



Provincial Team Program SELECTION CRITERIA

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

Each year, Canada Basketball hosts a Nationwide competition for provincial and territorial U15 and U17 teams. Nova Scotia has been proud to field teams for the last 25 years. Our Provincial Teams are formed and trained through the Provincial Team Program (PTP). The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used by Basketball Nova Scotia (BNS) to select athletes as part of the PTP.

This selection process has the following objective:

Select the best number of quality athletes at each age group that will allow us to effectively compete and reach our highest standards at the National championships. While some objective criteria will be used to select members of our PTP, it is also recognized that there are subjective elements to the selection process as well, including:

- Previous and current performance
- Experience
- Positional requirements
- Leadership
- Team cohesion

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

An athlete is eligible for selection to the PTP so long as they are: (1) in good standing with BNS, and (2) a Canadian Citizen. To be eligible to be selected to the PTP, the athlete must meet the age requirements and citizenship requirements stipulated by Canada Basketball as part of the National championships.

SECTION 3 – AUTHORITY FOR ATHLETE SELECTION

Final athlete selections for the PTP will be made by a selection committee comprised of any combination of the following:

- BNS Manager of Sport Technical Programs (MSTP)

- BNS High Performance Coach
- PTP Head and Assistant Coaches
- Other PTP coaching staff
- Independent evaluators selected by BNS

PTP Head Coaches have final authority for the following:

- Athlete selection decisions
- Selection of replacement athletes where applicable

BNS has the authority and discretion to work with and select athletes who may have tryout scheduling conflicts due to attending school and playing out of province.

NOTE: In making selection decisions, the Head Coach will consult with the Manager of Sport Technical Programs/Executive Director of Basketball and with the coaching staff, defined for the purposes of this document to include assistant coaches, and evaluators as designated by BNS.

SECTION 4 – ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

1. The first PTP tryout will be open to all athletes and cuts will be made after this initial tryout. All athletes will be contacted via email to inform them of their status and to determine next steps.
2. Once final rosters have been selected, PTP coaches will contact both successful and unsuccessful athletes through email, in person, phone, or via online meeting platform.
3. PTP rosters will be announced via BNS communication channels within one (1) week of team selections.

BNS prides itself on an efficient and unbiased evaluation process. BNS will recruit a minimum of 4-6 independent evaluators for each age group. 'Independent' is defined as no immediate connections to the athletes or coaches being evaluated.

BNS has also introduced **new evaluation technology** to allow more detailed and effective evaluation tracking. **TeamGenius** is an app which will allow coaches and evaluators to measure and track various aspects of the athlete and evaluation process. All athlete evaluations will be tracked in the app database and accessible to PTP coaches and administrators.

Open tryouts are available to any athlete who meets the aforementioned criteria and is born within the birth years set for by Canada Basketball.

Decisions on final athlete selections will be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Previous and current performance
- Future potential
- Physical components
 - Age
 - Height/Wingspan
 - Explosiveness and speed/quickness/agility
 - Endurance/Fitness
 - Strength
- Mental components
 - Focus
 - Perspective (mistake response, self belief)
- Social/Emotional
 - Connections/Relationships
 - Leadership
- Basketball IQ
 - Fundamental skills
 - Offensive awareness
 - Defensive prowess

SECTION 5 - TRAINING PLAYERS

As part of team selections, and in consultation with the MSTP, PTP coaches may choose to select a maximum of two (2) training players. Teams are **not required** to select training players.

1. Training players will have the opportunity to train and develop their skill with the team.
2. Training players will be identified following the same timeframe as the roster selection.
3. Training players will not take part in any competitions unless otherwise identified as a need of the coaching staff.
4. In the event that a roster athlete becomes injured and cannot compete at the National Championships, a training player may be asked to join the roster.
5. Training players must commit to:
 - a. A reduced training fee
 - b. Attendance at 75% of training sessions
 - c. Completion of all applicable forms

SECTION 6 – REMOVAL FROM A CAMP OR FROM THE TEAM

An athlete may be removed from a tryout or from the PTP where the athlete:

- a. Is unable to meet performance expectations;

- b. Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by BNS medical staff;
- c. Is unable to commit to the required PTP activities (note: that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach and BNS).
- d. Violates team rules and/or BNS policies and procedures; or
- e. Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the Code of Conduct and image of BNS.

Removal from the team must be discussed (in writing/email) with the BNS Executive Director before a final decision is made.

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from the PTP may be replaced by a training player by the Head Coach.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES/CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for the selection process or the above timelines to be implemented as outlined in this document, BNS reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all athletes in the selection process will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.