Canada Basketball
Men’s National Team Program –
Selection Criteria and Process Olympic Games 2024

Introduction

Purpose: The purpose of the Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) for the 2024 Olympic Games is to outline the criteria, process, timelines and individuals involved in nominating athletes who will participate on the Canadian Men’s national team that will represent Canada at the 2024 Olympic Games.

Performance Objectives:
The performance objective of the Canadian Men’s national team at the 2024 Olympic Games is to medal, finishing in the top 3.

1. Decision Making Authority (DMA)
The Men's national team leadership group consists of the SMNT Head Coach, President/CEO, Executive Vice-President/General Manager. The Executive Vice-President/General Manager, Senior Men's Program, will be responsible for developing, approving and implementing the Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games.

All final decisions on athlete nominations to the 2024 Olympic Games team will be made by the Executive VP/General Manager and SMNT Head Coach with input from the President/CEO.

2. International Federation (IF) Criteria - Team Participation & Qualification:

The basketball tournament (https://olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/paris-2024-olympic-games) for each gender at the 2024 Olympic Games includes twelve (12) participating teams and 12 athletes per team. FIBA (Federation International de Basketball) selects the 12 Men's basketball teams from the following qualification process and competitions: 8 teams will qualify for the Olympics via the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023, based on geographical principles. The top placing teams in the following regions (x2 Americas, x2 Europe, x1 Africa, x1 Asia, x1 Oceania and the host, France). 4 more teams will qualify via 4 Olympic Qualifying Tournaments which will take place in June 2024. The winner of each tournament will get a spot, to round out the 12 teams participating in the Olympic Games.

3. Athlete Eligibility:
In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic Team selection, all athletes must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter
2. Have a valid Canadian passport valid until February 11, 2025.
3. Be a member in good standing of Canada Basketball and sign and submit Canada Basketball Athlete Agreement no later than June 30, 2024.
5. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Federation, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation.
6. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter that is currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).
7. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC athlete agreement and IOC Eligibility Conditions form no later than June 24, 2024 (9:00 AM EST).

4. **Athlete Identification Process:**

Talent identification, tracking and monitoring of athletes for the overall MNTP is an annual ongoing process throughout the triennial.

The Men's National Team depth chart is updated a minimum of 3 times a year including: following the national team season; mid-way through the year between December and March; and prior to the start of the next national team season (i.e. prior to making decisions on which athletes to invite to the tryouts by invitation). Athletes may be added to the national team depth chart at any time as additional national team prospects are identified through the ongoing talent identification process. The depth chart is updated by Executive Vice-President/General Manager, Senior Men's Program with input from the SMNT Head Coach.

Athletes can be identified for evaluation and potential inclusion in the Men's National team depth chart and the Senior Men's basketball team that will be representing Canada at the 2024 Olympic Games through recommendation by national team coaches and leadership group members, provincial/regional association coaches and staff, Canada Basketball staff and college or university coaches coming from performance in the following:

- Performance at domestic and/or international competitions
- Performance with Professional and University teams
- Performance at previous or current National Team tryouts, training camps or competitions
- Performance on previous national teams

5. **Team Selection Process and Timelines:**

Athletes selected for the Senior Men’s basketball team representing Canada at the 2024 Olympic games will be made from those athletes identified in the overall Men’s national team program (MNTP) depth chart. The primary target group for these athletes will be NBA, EuroLeague and the NCAA.

Once the list of athletes to be invited to the 2024 SMNT ‘Tryout by Invitation’ is confirmed, the Senior Men’s National Team (SMNT) Head Coach (with input from the SMNT Coaching staff) working in close consultation with the Men’s national team leadership group (SMNT Head Coach, President/CEO, Executive Vice-President/General Manager, Senior Men’s Program) will select athletes to the 2024 Olympic Team from the following process and timelines:

The 12 players that will compete at the 2024 Olympic Games will be named and submitted to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) by July 3, 2024 (9:00 AM EST).

**Removal:** Once selected to a team, an athlete may be dismissed, withdraw or be withdrawn from the 2024 Olympic Team for the following reasons:

- Failing to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the SMNT Head Coach;
- Failure to adhere to team rules and Canada Basketball’s Code of Conduct and policies;
- Fraudulent misrepresentation;
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Canada Basketball; or
- Breaches the Canada Basketball Athlete Agreement.

