



2025-26 BCWBS Provincial Team Selection Criteria

1. Introduction

Selection criteria for the BC provincial teams for the 2025/26 season is listed here. Teams will be named a minimum of 45 days prior to the event.

2. Decision Making Process

The final recommendation for team selection will be made by BCWBS ED and program coaches, in a consultative process that involves regional coaches and/or any other coaches involved with BCWBS athletes.

For 2025/26, the Team Selection Committee will include the following individuals:

- BCWBS program/contract Head and Assistant Coaches
- BCWBS Technical Director
- Marni Abbott, Executive Director
- BCWBS Athlete Development Committee (Bryan Shore, Kevin MacEachern)
- Makiko Harada, Athlete Membership Status/Eligibility

3. Components of the Selection Criteria

****Addition to Selection Criteria****

Athlete must be playing on a team in the BCWBL in order to be eligible for BCWBS provincial team selection.

Primary components must be at a critical success level:

Line-Ups

- Starting units, first change units, foul trouble units
- Specialty units (speed, height, fouling, pressing, press breaking, and tempo change)

All feasible team lineup combinations will be considered, with the greater emphasis being placed on lineup combinations the coaching staff feels are most effective. Depending on changes to individual performances and classifications, the lineup combinations are subject to variation. Major consideration will be given to team cohesion and team dynamics as the selection process will focus on selecting the best team of senior athletes and the developing athletes who can potentially fit within this concept.

Substitutions

- For particular players for rest purposes (training and games)
- Specialized roles in particular line-ups (e.g. shooting, rebounding, point advantage, speed, foul shooting, fouling)

Substitution situations deemed by the coaching staff to be important to team success will be considered. The focus will be on team performance.

The critical success level for the primary component factor is defined as average elite level performance. This includes the ability of the player to effectively perform their role on attack, defense and transition, plus the ability of the player to impact their teammates productively to create the best possible on court units. The player's performance will consistently be ranked as a provincial level starter or impact substitute.

Secondary components (must be at an acceptable level):

- Experience - a player's past and current experience
- Player evaluation data (qualitative and quantitative) (small sided games and regular games)
 - 20m Sprint statistical data to be collected, review and taken into account
- Mental competence performance evaluation and mental skills evaluation
 - qualitative evaluation of mental skills in relation to performance and team contribution
- Speed and acceleration
 - assessment of speed using timing lights including 0-5 metre times, 0-20 metre times, and the ability to repeatedly maintain times for the above distances.
- Shooting and scoring - analysis of camp and game stats data
- Knowledge of the game - qualitative evaluation of on court performance and decision making
- Physical strengths - qualitative evaluation of ability within games to use physical capacities, and an overview of factors such as height and strength.
- Other components such as commitment to the program and to training, leadership potential, unique characteristics of an individual that contribute to overall team performance and intangible components - judgments based on year-round observations and data
- Team Cohesion (contribution to cohesion, interpersonal relationships)
 - qualitative analysis of
- Potential for provincial level play, and past experience in provincial level games coaching staff evaluation of athlete's potential for provincial level
 - Ability to fit the overall team style of play and/or specialty team needs - qualitative analysis of an athlete's contribution to the team in terms of speed, back picking, high tempo and intensity, structured chaos, trapping, fast breaking, 3 point shooting, ball and game management, threat recognition, ball movement, open court game and team cohesion.

The abilities of the athlete within each category are not serious limitations that would prevent the athlete from being effective on attack or defense or in transition or detrimental to team cohesion or team performance. The weighting of these components will be based on team needs as judged by the coaching staff.

4. Athlete Eligibility for Team Selection

- Athletes should attend quality training and / or HP program opportunities. These ratios will be set by each head coach and may differ based on the individual athlete's development needs and past and present national and international training and performances and the level of impact on team performance and results.
- BC athletes participating in opportunities outside of BC will be eligible for team selection based on their past/present training and performances and the level of impact on teams performance.
- Athlete must be a current BCWBS member in good standing.
- Athletes must be registered with the CSI and have a current Athlete Service Card if they are eligible.

5. BCWBS Selection Criteria Evaluation Procedures

- The criteria are reviewed in a group meeting with a provision made for individual queries.
- Athlete performances are then observed and recorded; athletes should attend regular quality training in order to be considered for inclusion on the provincial team. Out of province athletes will be assessed in concert with their respective head coaches.
- Qualitative and quantitative performance analyses are done on the recorded data and on the observations by the coaching staff.
- Depth chart rankings are prepared under the leadership of the head coach. The depth chart includes rankings by classification, position and overall playing ability.
- The status of each player is to be communicated verbally or by email and will include strengths, needs for improvement and rationale for decisions.

6. Short-term curtailment of training and competition for health-related reasons

Health-related circumstances that limit training and competition for relatively short periods (i.e.: less than 3 months) are a matter between BCWBS and the athlete. The athlete must notify the program Head Coach and BCWBS of any injury or other legitimate reason that will prevent the athlete from training or competing in an upcoming event as soon as is reasonably possible.

7. Appeal Process

Athletes have the right to appeal against decisions made by the Selection Committee. Appeals must be received in writing within 3 days of the team selection date indicated in point 1.0 and will be addressed within 5 days. Appeals will be processed in accordance with established BCWBS Appeal policy & procedures while in consideration of expedited timelines. A full copy of this policy is available at BCWBS office.