



## Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and Water Ski & Wakesports BC Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria

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## PURPOSE

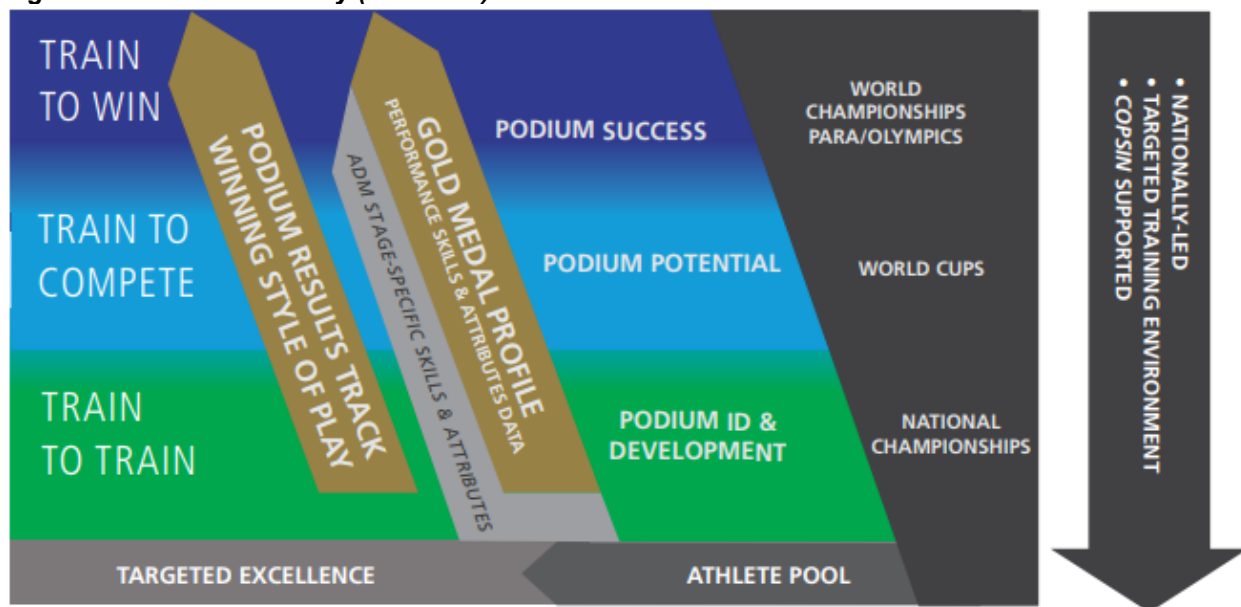
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Water Ski & Wakesports BC collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes<sup>1</sup> on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches 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 Water Ski & Wakesports 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, Water Ski & Wakesports 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Water Ski & Wakesports BC.

Targeted athletes are nominated by Water Ski & Wakesports 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Water Ski & Wakesports BC and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Water Ski & Wakesports BC, have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to **Cory Bate, Executive Director** at [cory@wswbc.org](mailto:cory@wswbc.org).

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Water Ski & Wakesports BC targeting runs February 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative **Cory Bate, Executive Director** at [cory@wswbc.org](mailto:cory@wswbc.org).

## ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by Water Ski & Wakesports 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 Water Ski & Wakesports 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC nomination list at the discretion of the PSO/DSO **and in agreement with CSI Pacific** 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC in the previous **12-month cycle**
  - c. There is an agreed timeline on the return to play process
4. Minimum age of targeted athlete is 16-years-old, however at the discretion of CSI staff exceptions can be approved

5. Maximum number of athletes at each level based on historical conversion rates from 2019-2025, identified by CSI Pacific and communicated to the sport by CSI staff. At the discretion of CSI staff exceptions can be approved

## LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

### Canadian Sport Institute 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 Water Ski & Wakesports BC 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 12 months** and verified by the NSO.
  - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

#### 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 12 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 12 months.**
- Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

## **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 **12 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;**
  - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination

## **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. The coach must meet the following criteria:

- Be the lead person designing and implementing an annual training program for the athlete.
  - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

It is recommended that PSO/DSO nominated coaches must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be designated as Provincial or Regional coach by the PSO/DSO, **or**
- Be designated as a National Development / Senior National coach by the NSO, **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.

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

**AND,**

- Be working towards NCCP Comp Dev trained status

## **Water Ski & Wakesports BC Sport Specific PSO Criteria**

### **Canadian Development Criteria 1.0**

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#### *Water Ski & Wakesports BC Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- 1.1 Athletes who are recognized members of the Water Ski Canada National Team or Wake Canada National Team not receiving Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding:
  - Water Ski: <https://waterskicanada.ca/athletes/athlete-teams/>
  - Wake: <https://wakecanada.ca/athletes/athlete-teams/national-elite-team/>
  - (National Team); <https://waterskicanada.ca/selection-criteria/> ([Selection Criteria](#)),

**OR;**

- 1.2 Independent athletes selected to compete at Elite Worlds.

### **Provincial Development Level 1 Criteria 2.0**

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#### *Water Ski & Wakesports BC Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- 2.1 Athletes who have competed at the IWWF World U21 Water Ski Championships in the previous 12 months,

**OR**

- 2.2 Athletes who have medaled at the Wakeboard or Water Ski National Championships – Senior Elite/Open, U21 or U17

**AND**

- 2.3 Athletes who are a member of the BC Water Ski Team (Junior) or BC Wakeboard Team (BC Provincial) (see [Appendix 1](#)).

### **Provincial Development Level 2 3.0**

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#### *Water Ski & Wakesports BC Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- 3.1 Athletes who have medaled at the Water Ski Western Canadian Championships in the previous 12 months.

**OR**

- 3.2 Medaled at the WSWBC Provincials and qualified to compete at either Water Ski or Wakeboard Nationals in the previous 12 months

**AND**

- 3.3 Athletes who are a member of the BC Water Ski Team (Junior) or BC Wakeboard Team (BC Provincial) (see [Appendix 1](#)).

## **Coach Nomination**

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### *Water Ski & Wakesports BC Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- Coach must have **Build the Skills** Trained status in the CAC Locker.
- Coach must be tracking toward becoming a **Learn to Compete** Trained coach within 12 months.
- Coach must have a current criminal record check on file with Water Ski & Wakesports BC.
- Coach must have taken - SafeSport training.

## **APPENDIX 1 – Team BC Selection Criteria**

### **Junior Team**

- Must attend Provincials
- YTP Complete
- Must be a good ambassador for the sport (no incidents in past season and current)
- Meet minimum rating in all 3 disciplines (unless unreasonable)
- National rating in at least 2 disciplines (unless unreasonable)
- Competes in previous and current Westerns and Nationals if they are held in either B.C. or Alberta
- Preference given on scoring basis
- Failure to meet requirements during current season will be removed from the team
- Must officiate at a sanctioned event in current season