

Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and Skate Canada BC/YT Section Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria 2026-2027

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PURPOSE

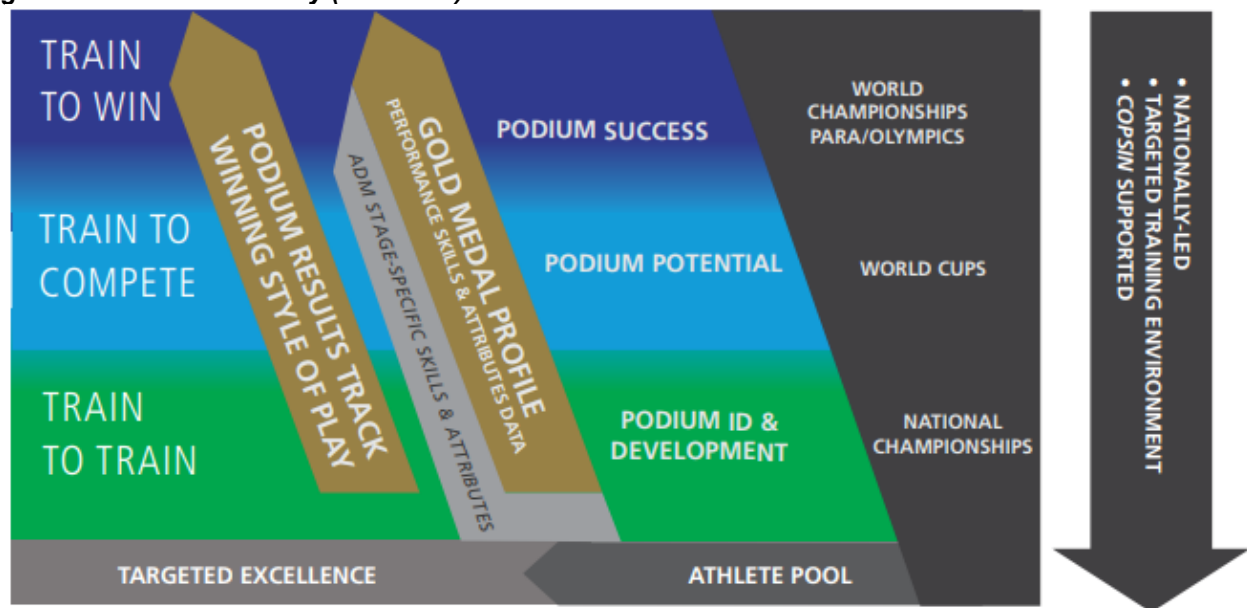
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Skate Canada BC/YT Section, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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, Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Skate Canada BC/YT Section.

Targeted athletes are nominated by Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Danielle Williams, Executive Director and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Skate Canada BC/YT Section, Andrew Latham have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Danielle Williams at danielle@skatinginbc.com

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Skate Canada BC/YT Section targeting runs August 1st to July 31st 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Danielle Williams at danielle@skatinginbc.com

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section'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 Skate Canada BC/YT Section in the previous 24 months.
 - 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

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the Skate Canada BC/YT Section 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 [PSO NAME] 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 12 months** and verified by the NSO.

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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 12 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 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 12 months, **OR**;
 - Won a medal in an eligible event at their appropriate² age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;

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:

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 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,

- Working towards NCCP Comp Dev training or has SPCC from the International Coaching School

Sport Specific PSO Criteria

Canadian Development Criteria 1.0

Skate Canada BC/Yukon Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **1.0** Athletes who competed and placed in the top half at the most recent Senior Canadian Championships
OR;
- **1.1** Athletes who won a medal at the most recent World Junior Championships
 - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

Provincial Development Level 1 Criteria 2.0

Skate Canada BC/Yukon Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **2.0** Athlete is active in a Skate Canada BC/YK Section recognized "Learn-to-Compete" competitive program that delivers a minimum of 200+ on ice training days per year; verified by either the athlete's designated club Head Coach or Program Director

And
won a medal at the most recent Junior or Novice National Championships

OR;
- **2.1** Athletes who competed and placed in the bottom half at the most recent Senior Canadian Championships

OR;
- **2.2.** Athletes who competed at the most recent Junior World Championships,

OR;

- **2.3** Athletes who competed at a Junior Grand Prix event in the previous 12 months
 - Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination.

