



**Canadian Sport Institute Pacific
and Sport Climbing Association of British
Columbia Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria**

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PURPOSE

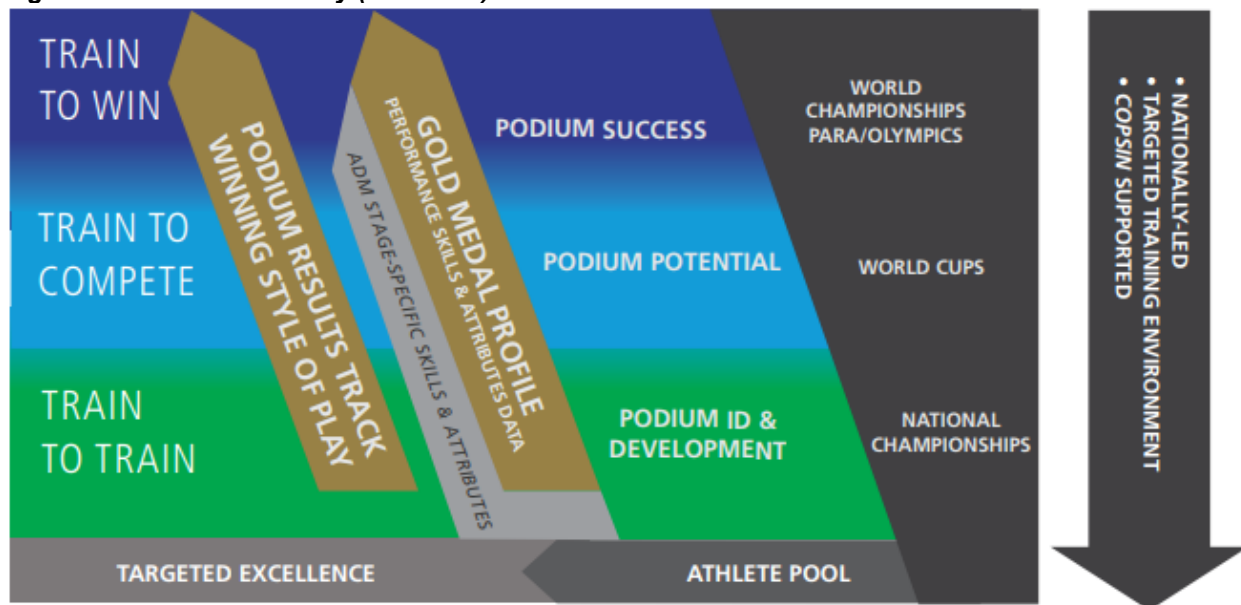
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC), collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ on national teams, and ensure 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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, Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC), 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) targeted athlete benefits, programs, and services as delivered through Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC).

Targeted athletes are nominated by Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Kent Worden, Chair, Selection Committee and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC), have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Kent Worden at selections@sportclimbingbc.ca.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) targeting runs August 1st through July 31st annually 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Kent Worden at selections@sportclimbingbc.ca.

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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 Sport Climbing Association of British Columbia (SCBC) 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.
 - 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 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.**
- 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 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;**
 - 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**
- Be designated as athlete's coach of record based on sport-specific criteria below.

AND,

- Be working towards NCCP Comp Dev trained status

SCBC Sport Specific Criteria

Canadian Development Criteria 1.0

SCBC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- 1.1 Athletes who achieved a HP program national team position within the previous 12 months.

Provincial Development Level 1 Criteria 2.0

SCBC Sport-Specific Criteria:

Athletes who achieve the following SCBC Provincial Development 1 performance criteria.

Bouldering:

- 2.1 Top 10 finish at Open National Championships. OR
- 2.2 Finalist at CEC Youth Nationals. OR
- 2.3 Ranked in the top 15 of the CNR

Lead:

- 2.4 Top 10 finish at Open National Championships. OR
- 2.5 Finalist at CEC Youth Nationals. OR
- 2.6 Ranked in the Top 12 of the CNR

Speed:

- 2.7 Top 4 finish at Open Speed National Championships. OR
- 2.8 Ranked in the top 5 in the CNR. OR
- 2.9 Finish top 8 in a Youth category at CEC Speed National Championships.

Provincial Development Level 2 Criteria 3.0

SCBC Sport-Specific Criteria:

Athletes who achieve the SCBC Provincial Development 2 performance criteria.

Bouldering:

- 3.1 Top 30 finish at National Championships. OR
- 3.2 A semi-finalist at CEC Youth Nationals. OR
- 3.3 Ranked in the top 25 of the CNR

Lead:

- 3.4 Top 30 finisher at Open National Championships OR
- 3.5 A semi-finalist at CEC Youth Nationals. OR
- 3.6 Ranked in the top 20 of the CNR

Speed:

- 3.7 Top 8 finisher at Open Speed National Championships. OR
- 3.8 Finish top 16 at CEC Speed National Championships in a Youth category. OR
- 3.9 Ranked in the top 10 in the CNR.

Coach Nomination

SCBC Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Coaches must be “SCBC Approved” as identified on the SCBC website.
 - Coach List (sportclimbingbc.ca)

APPENDIX 1 – SCBC Benefits, Programs, and Services

- Provincial Training Centre for Sport Climbing at Richmond Olympic Oval: access to facilities and services at the Richmond Olympic Oval to support the development of high-performance athletes through the delivery of high-performance programming and services and access to world class facilities and equipment.
- IST: Access to technical performance enhancement, nutrition, mental training through a system of provincial and regional camps within the yearly training and competition program.
- Insurance: SCBC insurance coverage for individual members through Lloyds Underwriters. This coverage includes general accident and third-party liability and covers all training and competition activities sanctioned by SCBC, and provides extended medical and insurance for all SCBC athletes.
- Regional and National Competitions: provision of a group of team coaches and team managers to support all the performance of all provincial athletes at regional and national climbing competitions.
- Access to SCBC Programs: Individual members are eligible to participate in regular SCBC programming and sanctioned regional, and provincial level events.
- Website: Members receive electronic messages throughout year, keeping them informed and up to date on SCBC sanctioned competitions and programs and other sport climbing news from around the province and nation. The SCBC website <https://www.sportclimbingbc.ca/> is also a key source of information for members.

APPENDIX 2 – SCBC Provincial Team selection criteria

- The SCBC provincial team will automatically consist of any and all athletes EITHER selected by CEC for a non-quota invitation OR nominated by SCBC for a quota spot to any CEC event during the time period covered by this agreement AND the 12 months immediately prior to the start of this agreement.
- The SCBC provincial team further includes 2 subcategories, namely PD1 and PD2 athletes, criteria for which are defined in this document.