Any removal of an athlete relating to a breach of the National Team Athlete Agreement will be dealt with using the provisions of the Canada Basketball National Team Athlete Agreement. All other breaches will be determined by the Selection Committee in its sole discretion.

When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete.

**Injury Note:** In the case of an injury to a selected athlete following the selection date, an athlete may be replaced on the 12-person roster prior to FIBA technical meeting for the tournament which traditionally takes place the day prior to the first games of the tournament. This decision is dependent on the level of the athlete’s injury and timeline for full or sufficient recovery, and will be determined through consultation with the National
Team Medical Staff, the SMNT Head Coach and Executive Vice-President/General Manager, Senior Men's Program, national team leadership group.

**Team Roster Changes:** Any changes or substitutions to the team roster after nomination to the COC, after July 3, 2024, are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after July 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST are also subject to the IOC’s Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

6. **Team Selection Criteria:**

Athletes selected for the Senior Men’s basketball team representing Canada at the 2024 Olympic Games will be made from those athletes identified in the men's national team depth chart.

In selecting athletes for the Senior Men’s National team, the SMNT HC (with input from the SMNT coaching staff) and the MNTP leadership group will consider these three elements:

- The dynamics of the team as a whole and how the candidates for selection fit into this dynamic
- Individual and team-play characteristics of the candidates for selection
- Canada Basketball’s objectives for the long-term development of the national team
  - *Athletes with potentiality to play in 3 or more Olympic games*

The SMNT HC (with input from the SMNT coaching staff) and MNTP leadership group shall have complete discretion in the relative weighting and importance of the above elements.

The criteria and factors which will be considered in making decisions on selection to the senior men’s national team are the following:

**OFF-THE-COURT ATTRIBUTES**

- Demonstrated commitment to playing international basketball for Canada
- Demonstrated commitment to a lifestyle conducive to the training and preparation for, and playing of international basketball
- Demonstrated positive attitudes towards the sport, the national team and Canada Basketball
- Demonstrate commitment to travel, training sessions, competitions, and any activities, commitments and functions related to the national team

**ON-THE-COURT ATTRIBUTES**

- Demonstrated ability to play within a team, including the ability to contribute to and enhance team performance
- Demonstrated athletic ability, including size, speed, quickness and strength
- Demonstrated basketball skills including shooting, ball-handling, passing, rebounding
- Demonstrated on-court decision-making abilities
- Defensive skills
- Aggressive and assertive play, and mental toughness
- Demonstrated positive attitude including coachability, desire to improve personal skills, and desire to contribute to Team objectives
- Proven competitive experience playing basketball at the international level, including the ability to train and compete through the rigors of international travel, and the ability to handle the emotional and personal demands of extended travel in foreign countries

TEAM PLAY ATTRIBUTES

- Demonstrated ability and willingness to work effectively and cooperate within the team environment
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to overall team cohesiveness and to communicate effectively with coaching staff and other players both on and off the court
- Demonstrated ability and willingness to implement the coaching staff’s game plan

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Proven optimal aerobic and anaerobic fitness, as well as optimal power, strength, quickness, speed and flexibility
- Demonstrated cooperative and team-oriented attitudes
- Demonstrated self-motivation, confidence, determination and goal-oriented nature
- Demonstrated flexibility and adaptability to change

The SMNT HC (with input from the SMNT coaching staff) and men’s national team leadership group shall have complete discretion in the relative weighting and importance of the above criteria.

7. **Athlete Appeal Process:**

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision on Canada Basketball’s athlete selection and internal nomination procedures, the appeal will be dealt with as outlined in the Canada Basketball Appeals Policy, found on the Canada Basketball website at the following link:

https://assets.website-files.com/5d24fc966ad064837947a33b/605006678c39eb80a99a1ebf_2021%20Appeal%20Policy.pdf

8. **Unforeseen Circumstances / Changes to this Document:**
In situations where unforeseen circumstances does not allow the above 2024 Olympic Games Selection Criteria and Process to be fairly and objectively applied, Canada Basketball’s men’s national team leadership group reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action that will be in the best interest of the men’s national team program and the men’s basketball team representing Canada at the 2024 Olympic Games. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

9. **Coach Selection:**

The minimum criteria to be an eligible coach for Paris 2024:

- Have a valid passport that does not expire until at least February 11, 2025
- Be a registered or chartered coach with the CAC
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than June 24, 2024.