Provincial Development Level 2 Criteria 3.0

Skate Canada BC/Yukon Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **3.0** Athlete is active in a Skate Canada BC/YK Section recognized “Train-to-Train” competitive program that delivers a minimum of 150+ on ice training days per year; and verified by either the athlete’s designated club Head Coach or Program Director
- AND
- qualified as a BC Team member at the most recent Skate Canada Challenge.,
- **OR;**
- **3.1** Athletes who finished 7th or 8th at sectionals in a Skate Canada Challenge category (Pre-Novice to Senior) and whose score at sectionals exceeded the top-10 score in the Skate Canada Challenge category,
- **OR;**
- **3.2** Athletes who competed for Team BC at the Canada Winter Games within the previous 12 months.
- AND
- **3.3** Skate Canada BC/YK Section athletes must meet the sport-specific criteria & demonstrate specific skills relative to as outlined in Appendix 1

Evidence to be provided by PSO/DSO in order to confirm nomination

Sport Specific Coaching Criteria

Must Be Provincial Coach Certified

Appendix 1 – Provincial Development Level 1

MEN

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
3 or less #	5 different triples, 6 triples in the free, at least one triple + triple or double Axel + triple combo with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. With regards to spins and steps, three must receive a positive GOE.
4 to 5 #	4 different triples and 5 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple + triple or double Axel + triple combo which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, two must receive a positive GOE.
6 or more #	3 different triples and 4 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple + triple or double Axel + triple combo which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, two must receive a positive GOE.

as of July 1, 2025

WOMEN

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
3 or less #	4 different triples, 5 triples in the free, at least one triple + triple or double Axel + triple combo with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. With regards to spins and steps, three must receive a positive GOE.
4 to 5 #	3 different triples and 4 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple + triple or double Axel + triple combo which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, two must receive a positive GOE.
6 or more #	2 different triples and 3 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. a strong attempt at a 3 rd different triple.

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ICE DANCE

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
3 or less #	Achieve the following executed elements: 1 step sequence at a minimum Level 3, Twizzles Level 4 and an average GOE for all technical elements of +0.50 or higher
4 or more #	Achieve the following executed elements: 1 step sequences at a minimum Level 2, Twizzles Level 3 and an average GOE for all technical elements of +0.25 or higher

as of July 1, 2025

Appendix 1 – Provincial Development Level 2

MEN

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
4 to 5 #	2 different triples and 3 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple +double which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, two must receive a positive GOE.
6 or more #	Attempt 1 triple and 2 double axels in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple + double or double Axel + double toe which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, one must receive a positive GOE.

as of July 1, 2024

WOMEN

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
4 to 5 #	2 different triples and 3 triples in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple +double which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, two must receive a positive GOE.
6 or more #	Attempt 1 triple and 2 double axels in the free with a GOE of -1.9 or higher. A strong attempt at a triple + double or double Axel + double toe which is at least under rotated. With regards to spins and steps, one must receive a positive GOE.

as of July 1, 2024

ICE DANCE

Jr Eligible Years	Skill Level in Free Program
3 or less #	Achieve the following executed elements: 1 step sequence at a minimum Level 2, Twizzles Level 3 and an average GOE for all technical elements of +0.25 or higher
4 or more #	Achieve the following executed elements: 1 step sequences at a minimum Level 1, Twizzles Level 2 and an average GOE for all technical elements of +0.00 or higher

as of July 1, 2024