



Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and BC SOCCER Athlete/Coach and Referee Nomination Criteria

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PURPOSE

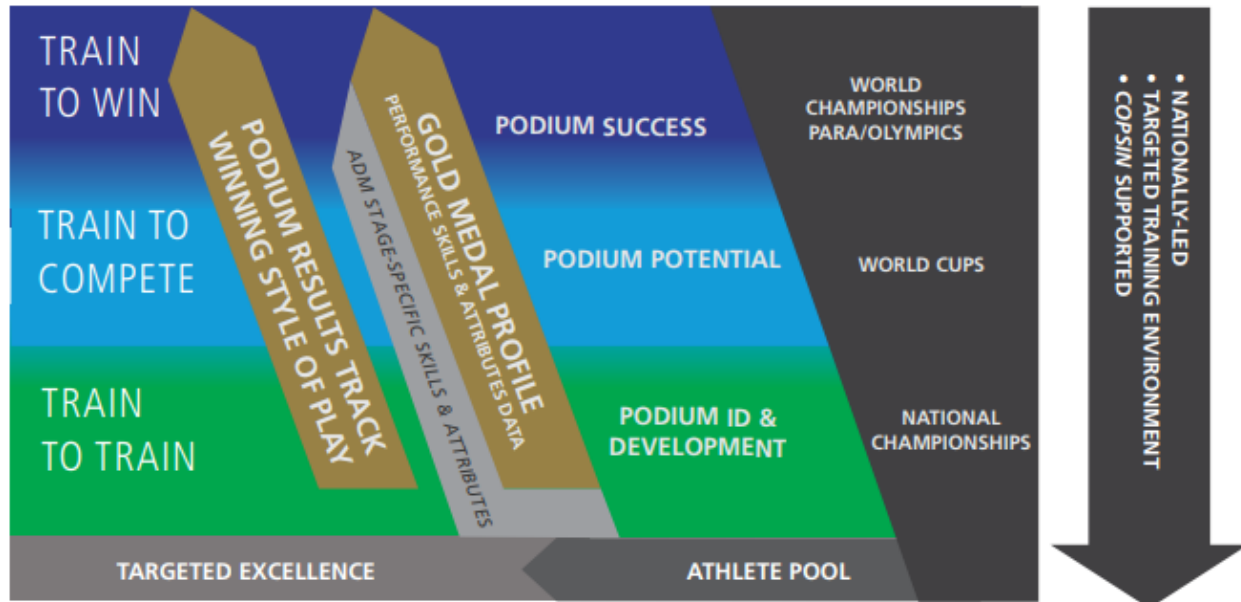
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and BC Soccer, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage 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 BC SOCCER 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)



¹ 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, BC SOCCER 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 BC SOCCER targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through BC Soccer.

Targeted athletes are nominated by BC SOCCER 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 BC SOCCER high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Chris Cerroni, Director of Soccer Development for BC Soccer and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with BC Soccer, have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Chris Cerroni, at chriscerroni@bcsoccer.net.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / BC SOCCER targeting runs October 1st – September 30th 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 BC SOCCER targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Chris Cerroni, at chriscerroni@bcsoccer.net.

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by BC SOCCER 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 BC SOCCER 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 BC Soccer'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 BC SOCCER in the previous 24 months.

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

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

Sport Canada AAP Carded

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

- Athletes who appear on the Sport Canada AAP Carding List and are verified by the NSO. These athletes are in the High Performance (HP/T2W) stage of the Podium Pathway.
 - It is the responsibility of BC SOCCER to consult with the NSO, identifying and nominating any Sport Canada AAP Carded athletes in the province of British Columbia.

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 are 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 SOCCER Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Named to Senior Men’s or Women’s National Team within the past 12 months, not receiving Sport Canada AAP Carding, as verified by the NSO.
- OR**
- Invited to Senior Men’s or Women’s National Team camp in the past 12 months.

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:
 - 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 a 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 appropriate² age group or junior world championships in an eligible event (or equivalent international developmental event) in the previous 24 months **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.

- Won a medal in an eligible event at their sport-specific national senior/open, appropriate² age group or junior championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

BC SOCCER Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **Selected to U18 Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite Academy (NDC) (Female) Program in the past 12 months and are designated to be training in the program for more than 3 months.**

OR

- **Selected to U18 Vancouver Whitecaps FC MLS Academy Program (Male) in the past 12 months and are designated to be training in the program for more than 3 months.**

OR

- Selected to either a U17 or U20 Canada Soccer Association National Team Program event, which includes an official match or camp, within the past 12 months.

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 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 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 appropriate² age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months,

BC SOCCER Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Selected to a U15 Canada Soccer Association National Team Program event, which includes an official camp in the past 12 months

OR

- **Selected to U16 Vancouver Whitecaps FC Girls Elite Academy (NDC) (Female) Program in the past 12 months and are designated to be training in the program for more than 3 months.**

OR

- Selected to U15 or U16 Vancouver Whitecaps FC MLS Academy Program (Male) in the past 12 months and are designated to be training in the program for more than 3 months.

OR

- Selected to the [BC SOCCER Provincial Program](#) U16-U18 Development Group.

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 a Provincial or Regional coach by the PSO/DSO.
- Be designated as a National Development / Senior National coach by the NSO.
- Be designated as the athlete's coach of record based on the sport-specific criteria below.

AND,

- Be working towards NCCP Competition Development trained status

BC SOCCER > Sport Specific Criteria: (Optional)

- Must be a BC Coach and in good standing with BC SOCCER.
- Must hold a minimum Canada Soccer Association 'C License or above and or foreign equivalent.
- Must have been an appointed Head Coach or Support Staff Coach in a U15-U18 BC SOCCER Association Provincial Program, which includes either a session, game, or camp within the past 12 months.
- Must be appointed Head Coach or Support Coach with the Vancouver Whitecaps MLS Academy Programming within the past 12 months.
- Must be appointed Head Coach or Support Coach with the Whitecaps FC Girls Elite Academy (NDC) Programming within the past 12 months.
- Must have been selected as a Coach with Canada Soccer Association National Teams Programs (Male/Female)

Officials Nomination

Although in the criteria there are two designations there will be only one category for officials in line with the coach nomination process. The number of officials registered is limited to the number identified in the criteria below

- National - 12 referees
 - Part of Canada Soccer's Elite Development Group, consisting of:
 - Two annual fitness tests:
 - 6x40m sprints in under 6.00 seconds each (1 minute between sprints); 4000m in 15/18 second intervals (75m run/25m walk)
 - Male Standard
 - 6x40m sprints in under 6.40 seconds; 4000m in 17/20
 - Female Standard
 - Officiating in CPL, MLS NextPro, National Competitions
 - Laws of the Game examination - minimum 80% in exam administered by Canada Soccer
 - Attendance at in-service training
- Provincial One - 12 Referees

- Completed or completing Provincial Upgrade Program, consisting of:
 - Officiating a minimum 20 games annually at the Provincial Level (League 1 BC, University Matches, Provincial Championships)
 - 3 Referee Assessments at Provincial competencies
 - One annual fitness test:
 - 6x40m sprints under 6.40 seconds; 4000m in 15/20 intervals
 - Male Standard
 - 6x40m sprints in under 6.60 seconds; 4000m in 17/22 intervals
 - Attendance at in-service training
 - Laws of the Game examination - minimum 80% in exam administered by Canada Soccer

APPENDIX 1

[1B. BC SOCCER Player Profile and Assessments](#)