

Bowls Canada Boulingrin
High Performance Program National Youth Squad Selection
2023 - 2024

1. STATEMENT OF SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1. The BCB High Performance Program consists of three squads – National Senior Squad, National Para Bowls Squad and National Youth Squad.
- 1.2. The objective of this policy is to outline the criteria and process on how athletes are identified and selected to the National Youth Squad and to National Team Events representing Canada at international events. The identification of the National Para Bowls Squad and National Senior Squad is outlined in a separate criteria process.
- 1.3. BCB is committed to selecting those athletes, who are best qualified to support the goals and objectives of BCB's High Performance Program, as determined by the selection criteria described herein.
- 1.4. BCB will select up to four (4) male athletes and up to four (4) female athletes to the National Youth Squad.
- 1.5. If a selected athlete resigns or is removed from the National Youth Squad during the cycle (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024) the HPC reserves the right to replace that athlete with another qualified athlete as identified through a modified selection process to be determined at that time
- 1.6. The selection criteria used for specific National Team Events (NTE) may vary depending on the type of event (e.g., Major Event or Development Event) and the event's performance goals.

2. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1. BCB recognizes the importance of having a High Performance Program and NTE selection policy and communicating the selection criteria to all athletes. BCB is committed to a fair and appropriate implementation of its selection policy, which is guided by BCB's High Performance Committee (HPC).

- 2.2. It is the intent to provide athletes with timely information if any amendments are made to the selection policy. The general timeline is a 3-month notification period before any amendment is adopted; this timeline may be amended in extraordinary circumstances.
- 2.3. The upcoming cycle for the National Youth Squad will run from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.
- 2.4. The Youth Squad will be announced no later than August 15, 2023.

3. NATIONAL YOUTH SQUAD SELECTION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. All athletes who wish to be eligible for selection to the National Youth Squad must meet the following conditions:
- i) Be deemed in good standing with BCB and/or its affiliates (PTO's and/or Clubs).
 - ii) Be eligible to compete in the identified program events based on BCB policies or the applicable event policies.
 - iii) Be in compliance with eligibility requirements documented by any other governing bodies (e.g., World Bowls, etc.) applicable to the events.
 - iv) Be able to participate in the 2023 Canadian Youth Championships
 - v) Demonstrate a positive attitude toward teammates, the national team, coaches, support staff, and BCB.
 - vi) Comply with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.
 - vii) Complete safe sport training as identified by Bowls Canada in the Expression of Interest.
 - viii) Commit to participating in injury reduction and management programs as laid out by BCB as required.
 - x) Be aware that Youth Squad program events will not be fully funded and personal contributions will be required.
- 3.2. All athletes who wish to be eligible for National Youth Squad selection, must further meet the following conditions:
- i) Meet the criteria outlined in the 2023 Canadian Youth Championship Conditions of Play
 - ii) Complete the Expression of Interest Form outlined in Appendix A which is to be submitted with their entry form to the 2023 Canadian Youth Championship.
 - iii) Be prepared to sign an athlete agreement.
 - iv) Be prepared to complete and submit to BCB yearly training plans, monthly training plans, monthly reports and competition reports.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE YOUTH SQUAD

- 4.1. Athletes will be selected annually to the Youth Squad by:
 - i) Placing in the top two at the Canadian Youth Championships U18 Singles event;
 - ii) Placing in the top two at the Canadian Youth Championships U25 Singles event.

- 4.2. In the event a Youth Athlete has been named to the Senior Squad, BCB will offer the next highest-ranking Athlete in the U18 and U25 event to be eligible for the 2023-2024 Youth Squad.

- 4.3. In the event a Youth Athlete has qualified to be named to the Youth Squad, but has not submitted an Expression of Interest form, the next highest-ranking Athlete in the event to be eligible for the 2023-2024 Youth Squad.

5. NATIONAL TEAM EVENT SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1. In some cases BCB reserves the right to introduce overriding selection criteria, which are customized to the type of event for which selection takes place, or which may be governed by associations other than BCB.

- 5.2. Examples of these cases may include;
 - i) Major events (e.g., Commonwealth Games, World Championships), where the selection results may have a significant weighting on specific performance minimum potentials, such as a podium finish.

 - ii) Development events where selection may have a significant weighting on athlete development and/or the need to provide international exposure to a broader group of athletes.

- 5.3 BCB strives to notify athletes a minimum of 90 days prior to the NTE of any changes in selection criteria for NTE.

