

Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and BC Snowboard Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria 2025-26

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PURPOSE

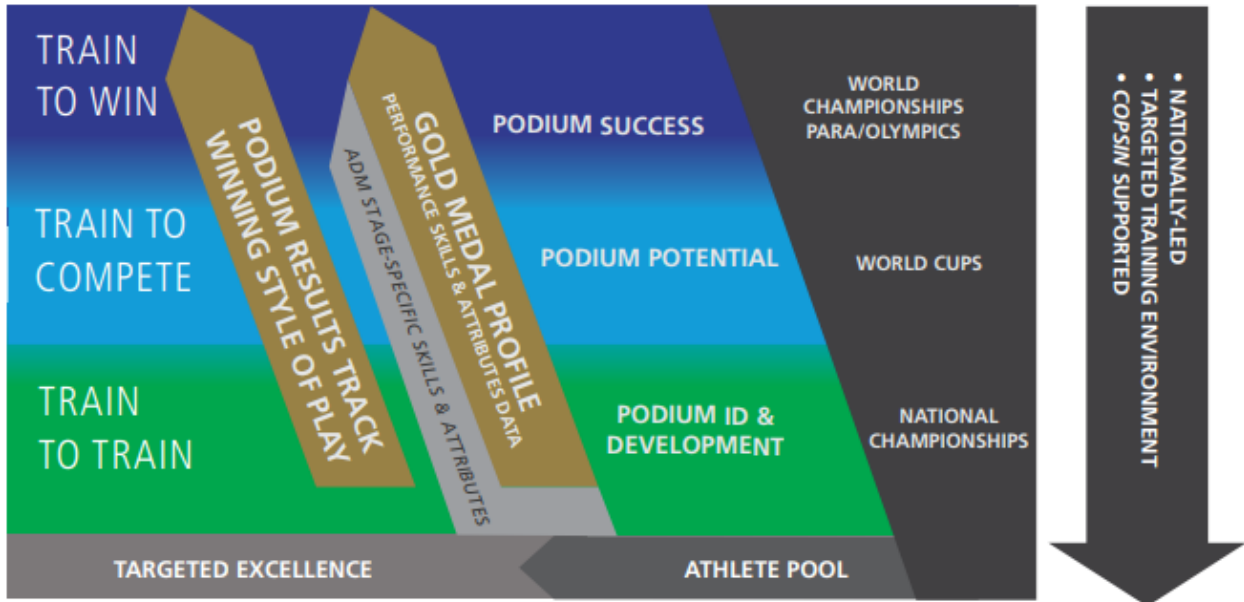
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and BC Snowboard collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ on national teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have every advantage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

Targeted athletes are nominated by BC Snowboard 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 BC Snowboard high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Christopher Nakonechny, Sport Development Coordinator and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with BC Snowboard have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process. Any inquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Christopher Nakonechny at christophernak@hotmail.com.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / BC Snowboard targeting runs [DATE RANGE] 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 BC Snowboard targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative Christopher Nakonechny at christophernak@hotmail.com

ATHLETE/COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, they will be notified by BC Snowboard 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 BC Snowboard 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 BC Snowboard's 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 BC Snowboard 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 [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.

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. The coach must meet the following criteria:

- Be the lead person designing and implementing an annual training program for the athlete.

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**

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 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

Sport Specific PSO Criteria

Canadian Development Criteria 1.0

SNOWBOARDCROSS ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **1.0** Selected to the Canada Snowboard Next Gen Team for the upcoming season

FREESTYLE ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **1.0** Selected to the Canada Snowboard Next Gen Team for the upcoming season

Provincial Development Level 1 Criteria 2.0

SNOWBOARDCROSS ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **2.1** Selected to the BC SBX Team for the upcoming season
AND;
- FIS Points on the just completed season FIS points list must be min 100 points
AND;
- Athletes living out of province must train or compete in a min of 30 days within the Province of BC
AND;

Must meet **TWO** of the following criteria

- **2.2** Selected to compete at a World Cup in the past season
- **2.3** Men's previous seasons NORAM ranking must be in the top 15 and Women's must be in the top 10
- **2.4** Selected to compete at Junior World Championships in the past season
- **2.5** Have won a medal at Canadian National Championships (Junior or Senior)
- **2.6** Have won a medal at a NORAM event in the past 12 months

FREESTYLE ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria:

- **2.7** Named to the BC Slopestyle Team for the upcoming season
AND;
- Ranked within the top 10 Canadian men or top 5 Canadian women on the FIS Point list from the previous season
AND;

Must meet **TWO** of the following criteria

- **2.8** Selected to compete at a World Cup in the past season
- **2.9** Selected to compete at Junior World Championships in the past season
- **2.10** Have won a medal at Canadian National Championships (Junior or Senior)
- **2.11** Have won a medal at a Canadian Stage 5 event in the past 12 months

Provincial Development Level 2 Criteria 3.0

SNOWBOARDCROSS ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria

- **3.0** Selected to the BC SBX Team for the upcoming season
AND;
- Committed to attending all approved summer dryland and BC Team sport service seminars for the upcoming season
AND;
- Athletes living out of province must train or compete in a min of 30 days within the Province of BC
AND;

Must meet **ONE** of the following criteria

- **3.1** Have competed in Canadian Nationals in the previous season
- **3.2** Competed at min 3 BC Series events or higher the previous season
- **3.3** Athlete is identified as a 'Development Team Rising Star' with will be determined by BC Snowboard coaching staff and BC Sport Development Coordinator based on where the athlete falls on the CS performance pathway, results and commitment to a HP training environment.

FREESTYLE ATHLETE CRITERIA

BC Snowboard Sport-Specific Criteria

- **3.4** Selected to the BC Slopestyle Team for the upcoming season
AND;
- Committed to attending all summer dryland and BC Team sport service seminars for the upcoming season
AND;

Must meet **TWO** of the following criteria

- **3.5** Place in the top 1/3 of the field at Canadian Junior Nationals the previous season
- **3.6** Placing in the top ½ of the field at min 1 Canadian Stage 5 event the previous season
- **3.7** Podium at min 2 BC Series events the previous season.

Sport Specific Coaching Criteria

- Coaches must be currently working with athletes selected to the BC Team CSI carding list **OR** employed by BC Snowboard as a CSCP trained or S/C coach
- Coaches employed by BC clubs must be Canada Snowboard Competition Development trained.
- Exceptions can be made for coaches that are not Competition Development Trained coaches IF they have a BC Snowboard approved plan to obtain certification by the end of the current season.

Appendices – Sport may choose to provide appendices below to enhance understanding of criteria

Appendix A – Sport Specific Eligible Services and Benefits

Appendix B – Sport Specific Athlete Key Performance Indicators or Individual Profile

Appendix C – Sport Specific Team BC Criteria

Appendix D – Sport Specific Coaching Key performance indicators

Appendix E – Sport Specific Nominated Athlete List