

Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and Squash BC Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria



SQUASH BC

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PURPOSE

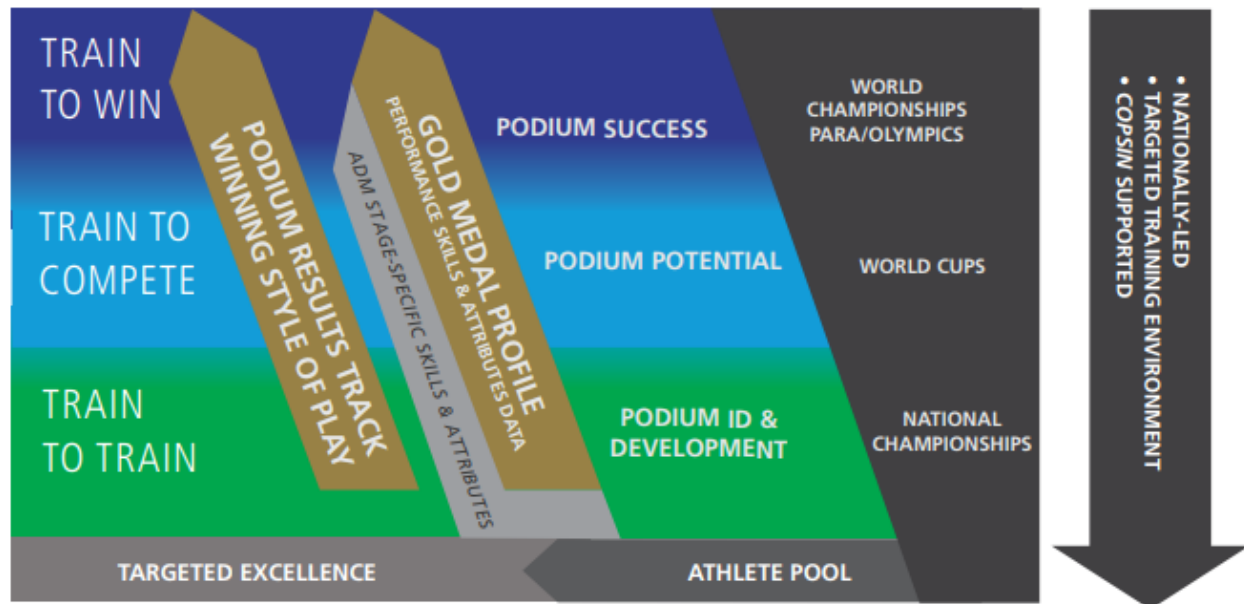
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Squash BC, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage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



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, Squash 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 Squash BC targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Squash BC.

Targeted athletes are nominated by Squash 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 Squash BC high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Squash BC Technical Director Richard Yendell and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead, working with Squash BC, have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Richard Yendell at squash@jerichotennisclub.com.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Squash BC targeting runs May 16th to May 15th 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 Squash BC targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Richard Yendell at squash@jerichotennisclub.com.

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by Squash 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 Squash 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 Squash 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 Squash 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

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 Squash BC 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, 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 12 months** and verified by the NSO.
 - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

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 World Junior 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 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

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 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 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:

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.

- 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** [NEXTGEN NATIONAL SQUAD](#)
- Be designated as athlete's coach of record based on sport-specific criteria below.
- Be working towards NCCP Comp Dev trained status

Squash BC Criteria

Canadian Development Criteria 1.0

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- 1.1 Be a named member of the Senior Squad or Next Gen in the last 12 months.

OR:

- 1.2 Top 8 Placement at Canadian Nationals or [top 10 Canada Ranking](#) in the past 12 months

Links -- Squash Canada [Senior Squad](#) & [Next Gen Squads](#)

Provincial Development Level 1 Criteria 2.0

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- 2.1 Be a named member of the [National Junior Squad](#) in the last 12 months.

OR;

- 2.2 Have competed for a Canadian National Team in the past 12 months (e.g. World Individual or Team Junior Championships, Junior Pan Am Games, or designated Squash Canada event as determined by Squash BC).

OR,

achieve one of the following results in the past 12 months:

- 2.3 Athlete competing in 2 PSA Challenger events
- 2.4 U23 Athlete competing in the CSA or Canadian University Individual Championships
- 2.5 U23 - Canadian Squash Championships (Top 4)
- 2.6 U19 or U17 Division – Canadian Junior Squash Championships or Canadian Junior Open (Top 4)
- 2.7 U19, U17, or U15 Division – US Junior Open (Top 16)
- 2.8 U15 Canadian Junior Squash Championships (Top 2)

Provincial Development Level 2 Criteria 3.0

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- 3.1 Be selected to attend Provincial Training Squad for the squash season in which they are nominated for Canadian Sport Institute / Pacific Sport athlete registration, and/or for the previous season.

OR:

- 3.2 Selected to represent BC in National Team Competition (e.g. Canada Winter Games, Team Junior Championships, Canadian Men's Team Championships, Canadian Women's Team Championships, or equivalent events as determined by Squash BC).

AND

achieve one of the following results in the past 12 months:

- 3.3 U15, U17 or U19 Division – BC Junior Squash Championships (Top 4)
- 3.4 U15, U17 or U19 Division – Canadian Junior Squash Championships or Canadian Junior Open (Top 8)
- 3.5 U15, U17 or U19 Division ranked Top 4 on BC Ranking list

AND

- 3.6 U15, U17 or U19 Division Player/Athlete Club Locker Rating within 0.3 of next highest provincial squad athlete
- 3.7 Ranked top 16 in Canada U15, Top 12 in Canada U17, and Top 8 in Canada for U19

Sport Specific Coaching Criteria

Squash BC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Be an NCCP Certified Provincial Squash Coach (Competitions-Development Level),

OR;

- Be an NCCP In-Training Provincial Squash Coach (Competitions-Development Level), who has shown progression to completing Certification within the past 12 months

AND, achieve one of the following requirements

- Coach a Squash BC Provincial Team or Squad Camp
- Be the primary individual coach of an athlete named to the CSI Targeted Athlete List
- Meet Squash BC Safe Sport Requirements