6. EXCEPTIONS AND/OR EXEMPTIONS

- 6.1. Conditional Selection: Conditional selection of an athlete may be made based on circumstances where the athlete is provided an extension to meet the required selection criteria. Any such circumstance shall be reviewed and granted by the SP at its sole discretion.
- 6.2. Injury or Illness: An athlete who is eligible to be considered for selection, but who is injured or ill to the extent that he or she cannot fulfill the selection criteria may nonetheless be selected at the discretion of the SP. In exercising such discretion, the SP may require that the athlete supply a specialist diagnosis and prognosis for recovery.
- 6.3. Extenuating Circumstances: These may include any number of circumstances and prohibitive causes by which a player is unable to meet the requirements in this selection policy within the defined timelines. Based on the circumstances and the discretion of the Selection Panel, the athlete may still be eligible for selection and/or selected to the High Performance Program or to a NTE.
- 6.4. Should circumstances arise that would prevent the BCB selection criteria, as described in this document, from being applied, the HPC reserves the right to determine alternate criteria. Should this occur, all athletes shall be notified of changes in a timely manner.

7. ATHLETE REMOVAL

- 7.1. Any Athlete may be removed from the High Performance Program or from being selected to a NTE if the athlete:
 - i) Breaches BCB's Bylaws and/or Policies.
 - ii) By reason of illness or injury, is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the SP (after having received advice from a medical practitioner).
 - iii) Breaches the requirements outlined in their Athlete Agreement.
 - iv) Has failed to sustain his or her performance and/or attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the athlete, and the athlete had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels.
- 7.2 An alleged breach of an athlete's obligations will be dealt with using the provisions of BCB's Discipline and Complaints Policy at <https://bowlscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/BCB-Discipline-and-Complaints-Policy-January-2023.pdf>

8. APPEALS

8.1. Decisions regarding selections may be appealed pursuant to the Appeals Policy of BCB at: <https://bowlscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/BCB-Appeal-Policy-January-2023.pdf>

9. LANGUAGE DISCREPANCY

9.1. In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.



Appendix A
Expression of Interest
High Performance Program
Youth Squad
August 31, 2023 – July 31, 2024

In order to be considered for the 2023 – 2024 Youth Squad the completed Expression of Interest form and any requested additional information must be returned to Don Caswell, Performance Manager by **June 30, 2023**.

Name:			
Address:			
Email:		Gender:	
Phone:		Date of Birth:	

Completed applications may be submitted:

Via email: dcaswell@bowlscanada.com

Via mail: Bowls Canada, 2451 Riverside Dr, c/o

House of Sport, Ottawa, ON K1H 7X7

BCB Expression of Interest 2023 – 2024 Youth Squad



I acknowledge the following to be true at the time of signing this form, by initialing in the box beside each statement:

	Initial
a) I am a Canadian Citizen and hold a Canadian Passport.	
b) I declare that I am a member in good standing of a Canadian Bowls Club belonging to a Bowls Canada Boulingrin member association. That club being: _____	
c) I acknowledge that I have read the BCB Selection Criteria, available here , and I agree to comply with it. I acknowledge that this policy may be amended from time to time and I understand that BCB will inform me of any such amendments.	
d) I acknowledge that I have read the current Canadian Anti-Doping Program available at http://cces.ca/2021-cadp and I agree to comply with it. I acknowledge that this policy may be amended from time to time, and I understand that BCB will inform me of any such amendments.	
e) I acknowledge my right to appeal my selection or non-selection as set out in the selection criteria.	
f) I have read and agree to comply with the BCB Code of Conduct Policy available at http://bowlscanada.com/downloads/policy/code_of_conduct_en.pdf and that I have completed the Safe Sport Training module developed by the Coaching Association of Canada (https://safesport.coach.ca/)	
g) I understand that I will be required to sign the BCB Athlete Agreement and to consent to be bound by the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent Maltreatment and Abuse in Sport (UCCMS) if I am selected to the Youth Squad	
h) I understand that while BCB will continue to strive to find funding to support the high performance program, a financial commitment will be required of me to attend select camps and international events, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expenses for high performance evaluation camps such as airfare and/or accommodation plus meals 	
i) I understand that there is a year-round training and performance commitment required of all members of the High- Performance Program and if selected I will adhere to the commitments as outlined by the National Coaching Staff. This includes but is not limited to regular reporting on my training and performance commitments and attendance at IST meetings.	
j) I understand that a complete Expression of Interest package also includes the submission of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Both pages of the completed and signed Expression of Interest Form 2023 Competition Schedule – detail must include type and name of event, locations and dates <input type="checkbox"/> My Annual Training (on and off green) and Competition Plan outlining technical and fitness training components for 2023 and 2024. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Completion of the Safe Sport Training module. 	

Signed: _____

Date: _____