



**VOLLEYBALLBC**

**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific  
and Volleyball BC  
Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria**

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## PURPOSE

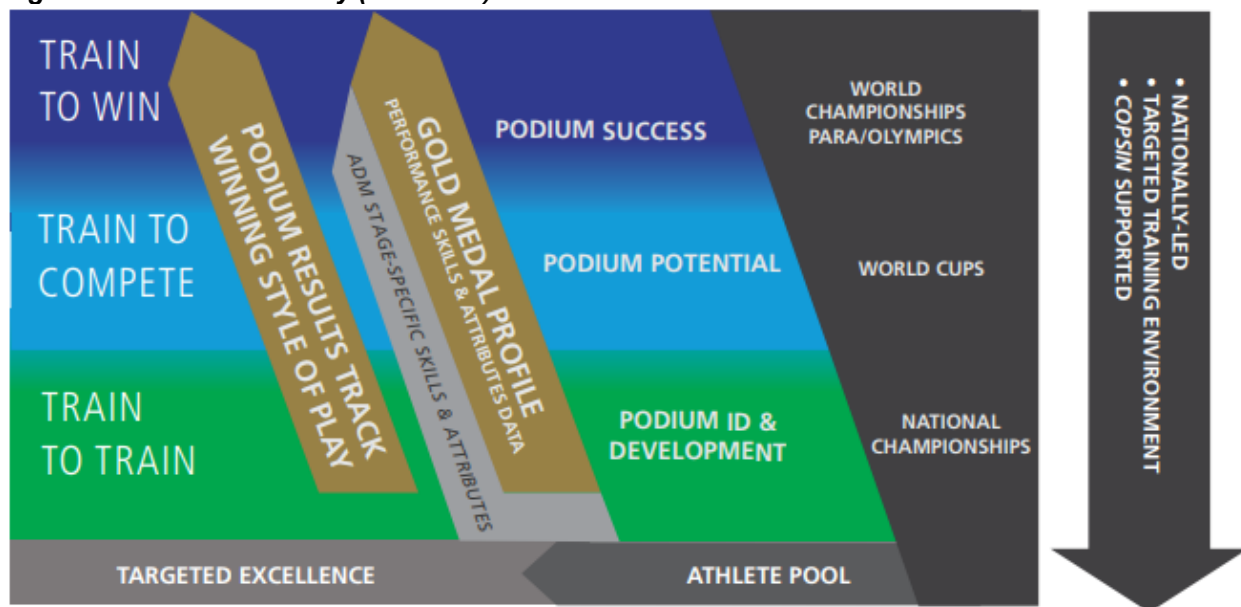
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Volleyball BC collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes<sup>1</sup> on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every 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 with which to identify athletes and coaches within the Volleyball BC high performance program as well as athletes who are tracking against key development pathway metrics toward national teams. The levels within the targeted pathway 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 Sport Canada AAP Carded nomination focuses on athletes and teams 0-4 years from the international podium, identified by the sport-specific Podium Pathway (Figure 1) 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 (Figure 1) 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.

**Figure 1 – Podium Pathway (LTAD 3.0)**



<sup>1</sup> A BC athlete is defined as an athlete born, developed, and/or trained/centralized (for a minimum of three (3) months in a twelve (12) month period) in British Columbia.

## **DETAILS**

Through the above partnership, and with the above purpose in mind, Volleyball BC may nominate athletes and their coaches who meet specific criteria for Canadian Sport Institute Pacific / PacificSport athlete or coach enrollment. Upon completion of enrollment and onboarding, 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 / PacificSport athlete support is divided into four levels based on performance, each with a slate of designated benefits. Please see Appendix A for an outline of Volleyball BC targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Volleyball BC.

Targeted athletes are nominated by Volleyball BC based on the athlete criteria below. As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward Volleyball BC high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Volleyball BC's Head of Programs and Pathways, Adrian Goodmurphy, and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Volleyball BC have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Adrian Goodmurphy at [agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org](mailto:agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org)

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Volleyball BC targeting runs July 1 to June 30 annually, and athletes are selected based on performances from the previous 12 months. Athletes meeting criteria throughout the annual nomination cycle may be added to the Volleyball BC targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Adrian Goodmurphy at [agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org](mailto:agoodmurphy@volleyballbc.org)

## **ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT**

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by Volleyball BC and will be provided with information on how to enroll. All athletes and coaches must enroll with Canadian Sport Institute / Pacific Sport in order to receive athlete or coach supports and benefits.

