

CANADIAN SPORT INSTITUTE / PACIFICSPORT / SKATE CANADA BC/YK ATHLETE AND COACH NOMINATION

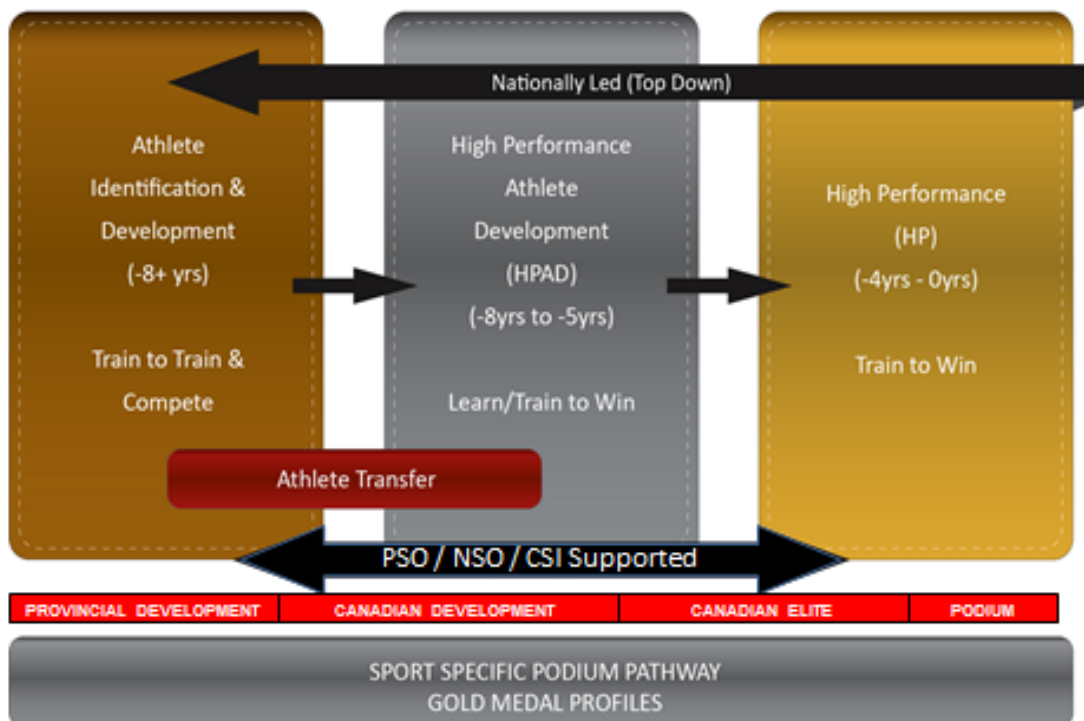
PURPOSE

The Canadian Sport Institute, through a partnership with the Province of BC and ViaSport, the network of PacificSport Centres, and Skate Canada BC/YK 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 British Columbia.

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 Podium, identified by the sport specific Podium Pathway (see figure 1 below) and Gold Medal Profile. These athletes and teams represent both the next generation (5-8 years from Podium) and future generations (9-12 years from Podium) of Olympic and Paralympic (or World Championship) medalists. Support may be focussed more towards the future generation (9-12 years from Podium) for some targeted Paralympic sports depending on the quality of the next generation (5-8 years from Podium) of athletes and teams.

Figure 1.

PODIUM PATHWAY CONCEPT OVERVIEW



¹ In general a BC athlete is defined as an athlete born in, lives in or trains in BC

DETAILS

Through the above partnership, and with the above purpose in mind, Skate Canada BC/YK may nominate athletes and their coaches who meet specific criteria for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport Athlete or Coach Registration. Upon registering Athletes and Coaches can engage in enhanced programs, benefits, and selected support services through the Canadian Sport Institute and the network of PacificSport regional centres in B.C.

Canadian Sport Institute & PacificSport athlete support is divided into [four levels](#) based on performance, each with a slate of designated benefits. Please click on the following for an outline of Canadian Sport Institute [Athlete](#) and [Coach](#) generic eligibility, programs, and benefits. Please see Appendix 1 for an outline of Skate Canada BC/Yk targeted athlete benefits, programs and services as delivered through Skate Canada BC/YK

Targeted athletes are nominated by Skate Canada BC/YK based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to Danielle Williams at danielle@skatinginbc.com As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking towards Skate Canada BC/YK High Performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. Skate Canada BC/YK PSO Technical Representative and the Canadian Sport Institute Athlete Development Advisor working with Skate Canada BC/YK have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / Skate Canada BC/YK targeting runs June 1-May 31 annually, and athletes are selected based on performances from the previous 12 months. Athletes who meet Canadian Development criteria throughout the annual nomination cycle may be added to the Skate Canada BC/YK targeted athlete list, on a case-by-case basis, by contacting the PSO Technical Representative.

