria here: <http://athletics.ca/national-team/services/athlete-assistance-program/#sthash.tg3KoTbI.dpbs> **OR**;
- Athletes who are selected to the CAPP Program (International Level or higher) as outlined by Athletics Canada – see CAPP Pathway and Selection Policy here: <http://athletics.ca/national-team/services/nextgen-program/#sthash.zs0UlvAR.dpbs>

AND

- Athletes who comply with most benchmarks (70%) outlined for Learn to Win/Train to Win stage in the HP Pathway identified in Appendix B.

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).*

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who are selected to the CAPP Program (Talent Confirmation Level or higher) as outlined by Athletics Canada – see CAPP Pathway and Selection Criteria here: <http://athletics.ca/national-team/services/nextgen-program/#sthash.zs0UlvAR.dpbs> **OR**;
- Athletes who have competed in an eligible event at their Sport Specific National Championships in the previous 24 months and placed in the top 20% in one or more of their events (based on classification and depth of field) **OR**;
- Athletes who have competed at one or more IPC Grand Prix Meets (or equivalent international developmental event) in the previous 24 months and placed in the top half in one or more of their events (based on classification and depth of field)

AND

- Athlete is ranked on the World Para Athletics Annual Recorded Best Performances list. **AND**;
- Athlete complies with most benchmarks (75%) outlined for Train to Compete Stage in the HP Pathway identified in Appendix B.

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**;

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who have competed in an eligible event at age-group National Championships and/or placed within the top 20% at age-group Provincial Championships in the previous 24 months (based on classification and depth of field), **OR**;
- Athletes who have been identified to compete for Team BC at the Canada Summer Games within the previous 24 months.

AND

- Athlete has participated in BCWSA Athletics clinics or targeted events in the last 24 months **AND**;
- Athlete follows BCWSA Athletics general YTP and competes in provincial track and field meets **AND**;
- Athlete complies with most benchmarks (75%) outlined for Train to Train Stage in the HP Pathway identified in Appendix B.

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.

- An athlete may be considered if he/she is an essential part of maintaining a training group for the benefit of other targeted athletes in the program: based on classification and past experience. This criterion includes athletes who are former National Team athletes who enhance the training group.

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.

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Sport-Specific Criteria: (Optional):

- Must be current member in good standing with BC Wheelchair Sports Association.
- Must have, at minimum, NCCP Club Coach or Performance Coach training and working towards certification in the next 3 years.
- Must be working directly with athletes in the BCWSA WC Athletics Program.

APPENDIX 1 – Sport-Specific Benefits, Programs, and Services

BC Wheelchair Sports Association Targeted Athlete/Coach Benefits, Programs, and Services

Access to IST Services

Access to nutrition, anti-doping education, mental training, strength and conditioning, and other performance enhancement workshops and sessions as per yearly training program.

Insurance

BCWSA provides insurance coverage for individual members through SBC Insurance Agencies LTD. This coverage includes general accident and third party liability and covers all training and competition activities (within Canada) authorized by BCWSA and our clubs. Director's Liability Insurance for clubs is also included.

Access to BCWSA Programs

Individual members are eligible to participate in regular BCWSA Athletics programming and sanctioned regional, provincial and national level events such as; BCWSA Clinics, BC Development and Provincial Team Programs. Members are also eligible to participate in the BCWSA Wheelchair Loan Program.

Access to Additional Funding

Individual members are given consideration for Travel Subsidies, IST Access, and Provincial Team Funding. Funding support is also provided for Coaching education and development.

Newsletter/Website

Members receive electronic issues of the newsletter throughout the year keeping them informed and up-to-date on wheelchair sports programs, current events, tournaments, and other wheelchair sports news. Members are also promoted regularly through our website: www.bcwheelchairsports.com.

Category	Benchmark or KPI	Provincial Dev 2	Provincial Dev 1	Canada Development	Canadian Elite
Approximate LTAD Stage		Train to Train/Train to Compete	Train to Compete/Learn to Win	Learn to win/Train to Win	Train to Win
Program	Daily Training Environment	70% attendance based on 2 days per week*	80% attendance based on 4 days per week*	80% attendance based on minimum 4 days per week	N/A
Program	Competition Level Attended	Results at Provincial Track Meets &/or National Championship in the last 24 months	Results at National Championship & IPC Sanctioned meet in last 24 months	Results at multiple IPC Sanctioned meets in the last 24 months	N/A
Program	BCWSA Clinics	100% attendance*	100% attendance*	N/A	N/A
Program	Min. Hours Training / week	4	6-8	8-10	N/A
Performance Services	IST Services	Accessing group services at BCWSA clinics	Accessing 1 – 2 IST practitioners	Accessing 2 – 3 IST practitioners	N/A
Performance Services	Workshop attendance (CSI Pacific/ PacificSport &/or BCWSA Clinics)	Minimum 1 per year	Minimum 1 per year	Minimum 1 per year	N/A
Monitoring	Meetings with BCWSA Athletics program coaches	Check-in minimum every 4 weeks to monitor training and evaluate performance based on YTPs	Daily online tracking sheet to monitor training and evaluate performance based on ITPs	N/A	N/A
IPC Rankings	% of Current World Para Athletics Ranking	≤ 80% of the top 8 World Para Athletics Ranking	Between 80% - 90% of the 8 th Para-Athlete on the Current World Rankings	≥ 90% or greater of the 8 th Para-Athlete on the Current World Rankings	N/A

(*Benchmarks currently based on 2019-20 Provincial Team Criteria with updates due to COVID-19 restraints)

* Unless medical, education, or other extenuating circumstances prevent attendance, whereby documentation will be provided to BCWSA for review.