



**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific  
and SportAbility and BC Hockey (Para Hockey)  
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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes<sup>1</sup> 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** 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 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 (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.

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



<sup>1</sup> 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** 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.

Targeted athletes are nominated by **SportAbility and BC Hockey** based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to **Donna Cumming**, [donnacumming@sportabilitybc.ca](mailto:donnacumming@sportabilitybc.ca). As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward **SportAbility and BC Hockey** high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. **Donna Cumming** and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with **SportAbility and BC Hockey** have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / **SportAbility and BC Hockey** targeting runs **November 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative **Donna Cumming** at [donnacumming@sportabilitybc.ca](mailto:donnacumming@sportabilitybc.ca).

## ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, he or she will be notified by **SportAbility and BC Hockey** 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** 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. 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey'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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** in the previous 24 months.
4. **Required to participate in Provincial Team and/or National Team programming such as required tournaments and weekly training with local clubs.**
5. **Follow designed training programs.**

## LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the **SportAbility and BC Hockey** 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 **SportAbility and BC Hockey** in consultation with the NSO, to identify and nominate any Sport Canada AAP Carded athletes meeting Core Criteria.

### 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.

**SportAbility and BC Hockey Sport-Specific Criteria:**

- Member of a Para Hockey National team representing Canada at a World Para Hockey Challenge, International Games Series, World Championships, or Paralympic Games in the previous 12 months; OR
- Invited to Para Hockey National Team Selection Camp within the previous 12 months as confirmed by the NSO; OR
- Named to National Development Para Hockey Roster in the previous 12 months

**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:
  - Met 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>1</sup> age group 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 senior/open, appropriate age group or junior championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

**SportAbility and BC Hockey Sport-Specific Criteria:**

- Invited to a National Development Team Camp within the previous 12 months OR active member of the Women's Para Hockey National Team; AND
- Member of the BC Provincial team; AND
- Attended a Provincial Team training camp in the previous 12 months; AND
- Competed at National Championships, Western Canadian Sledge Hockey Tournament, London Blizzard Sledge Hockey Tournament and/or International Women's Para Hockey tournament (ie. Women's World Challenge) ; AND
- Have been evaluated by SportAbility/BC Hockey staff and placed on the high performance athlete pathway for a minimum of 3 months.

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<sup>1</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.

## 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 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) **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 age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;

### *SportAbility and BC Hockey Sport-Specific Criteria*

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- Member of the BC Provincial Team or Development Team; **AND**
- Attended a development training camp in the previous 12 months; **AND**
- Competed at National Championships, Western Canadian Sledge Hockey Tournament, and/or London Blizzard Sledge Hockey Tournament; **OR**
- Have been evaluated by BC Hockey staff and placed on the high performance athlete pathway for a minimum of 3 months.

## Coach Nomination

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### *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.

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