GENERAL CRITERIA

- 1) For PSO nominations athletes must be registered and in good standing with Skate Canada BC/YK as a competitive athlete and meet the definition of a BC athlete.
- 2) In principle, all athletes nominated should have a designated coach who is responsible for planned programming with the coaches' name and email identified on the targeted athlete list.
- 3) Attend Skate Canada BC/YK Annual High Performance Camp and participate in a Movement Screen, Fitness Testing and Nutritional Consultation (Group or Individual)
- 4) Must be in good standing with BC/YK Section-Skate Canada and Skate Canada
- 5) Must be registered with a Skate Canada BC/YK Section club

ATHLETE / COACH ENROLLMENT

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, he or she will be notified by Skate Canada BC/YK and will be provided with information on how to register with his or her local Canadian Sport Institute or PacificSport Regional Centre. A Canadian Sport Institute or PacificSport Athlete Coach Services representative may contact the nominated coach to encourage athlete registration. Athletes and coaches must register with their local centre to initiate the process of receiving athlete or coach support.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

Please note the Canadian Sport Institute generic, and the Skate Canada BC/YK sport specific criteria

Canadian Development (Equivalent to former level 1, 1a)

Canadian Sport Institute Generic Criteria:

- Athletes who compete on the senior national team in eligible events and who do not receive Sport Canada Athlete Assistance program funding, **OR**;
- Athletes who are in the HP Athlete Development (L2W/T2W) stage of the Podium Pathway, as identified by the NSO (including Gold Medal Profile). If the NSO does not have an approved Podium Pathway, the following criteria will be used:
 1. Athletes who have been targeted as “Hot prospects” defined as the expectation to be selected to the senior national team in eligible events within 24 months which is verified by the NSO.

Skate Canada BC/YK Specific Criteria (**one of the following**):

- **Competed at the last Canadian Championships (Sr) OR-may be lower level than Level 2**
- **Won a medal at the last World Junior Championships**

Provincial Development / Level 1 (Equivalent to former level 2)

Canadian Sport Institute Generic Criteria:

- Athletes who are in the Athlete Identification & Development stage of the Podium Pathway, as identified by the NSO, and who are tracking towards 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 towards Canadian Development and meet one of the two criteria below;
 1. Have competed at the U23 or Junior World Championships in an eligible event (or equivalent International Developmental Event) in the past 24 months, or;
 2. Have won a medal in an eligible event at their Sport Specific National Elite/Open, U23, or U19 Championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months.

Notes: Athletes who are eligible for Provincial Development are normally supported for a maximum duration of 5 years (combined Provincial Development Level 1 and Level 2).

Skate Canada BC/YK Specific Criteria (**one of the following**):

- **Won a medal at the last national championships (Junior or Novice category)**
- **Competed at the last Junior World Championship or Junior Grand Prix event**

Provincial Development Level 2 (Equivalent to former level 3)

Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport Generic Criteria:

- Athletes who are tracking towards Provincial Development (Level 1) status (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 one of the two criteria below;
 1. Competed in an eligible event, at the appropriate age group national championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) and/or place within the top 20% at the appropriate age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, or;
 2. Competed for Team BC in Canada Games or Canada Winter Games in the previous 12 months.²

Skate Canada BC/YK Specific Criteria:

- **Athletes who have qualified as a BC Team member at the last Skate Canada Challenge**
- **Athletes who finished 5th or 6th at sectionals in Skate Canada Challenge categories (Pre-Novice to Senior) whose score at sectionals exceeded the top 10 score in the Skate Canada Challenge category**
- **Competed for Team BC at Canada Winter Games in the last year**

Coach Nomination:

Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport Generic Criteria:

Coaches are nominated by having his or her name included in the Targeted Athlete List for an athlete who achieves designated criteria. The PSO may nominate up to two coaches per athlete in cases where a personal coach may have significant impact on the athlete's training program. While not required, it is highly recommended that PSO nominated coaches meet one of the following criteria;

1. Be the lead person designing and implementing an annual training program for the athlete, or,
2. Be designated as Provincial or Regional coach by the PSO, or,
3. Be designated as a National Development / Senior coach by NSO, or,
4. Be designated as athlete's coach of record based on sport specific criteria below.

² Recommended that PSO's include 'long listed athletes for upcoming competition at Canada Games in their Sport Specific Criteria.