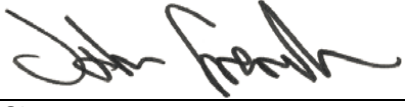


Canadian Sport Institute Pacific and **BC Fencing Association** Athlete and Coach Nomination Criteria

Criteria Approved **December 8, 2021:**

CSI Pacific Representative	
	Signature
BC Fencing Association Representative	
	Signature

PURPOSE

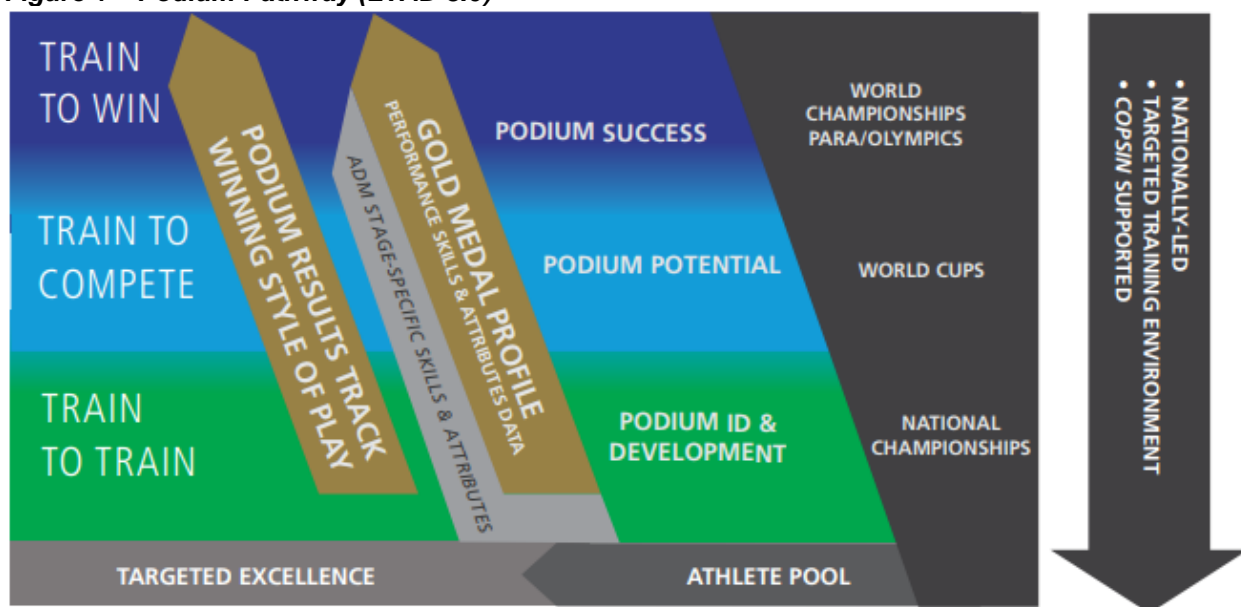
Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, through a partnership with the Province of British Columbia (BC), viaSport, the network of PacificSport centres, and **BC Fencing Association**, collaborates to deliver programs and services to place BC athletes¹ onto National Teams, and ensure athletes and coaches have 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 to identify athletes and coaches within the **BC Fencing Association** high performance program as well as athletes who are tracking against key development pathway metrics toward national teams. The levels within the targeting 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 Podium and Canadian Elite nomination focuses on athletes and teams 0-4 years from the international podium, identified by the sport-specific Podium Pathway (see Figure 1 below) 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 (see Figure 1 below) 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. Support may be focussed more toward the future generation (9-12 years away) for some targeted Paralympic sports depending on the quality of the next generation (5-8 years away) of athletes and teams.

Figure 1 – Podium Pathway (LTAD 3.0)



¹ In general, a BC athlete is defined as an athlete born, developed, and/or trained/centralized (for a minimum of three months) in British Columbia.

DETAILS

Through the above partnership, and with the above purpose in mind, **BC Fencing Association** may nominate athletes and their coaches who meet specific criteria for Canadian Sport Institute Pacific / PacificSport athlete or coach registration. Upon registering, 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 and 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** benefits, programs, and services.

Targeted athletes are nominated by **BC Fencing Association** based on the athlete criteria below. Any enquiries regarding the sport-specific selection criteria can be made to **John French** (jgfrench@protonmail.com). As a general principle, all athletes are expected to demonstrate evidence of their ongoing performance progression and tracking toward **BC Fencing Association** high performance program benchmarks to remain targeted. **John French** and the Canadian Sport Institute technical lead working with **BC Fencing Association** have the final authority over the Canadian Sport Institute nomination process.

