



CANADA BASKETBALL

Men's National Team Program

Talent Identification, Selection Criteria and AAP carding criteria for recommendations

MISSION STATEMENT

***To construct a developmental and competitive framework
that will ensure Canada's perennial ranking among
the top eight countries in the world.***

TALENT IDENTIFICATION

To be invited to try-outs for the national team, athletes must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Demonstration that the athlete will be a good ambassador for the sport and for Canada.
- Satisfaction of eligibility criteria of the International Federation (FIBA).
- Demonstrated potential to play at the international level based upon any of the following:
 - Recommendations from Provincial Basketball Associations
 - Performance at domestic/foreign competitions
 - Performance at previous camps
 - Performance on national teams
 - Identification by the national team coaching staff and a listing on Canada Basketball's "depth chart"
- Availability of athletes for selection, training sessions, competitions, travel and any activities and

functions related to the national team.

In addition to the above, athletes may receive repeat invitations to try-outs if:

- They have shown significant improvements over previous try-outs where they were not successful in being selected to the team.
- They have demonstrated the potential to meet national team selection criteria at some point in the future.

The national team Head Coach shall have complete discretion in determining which athletes will be invited to national team try-outs.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO NATIONAL TEAMS

Selection to the national team is an ongoing process. Selection decisions are the responsibility of the national coaching staff, where ultimate authority for selection decisions rests with the selection panel, composed of the National Team Head Coach and the Senior Management Team.

In selecting athletes for the national team, the national coaching staff 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

The national coaching staff shall have complete discretion in the relative weighting and importance of the above elements.

The criteria and factors which will be considered by the national coaching staff in making decisions on selection to the 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 environment, 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 national team coaching staff shall have complete discretion in the relative weighting and importance of the above criteria.

REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN ON THE TEAM, ONCE SELECTED

Athletes who are selected to the national team shall fulfill the following requirements in order to remain on the team. The national coach may remove an athlete from the national team if the athlete fails to fulfill these requirements.

- Selected athletes must sign the Canada Basketball Athlete Agreement.
- Selected athletes must be available for travel, training sessions, competitions, and any activities, commitments and functions related to the national team.
- Selected athletes shall commit to a year-round training program as directed by the national coach and shall demonstrate continuous improvement in fitness and skills through a national team testing program.
- Selected athletes shall commit to communicating regularly with the national coach regarding their progress in training, and shall submit a monthly training log to the national office.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Notwithstanding the requirement that athletes be available for travel, training sessions, competitions and any activities, commitments and functions related to the national team in order to be invited to try-outs, to be selected, and to remain selected the Head Coach shall have complete discretion to waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances.

INJURIES

Should an athlete who has been invited to a try-out become injured prior to the try-out date, or should an athlete be injured at a try-out, the Head Coach shall have the discretion to invite the athlete to a later try-out or to the team training camp, so that the athlete may be evaluated at the earliest opportunity. As a condition of the athlete's continued participation in the selection process, the Head Coach may require that the athlete submit a written report from a certified therapist or medical practitioner describing the injury and providing an estimate of recovery time.

SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CARDING)

The equivalent of 12 Senior cards (\$254,160) are available to the Men's National Team program. Regularly, Sport Canada reviews its quotas, and the allocations of cards may need to be adjusted accordingly.

ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes that, after November 1st, have signed a guaranteed contract with a NBA team and are on the team roster are not eligible for recommendation to the AAP.
- In order to be eligible for carding support an athlete must participate in the National Team program for a minimum of 30 days of training and competitive activities.

CRITERIA

Senior National Criteria (SR):

Awarded to athletes who are members of Senior National Team who meet the following criteria:

Willing and able to show up for all 4 SMNT Training Camps and must make the final roster of 2 SMNT Windows in a carding cycle to be guaranteed a full 6-month SR card. Numbers may be adjusted depending on competition schedule.

When a SMNT athlete requests assistance, Canada Basketball reserves the right to provide assistance on a case-by-case basis.

The number of months of an athlete's card will depend on his position on the depth chart and the time commitment to the National Team program.

Development Criteria (D):

To be eligible for D card support an athlete must be a member of the National Development Team, the National Junior Team, the Cadet National Team or be identified for the 'Targeted Athlete Strategy' (TAS) program.

The number of months of an athlete's card will depend on his position on the depth chart and the time commitment to the National Team program.

APPEALS

Decisions concerning selection to the national team may be appealed in accordance with Canada Basketball's Appeal Policy, provided there are grounds for an appeal.

Notwithstanding paragraph b above, for any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734/1268412578533>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Carded athletes may be eligible to receive post-secondary tuition support and other benefits from the AAP. For addition information on Sport Canada's AAP see:
<http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1267374509734/1268412578533>