





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

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PURPOSE

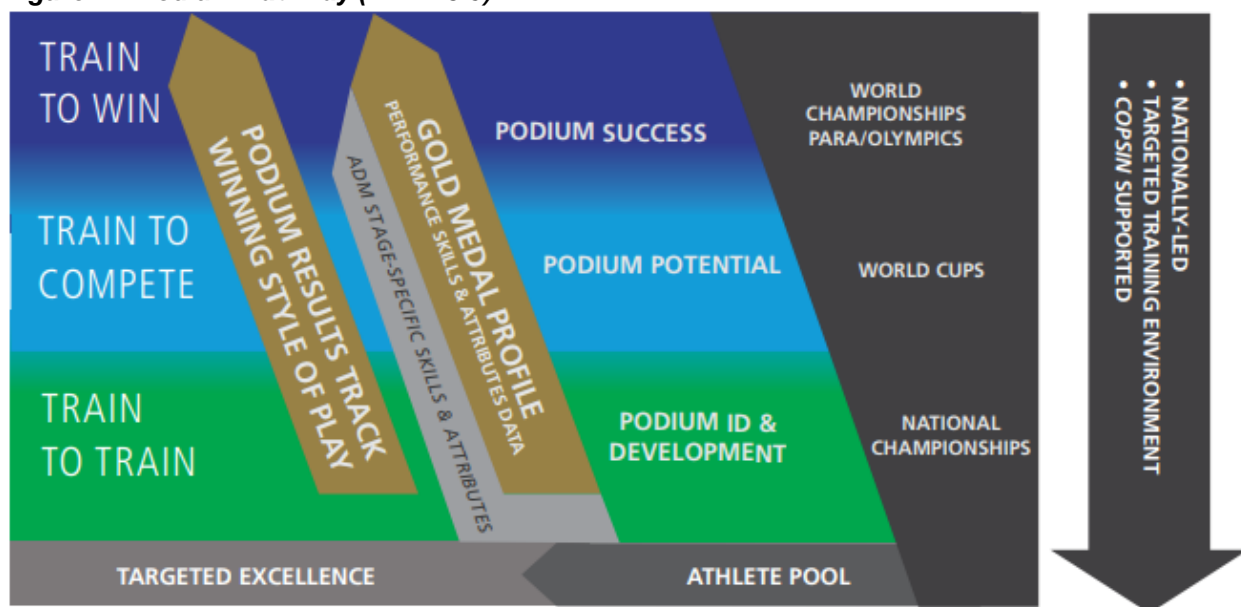
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and BC Wheelchair Sports Association, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches 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 Michelle McDonell, michelle@bcwheelchairsports.com. 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. Michelle McDonell 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 12 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 competitions.
5. For Open Division athletes – meet Minimum Impairment Criteria as outlined in the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Classification Rules.
6. For Quad Division athletes – hold at least a P (provisional) status Quad classification and have a plan to attend classification and achieve a C (confirmed) status Quad classification 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:

- Athlete meets Tennis Canada criteria for selection to the National High Performance Program Development Stream (see <http://www.tenniscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2019-National-HP-Program-Final.pdf>) as assessed by their ITF singles ranking for their division. **AND;**
- Athlete has been selected to attend events targeted by Team Canada (at the junior or senior level). **AND;**
- Athlete complies 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:

- Have competed at the Junior World Team Cup or equivalent International Development Event in the previous 24 months. **OR;**
- Have won a medal in an eligible event at an ITF Futures-level event or above (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

AND

Meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently targeted for Tennis Canada HP Pathway funding support.
- Identified to receive targeted coaching support from Tennis Canada.
- Currently receiving S&C and other services through an IST service provider.

- Competed at four ITF events (including the Junior ITF camp for Junior athletes) in the previous 24 months.
- Complies with most (70%) benchmarks outlined for Train to Compete / Learn to Win 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:

- Have competed in an eligible event at the National Championships in the previous 24 months. **OR**;
- Place within the top 16 men's, top 8 women's, top 8 quad's, or top 4 junior's at an ITF Futures event in the previous 24 months.

AND

Meet all of the following criteria in the previous 24 months

- Regularly attends Provincial Team Training Camps and/or targeted group training opportunities.
- Trains regularly (2+ days/week) with their personal and/or provincial team coach.
- Competed at 2 ITF events (including the Junior ITF camp for Junior athletes)
- Complies with most benchmarks outlined for Train to Compete / Learn to Win stage in the HP Pathway identified in Appendix B.

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:

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.

- 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.
- Must be certified Club Pro 1 or have a plan in place to achieve this within an agreed timeframe.
- Must have completed the Tennis Canada Wheelchair Tennis Instructors Course.
- Must be working directly with athletes in the Provincial Team 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, doping education, mental training, 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 programming and sanctioned regional, provincial, and national level events such as the BC League, the BC HP League, Development Programs, Tournaments, and Provincial Team / NextGen Programs (including training and competitions). 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 and Officials 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.

APPENDIX B – Wheelchair Tennis HP Pathway Benchmarks

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 4 days per week	N/A
Program	Provincial Team Training Camps	100% attendance*	100% attendance*	100% attendance*	N/A
Program	Provincial Team Testing	100% attendance*	100% attendance*	N/A	N/A
Program	TBC Summer Series Events	2	2	N/A	N/A
Program	ITF Events	2	4	5 or greater	N/A
Program	Min. Training Hours / Week	4	6-8	N/A	N/A
Performance Services	Workshop attendance (CSI-P / Pacific Sport)	1 per year	2 per year	2 per year	N/A
Competition	Participation in National Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ITF Ranking	ITF Ranking (as of one week prior to new list submission)	Men: ≤ 250 Women: ≤ 150 Quad: ≤ 65 Junior Boys: ≤ 40 Junior Girls: ≤ 20	Men: ≤ 200 Women: ≤ 100 Quad: ≤ 50 Junior Boys: ≤ 30 Junior Girls: ≤ 15	Men: 81-150 Women: 51-75 Quad: 36-50 Junior Boys: Top 80 Junior Girls: Top 30	Men: ≤ 80 Women: ≤ 50 Quad: ≤ 35 Junior: N/A
Monitoring	Meetings with BCWSA Program Coach	Check-in minimum monthly to monitor training and evaluate performance based on YTPs	Check-in minimum bi-weekly to monitor training and evaluate performance based on ITPs	N/A	N/A
Objective Testing Score	Based on combined objective score matrix in Provincial Team Selection Criteria	≥ 50%	≥ 50%	N/A	N/A

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