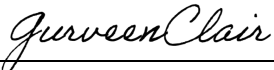





**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific
and BC Artistic Swimming
Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria**

Criteria Approved **January 26th, 2021:**

CSI Pacific Representative	
	Signature
BC Artistic Swimming Representative	
	Signature

PURPOSE

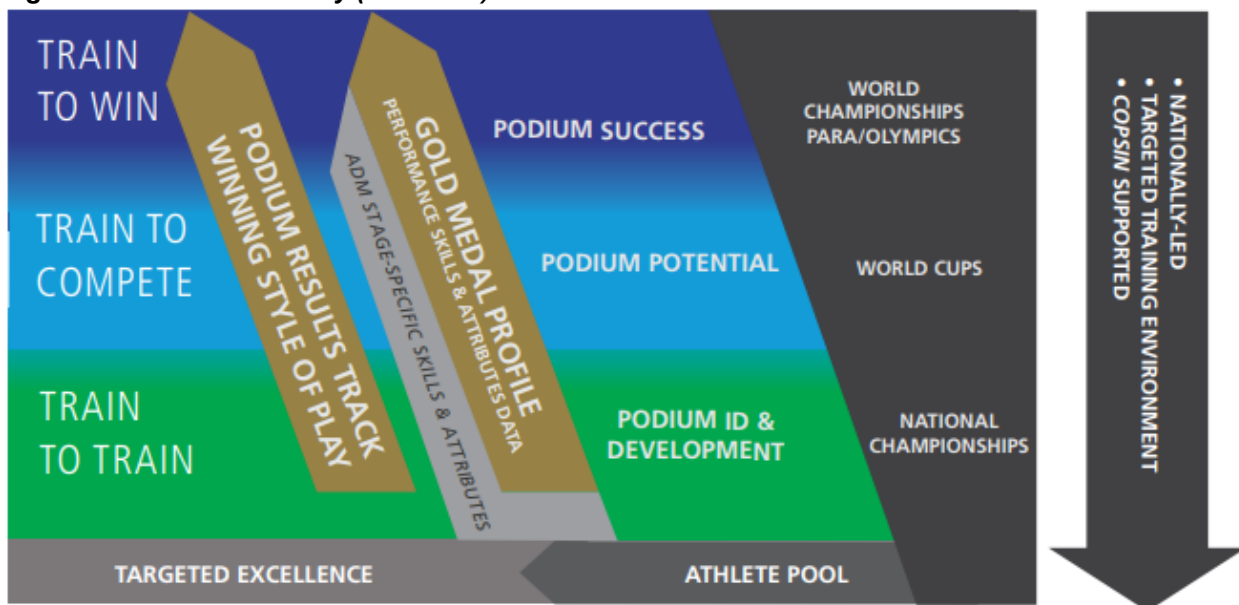
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and **BC Artistic Swimming**, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have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

Targeted athletes are nominated by **BC Artistic Swimming** based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to **BC Artistic Swimming High Performance Directo**, hpd@bcartisticswimming.ca. As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward **BC Artistic Swimming** high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. **The BC Artistic Leadership Team, including the High Performance Lead, Sport Development Director, and Executive Director**, and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with **BC Artistic Swimming** have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / **BC Artistic Swimming** targeting runs **February 1 – January 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 Artistic Swimming** 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 Artistic Swimming** 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 Artistic Swimming** 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 Artistic Swimming's** nomination list at the BCAS Leadership Team'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 Artistic Swimming** in the previous 24 months.

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the **BC Artistic Swimming** 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 Artistic Swimming, 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 Artistic Swimming Sport-Specific Criteria:

- BC Athletes who are members of a Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS) **Senior, Junior, or 13-15** National Team who do not meet **Sport Canada AAP Carding Criteria** in the past 24 months as verified by the NSO;

OR

- BC Athletes who are members of a Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS) **Senior, Junior, or 13-15** National Team Athlete Pool in past 24 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 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 Artistic Swimming Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Placed in a podium position – Top 3 – at Canadian Artistic Swimming Championships within the last 24-months in any event where the field of competition is greater than five (5). Technical and or Free Routines will qualify for Senior and Junior athletes;

OR

- Athletes who were named to Team BC – Artistic Swimming, for the Canada Summer or Winter Games in the previous 24-months.

OR

- Athletes who have achieved at least one of the criteria below, within the last 24 months:
 - BC Athletes invited to participate in a Senior, Junior, or 13-15 National Team Athlete Pool Selection Camp and/or a national development initiative (e.g., Project Paris, etc.) **OR**;
 - BC Athletes selected to participate and registered in the Ignite Gold Provincial High Performance Program. **OR**;
 - USPORT and NCAA University athletes* who train in BC for a minimum of three months **AND** are selected to participate in the Ignite Gold Provincial High Performance Program.

**Note: After 3 years of eligibility, the USPORT and NCAA University athlete must participate in a Provincial High Performance Program to continue nomination eligibility.*

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 Artistic Swimming Sport-Specific Criteria

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- BC Athletes who are selected to and registered in the Ignite Silver Provincial High Performance Program, within the 12-month nomination cycle.

OR

- Placed in the Top 3 among BC Athletes at Canadian Artistic Swimming Championships, National Qualifier, or National Stream Provincial Championship in any event, where the field of competition is greater than five (5) within the past 24 months

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 Artistic Swimming Sport-Specific Criteria: (Optional):

- Be certified as an NCCP Competition Development Coach or higher

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.