

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE



The Provincial Team programs compete will operate from April - August each year. All teams will participate in a number of tournaments throughout Canada and the United States, along with our U15 and U17 teams attending the Canadian National Basketball Championships. The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used by Basketball Nova Scotia to select athletes to each of the Provincial teams.

This selection process has the following objective:

Select the best possible Team for each Provincial team. While some objective criteria will be used to select the Team, it is also recognized that there is a significant subjective element. Subjective elements include such factors as previous and current performance, experience, positional requirements, leadership, and team cohesion.

SECTION 2 - ELIGIBILITY

An athlete is eligible for selection to the Team so long as they are: (1) in good standing with Basketball Nova Scotia, and (2) a Canadian Citizen. To be eligible to be selected to the Team, the athlete must meet any age requirements and citizenship requirements stipulated by the organizers of the event at which the Team will be competing.

SECTION 3 - AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Head Coach has final authority for all selection decisions, including selecting athletes to the Team, removing athletes from the Team, and selecting replacement athletes to the Team where applicable. In making selection decisions, the Head Coach will consult with the Technical/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 Basketball Nova Scotia.

SECTION 4 - ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Camp

Open tryouts are available to any athlete who meets the aforementioned criteria born within the correct year based on Canada Basketballs standards. Final decisions on athlete selection will be based on one or more of these criteria:

- Previous and current performance
- Future potential
- Skill requirements
- Leadership
- Other criteria as determined by the Coaching Staff

Athletes attending the selection camp will be evaluated specific to team requirements - rebounding, ball handling, defense, court vision, decision making, shot selection, communication, athleticism, physical and mental strength, etc. In addition, the Head Coach will have the discretion to organize any other drills, practices and games that will assist in the selection process.

Team Selection

Following the final selection, the Head Coach will, in consultation with the Assistant Coaches and Technical/Executive Director of Basketball Nova Scotia select the final **Team of 12 athletes only**. The goal being to put together the best possible Team.

Two alternates will be permitted for all teams going to the Canadian National Championship.

Factors that will be considered in this selection include physical and technical aspects of the game, as well as team dynamics. These factors, which will be assigned weight by the Head Coach, as he or she deems appropriate for the decision-making process, include:

- Previous and current performance
- Experience
- Positional requirements (primary and backup)
- Present and projected development and/or improvement
- Leadership/Contribution to team chemistry
- Availability for competition and training

PLEASE NOTE:

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible Team, it is possible that the best individual athletes may not be selected. The Head Coach also has the discretion to name an athlete to the Team due to unforeseen circumstances even though that athlete may not have participated in selection camp or other selection activities.

The timelines that will be followed in selecting the athletes to the Provincial Team programs are as follows: Note that specific events, dates and times may be subject to change.

- Team and alternates (U15 and U17 teams) will be selected for all Provincial Teams no later than January 31st.
- Alternates may be added to the U15 and U17 Teams to replace an athlete removed from the team at any time.
- The addition of alternates to the U15 and U17 teams is at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and will be in keeping with the philosophy of fielding the best possible Team.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES/CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process or the above timelines to be implemented as outlined in this document, Basketball Nova Scotia 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.

SECTION 5 - REMOVAL FROM A CAMP OR FROM THE TEAM

An athlete may be **removed** from a camp or from a Team 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 Basketball Nova Scotia medical staff;
- c. Is unable to commit to the required Team activities (note: that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach and Basketball Nova Scotia).
- d. Violates team rules and/or Basketball Nova Scotia policies and procedures; or
- e. Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Basketball Nova Scotia.

Removal from team must be discussed (in writing/email) with Basketball Nova Scotia Executive Director before decision is made.

SECTION 6 - SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATES

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from a Team may be replaced by an alternate selected by the Head Coach.

SECTION 7 - APPEALS

Basketball Nova Scotia Provincial Team selections may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Basketball Nova Scotia Appeals policy. Any dispute relating to the Basketball Nova Scotia Internal nominations procedure for any Provincial Team must be brought according to said policy.