

2026/27 Selection Criteria: Provincial Team Programs

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BC TALENT SQUAD (BCTS)

The program is designed for athletes in the "Training to Train" stage of the Canadian Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, and is a "feeder" program to the BC Development Squad.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Results from the BC Track Attack Championships, BC Winter Games and BC Cup Series (up to 40 athletes)
2. Recommendations from club head coaches.
2. Boys: born in 2013, 2012 or 2011.
3. Girls: born in 2013, 2012 or 2011.
4. A minimum of two weekends of competition (a minimum of four individual races) at the following events - BC Track Attack Championship, BC Winter Games, BC Cup or BC Championship events (2025-26 ski season).
5. A firm commitment to improving their skills.
6. A sufficient physical fitness level for successful participation in Talent Squad activities.

BC DEVELOPMENT SQUAD (BCDS)

Selection Policy:

1. The CCBC Athlete Development (AD) Committee will determine the BCDS nominations for 2026-27 based on the Selection Criteria.
2. The BCDS will be selected before April 15th each year.
3. BCDS Membership will be for one year.
4. The BCDS will include a minimum of ten male and ten female athletes.
5. BCDS membership will not guarantee selection for any inter-provincial or national competitions.
6. The final 2025-26 Canada Points List (CPL) will be used to determine selections.
7. The AD Committee will consider "force majeure" in special circumstances provided the request is received no later than March 15th, 2026. Further to this, the Committee can make discretionary selections provided the athletes meet criteria #2 and #3 below.

Selection Criteria:

1. The size of the BCDS will be a maximum of 26 athletes.

2. BCDS nominations will be restricted to athletes who were resident in BC, held a BC/NC racing licence, and were members of a CCBC club during the 2025-26 ski year.
3. BCDS nominations will be restricted to athletes born in 2011, 2010 and 2009.
4. Medal winners (top 3 placings) in the individual events and top three aggregate winners (according to year of birth) at the 2026 National Championships, who do not meet the BC Ski Team minimum age criteria, will automatically be selected to the BCDS.
5. Athletes with a first, second, third or fourth place finish (according to year of birth) in the final 2006 BC Cup Series Aggregate Standings will automatically be selected to the BCDS.
6. To fill any remaining positions on the BCDS, the following CPL points calculations will be used to select athletes born in 2009 and 2010. Two thirds of the athletes will be selected based on the 2025/26 CPL Distance List (a minimum of three distance races are required) and one third will be based on the 2025-26 CPL Sprint List (a minimum of two sprint races are required). An athlete will be selected based on their relative national ranking, according to gender, in their year of birth. The AD Committee will compare athletes in different classes (gender, year of birth) by calculating the percentage the athlete is off the top five national leaders of the class using the CPL Points List.

BC SKI TEAM (BCST)

Team members will be selected on the basis of their ski season performances at provincial, national and international competitions.

Selection Policy:

1. The CCBC AD Committee will determine the BCST nominations for 2026-27 based on the Selection Criteria.
2. The BCST will be selected before April 15th each year.
3. BCST membership will be for one year.
4. The BCST will include a minimum of ten male and ten female athletes.
5. BCST membership will not guarantee selection for any inter-provincial or international competition.
6. The final 2026-27 Canada Points List (CPL) will be used to determine selections.
7. The AD Committee will consider "force majeure" in special circumstances provided the request is received no later than March 15th, 2026. Further to this, the Committee can make discretionary selections provided the athletes meet criteria #1 and #5.

Selection Criteria:

1. BCST nominations will be restricted to athletes who:
 - (a) were resident in and competed in BC, held a BC/NC racing licence, were members of a CCBC club during the 2025-26 ski year, and were born in 2009 or 2010; or

(b) were a permanent resident of BC that may or may not have been temporarily residing out-of-province for educational purposes or to take part in a high-level team or training centre program; held a BC/NC racing licence, were members of a CCBC club during the 2025-26 ski year and were born 2004 to 2008 inclusive.

2. BCST size will be restricted to:

(a) National Ski Team athletes (criteria #3)

(b) a maximum of 16 additional athletes that meet criteria 1 (a) *and* criteria #4 or #7

(c) a maximum of 16 additional athletes that meet criteria #1 (b) *and* #4 or #8

3. National Ski Team (NST) members for the 2026-27 ski year will automatically be selected. National **Junior** Ski Team members for the 2026-27 ski year will automatically be selected.

4. National Championship age category medal winners (top three placings) and top three YOB (2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006) aggregate award winners in 2026 will automatically be selected provided they meet criteria #5 & #6. The top three U23 category aggregate award winners at the 2026 National Championships will be automatically selected.

5. BCST membership will be restricted to athletes born in 2010 or earlier.

6. Athletes born in 2003 (past the maximum age for competing in the 2027 U23 World Championships) or earlier require special approval of the AD Committee in order to continue on the BCST Program, with the exception of NST athletes who will be accepted, as per criteria #2 (a).

7. To fill additional positions on the BCST identified in criteria #2 (b), two thirds of the athletes will be selected based on the 2025/26 CPL Distance List (a minimum of three distance races are required) and one third will be based on the 2025-26 CPL Sprint List (a minimum of two sprint races are required). An athlete will be selected based on their relative national ranking, according to gender, in their year of birth. The AD Committee will compare athletes in different classes (gender, year of birth) by calculating the percentage the athlete is off the top five national leaders of the class using the CPL Points List.

8. To fill additional positions on the BCST identified in criteria #2 (c), two thirds of the athletes will be selected based on the 2025/26 CPL Distance List (a minimum of three distance races are required) and one third will be based on the 2025-26 CPL Sprint List (a minimum of two print races are required). An athlete will be selected based on their relative national ranking, according to gender, in their year of birth. The AD Committee will compare athletes in different classes (gender, year of birth) by calculating the percentage the athlete is off the top five national leaders of the class using the CPL Points List.