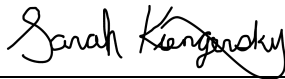





Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and British Columbia Amateur Synchronized Swimming Association (Synchro BC) Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria

Criteria Approved: January 14, 2019

CSI Pacific Representative	
	Signature
Synchro BC Representative	
	Signature

PURPOSE

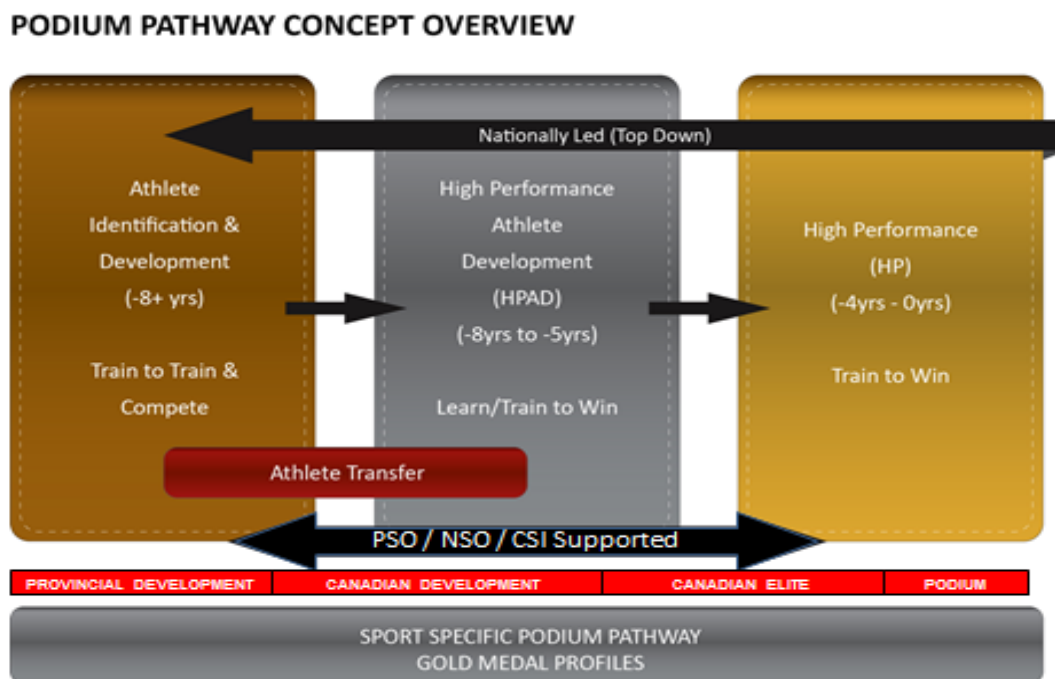
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Synchro BC, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage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

Targeted athletes are nominated by Synchro BC based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Susan Kemper (hpd@synchro.bc.ca). As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward Synchro BC high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Susan Kemper and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Synchro BC have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

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

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the Synchro 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.

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.

Synchro BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Synchro Canada National Senior Team athlete who do not meet [Sport Canada AAP Carding Criteria](#);

AND

- Athletes who have been selected to National Team Centre of Excellence Athlete Pool in past 24 months

AND/OR

- CIS and NCAA University athletes who train in BC for a minimum of three months verified by the NSO as being in the National Senior Team Pool for current Olympic quadrennial.

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).

Synchro BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who are actively training and competing for Synchro BC;

AND

- Athletes who have been selected to AG13-15 or Junior National Team in the past 12 months
 - Junior Teams
 - 13-15 Teams;

OR

- Medaled at National Championships (COSSC or Espoir) Figures, Solo, Duet, Team, Free Combination Team, or Highlight Team where field of play is greater than 20. Technical and or Free Routines will qualify for Senior and Junior athletes.

OR

- Athletes who have achieved one of the criteria below.
 - a. Senior Athletes invited to participate in the 2018-19 NextGen Athlete Pool Trials
 - b. Junior Athletes invited to participate in the 2018-19 Junior Worlds Athlete Pool Trials
 - c. AG13-15 Athletes who place in the Top 36 of Phase 2 of National Team Trials
 - d. Currently participate (within 12-month nomination cycle) in Synchro BC Talent Identification Program

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.

Synchro BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes who are actively training and competing for Synchro BC
- AND
- Currently participate (within 12-month nomination cycle) in Synchro BC's Train to Train Program.
- OR

Meet one of the following:

- Athletes who rank 1-6 provincially in Junior and/or 13-15 National Stream Results (Provincial Championships, National Qualifier and National Championships)
- Athletes who place in the top 10 in Senior Solo or Duet, Technical and /or Free Events at the COSSC Nationals

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.

Synchro BC Sport-Specific Criteria: (Optional):

- Be certified as an NCCP Competition Development Coach or higher