The athlete and coach nomination cycle for Canadian Sport Institute / PacificSport / **BC Fencing Association** targeting runs **November 1 to October 31** annually, and athletes are selected based on performances from the previous 12 months. Athletes who meet criteria throughout the annual nomination cycle may be added to the **BC Fencing Association** targeted athlete list, on a case by case basis, by contacting the PSO/DSO Technical Representative.

ATHLETE/COACH REGISTRATION

Once the athlete or coach is nominated, he or she will be notified by **BC Fencing Association** and will be provided with information on how to register with his or her local Canadian Sport Institute campus or PacificSport regional centre. A Canadian Sport Institute or PacificSport. Athletes and coaches must register with their local centre in order to receive athlete or coach support.

CORE CRITERIA

1. For PSO/DSO nominations, athletes must **hold a CFF License, be a member of the CFF HP Program, and hold BCFA membership**, to be considered in good standing (at the discretion of the PSO/DSO) with **BC Fencing Association** as a competitive athlete and meet the definition of a BC athlete. Athletes must normally be resident in BC to be eligible for carding.
2. In principle, all athletes nominated should have a designated coach who is responsible for planned programming with the coach(es)'s name and email identified on the targeted athlete list.
3. Athletes who fail to meet targeting criteria due to injury or absence, may remain on **BC Fencing Association's** nomination list at coach's discretion 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 previously nominated by **BC Fencing Association** in the previous 24 months.
4. **Athletes must be actively competing in the BC HP program or a university program**

LEVEL-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Please note both the Canadian Sport Institute criteria and the **BC Fencing Association** sport-specific criteria:

Podium / Canadian Elite (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.

Note, it is the responsibility of **BC Fencing Association, in consultation with the NSO, to identify and nominate any Sport Canada AAP Carded athletes meeting Core Criteria.*

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 24 months**, and verified by the NSO.

***BC Fencing Association** Sport-Specific Criteria:*

- **Athletes must be ranked in Top 4 of HPP Senior rankings as published by Canadian Fencing Federation at Senior or Junior Level as of December 7th, 2021.**

OR

- Any National "A" Team or National Team Project member not receiving Sport Canada AAP Funding

NOTE: Junior Level athletes deemed as Canadian Development must have the expectation from the NSO (Canadian Fencing Federation) of being a member of Senior National Team events within 24 months.

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:
 - Met specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile categories: Physical, Technical, Tactical, Mental, Lifestyle),

AND

 - Competed at the U23 or Junior World Championships in an eligible event (or equivalent international developmental event) in the past 24 months, **OR**;
 - 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.

**Note, there is an expectation that athletes nominated at the Provincial Development level convert into National Team programs (Canadian Development or Podium / Canadian Elite) within a maximum duration of five years (combined Provincial Development Level 1 and Level 2).*

BC Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked in the Top 8 of HPP rankings as published by Canadian Fencing Federation at Senior, Junior, or Cadet levels as of December 7th 2021, and earned ranking points at a competition (training camp points are not eligible)
- OR**
- Athletes must have medaled at a Canadian National (Canada Cup) tournament at cadet and/or above levels in the previous season (2021 event not held due to COVID)

** Senior Eligible events for HPP Rankings can be found <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>*

** Junior or Cadet eligible events for HPP Rankings can be found <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>*

** Rankings can also be found at <http://fencing.ca/hpp-selection-rankings/>*

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 1 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:
 - Met specific performance-based benchmarks in accordance with an overall athlete monitoring and tracking framework (utilizing Gold Medal Profile categories: Physical, Technical, Tactical, Mental, Lifestyle),

AND

- Competed in an eligible event at the appropriate² age group national championships (or equivalent level of performance standard) in the previous 24 months, **OR**;
- Won a medal in an eligible event at their appropriate age group provincial championships in the previous 12 months, **OR**;

BC Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Athletes must be ranked in the Top 20 of [HPP Rankings](#) as published by Canadian Fencing Federation at Senior, Junior or Cadet Levels as of December 2021. and earned ranking points at a competition (training camp points are not eligible)
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OR

- Athletes must have won a gold medal at either the BC Senior Provincial Championships, BC Cadet, or Junior Provincial Championships in the past year (2021 event not held due to COVID)

Coach Nomination

Canadian Sport Institute Criteria:

Coaches are nominated by having his or her name included in the targeted athlete list 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:

- 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.

BC Fencing Association Sport-Specific Criteria:

- Nominated by BC Fencing Association
- Actively participating in HP Program activities
- Selected to coach at international level events

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.