## CORE CRITERIA

1. For PSO/DSO nominations, athletes must be considered in good standing at the discretion of the PSO/DSO with Volleyball BC as a competitive athlete and meet the definition of a BC athlete.
2. All athletes nominated should have a designated coach who is responsible for planned programming. Specific coach criteria must be identified under coach nominations
3. Athletes who fail to meet targeting criteria due to injury or absence, may remain on Volleyball BC's nomination list at the discretion of the PSO/DSO 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 nominated by Volleyball BC in the previous 24 months.

## LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the Volleyball BC sport-specific criteria:

### Sport Canada AAP Carded

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*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.
  - It is the responsibility of [PSO NAME] to consult with the NSO, identifying and nominating any Sport Canada AAP Carded athletes in the province of British Columbia.

### Canadian Development

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*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.

*Volleyball BC Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- Athletes selected to Senior A or B National Team, not receiving Sport Canada AAP Funding, as verified by the NSO.

OR

- Athletes who have competed as part of Volleyball Canada's FISU Team in the previous 12 months.

OR

- Athletes who have been selected by Volleyball Canada as part of the Youth and or Junior National Program (Men) or (Women).

OR

- Athletes who have participated in Volleyball Canada's National Excellence Program in the previous 12 months (Men) or (Women).

OR

- Beach athletes identified by Volleyball Canada, who are eligible to compete in international competitions, not receiving AAP Funding (<http://www.volleyball.ca/en/beach-teams>).

OR

- Sit Volleyball athletes who are internationally classifiable (classification review has occurred within past 24 month or will occur within the next 12 months)

AND

- Are part of the Senior National Team Program, as verified by the NSO.

### **Provincial Development Level 1**

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#### *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:
  - Meet specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile) **AND**;
  - Athletes at this level are anticipated to convert to national team program as a Canadian Development or Podium athlete within a maximum duration of five years (combined Provincial Development Level One and Two) **AND**;
  - Competed at the appropriate<sup>2</sup> age group or junior world championships in an eligible event (or equivalent international developmental event) in the previous 24 months **OR**;
  - Won a medal in an eligible event at their sport-specific national senior/open, appropriate<sup>2</sup> age group or junior championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

#### *Volleyball BC specific criteria:*

- Athletes who have been selected to the Team BC Select Program. Program information found [here](#)

OR

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

- USPORT, NCAA and CCAA athletes who train in BC for a minimum of three months
- AND
- Been invited to participate in National Team programs, verified by the NSO as having national team potential;
- OR
- Been invited to participate in FISU Identification Camps, verified by the NSO as having national team potential
- OR
- Beach athletes who are currently part of Team BC Beach 21U Program. Program information found [here](#)

### **Provincial Development Level 2**

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#### *Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:*

- Athletes who are in the Athlete Identification & Development stage of the Podium Pathway, and who are tracking toward Provincial Development One 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:
  - Meet specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile) **AND**;
  - Athletes at this level are anticipated to convert to national team program as a Canadian Development or Podium athlete within a maximum duration of five years (combined Provincial Development Level One and Two) **AND**;
  - Competed in an eligible event at the appropriate<sup>2</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;

#### *Volleyball BC specific criteria:*

- Athletes who have been selected to the Team BC Red & Blue program camp based on the Team BC Identification process – information for the identification process can be found [here](#).

## Coach Nomination

### *Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:*

Coaches are nominated 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.

AND,

- NCCP Competition Development Trained Status or ACD coach,

### *Volleyball BC specific criteria:*

- Coached for the Volleyball Canada Youth or Junior National Program (Men) or (Women)

OR

- Coach of Team BC Select Program (Men) or (Women)
- CCAA or USPORT Coach for Canadian Elite, Canadian Development, or Provincial Development nominated athletes.

## **Appendices – Sport may choose to provide appendices below to enhance understanding of criteria**

Appendix A – Sport Specific Eligible Services and Benefits

Appendix B – Sport Specific Athlete Key Performance Indicators or Individual Profile

Appendix C – Sport Specific Team BC Criteria

Appendix D – Sport Specific Coaching Key performance indicators

Appendix E – Sport Specific Nominated Athlete List