



**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific
and **BC Fencing Association**
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 Fencing Association, 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 Fencing Association 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 Fencing Association 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 Fencing Association targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through BC Fencing Association.

Targeted athletes are nominated by BC Fencing Association 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 Fencing Association high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Yuriy Rubin, President of BC Fencing Association and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with BC Fencing Association, have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Yuriy Rubin, President of BC Fencing Association at bcfa@bcfencingassociation.com

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / BC Fencing Association targeting runs **November 1 to October 31** 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 Fencing Association targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Yuriy Rubin at bcfa@bcfencingassociation.com

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

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

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

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

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.
 - It is the responsibility of BC Fencing Association 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 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 Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked in the Top 8 of [HPP Senior rankings](#) as published by the Canadian Fencing Federation at [Senior, Junior or Cadet Level](#) as of December 15^h, 2024

NOTE: Junior Level athletes deemed as Canadian Development must have the expectation from the NSO (Canadian Fencing Federation) of being a member of Senior National Team events within 24 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 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**;
 - 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 Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked in the Top 8 of HPP rankings as published by the Canadian Fencing Federation at Senior, Junior, or Cadet levels as of December 15th, 2024, and earned ranking points at a competition (training camp points are not eligible)
- OR**
- Athletes must have medaled at a Canadian National (Canada Cup) tournament at cadet and/or above levels in the previous season

* Senior Eligible events for HPP Rankings can be found <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>

* Junior or Cadet eligible events for HPP Rankings can be found <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>

* Rankings can also be found at <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>

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**;

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.

- 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 Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked in the Top 20 of [HPP Rankings](#) as published by the Canadian Fencing Federation at Senior, Junior, or Cadet Levels as of December 15th 2024 and earned ranking points at a competition (training camp points are not eligible)

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OR

- Athletes must have won a gold medal at either the BC Senior Provincial Championships, BC Cadet, or Junior Provincial Championships in the past year

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 athlete's coach of record based on sport-specific criteria below.

AND,

- NCCP Competition Development Trained Status or ACD coach
- Working towards NCCP Competition Development Trained

Sport-Specific Coaching Criteria

BC Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Nominated by BC Fencing Association
- Actively participating in HP Program activities
- Selected to coach at national and international level event