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Team BC 2017 North American Indigenous Games ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

-- GOLF --

The following document outlines the athlete eligibility and selection process for athletes to represent Team BC in the sport of Golf at the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) to be held in Toronto, Ontario, from July 16 to 23, 2017.

1. Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for participation on Team BC for North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), athletes must:

- Meet the sport-specific age requirement
- Be a resident of BC
- Be born of Canadian or American Indigenous ancestry. Athletes will be required to provide proof of ancestry (e.g. Status Card, Métis Card, First Nations/Treaty Card, Inuit and Inuvialuit identification)*.
- Be a current member in good standing with British Columbia Golf Association**.

*If a participant does not possess one of the specified cards/ID, there is a Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form that must be completed and submitted together with supporting documentation to the Partners Council c/o Team BC Chef de Mission.

Please note any athlete that requires the Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry form is not guaranteed eligibility to Team BC to compete at 2017 NAIG until the Declaration and supporting documentation is approved and endorsed by Team BC for submitting to NAIG. Questions regarding eligibility or to request the form, please email teambc@bcaafc.com.

** If a player is uncertain of their BC Golf membership status or needs to open/renew membership, please contact Corrie Wong at corrie@britishcolumbiagolf.org.

2. Age Eligibility

The NAIG Golf competition will consist of male and female competitors in the following age categories:

- 17U (born 2000 & later)
- 19U (born 1998 & later)

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3. Team Composition

Team BC is seeking up to two (2) males and two (2) females per age category for a maximum of 8 athletes total. Coaching staff will consist of one (1) Head Coach and one (1) Team Manager/Assistant Coach (of which one must be female).

4. Selection Process

BC Aboriginal Provincial Golf Championships and “Team BC Development Squad”

The Team BC NAIG Program will form a “Team BC Development Squad” for the sport of golf following the 2016 BC Aboriginal Provincial Golf Championships. The Championships will serve as the athlete identification event to identify athletes for the Development Squad.

Development Squad athletes are those identified by Team BC Coaching Staff as having demonstrated potential to earn a position on the final Team BC NAIG roster. Athletes named to the “Team BC Development Squad” are expected to spend the fall and winter months continuing to train and prepare on their own. Development Squad members will be required to attend mandatory Team BC Training Camp in May of 2017 (exact date and location to be confirmed) with the ultimate goal to be named to the final Team BC NAIG roster following their performance at the spring camp.

Only those Development Squad members who are named to the final Team BC NAIG roster will participate in the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) held in Toronto, Ontario from July 16 to 23, 2016.

Details:

- Athletes competing at the 2016 BC Aboriginal Provincial Golf Championships that meet eligibility (i.e. age categories) will be automatically eligible for Team BC Development Squad consideration.
- The Championships are scheduled for August 7-9, 2016 at Talking Rock Golf Course in Chase, BC. The registration information will be circulated to Partners Council and BC Golf email lists and posted on Partners Council Facebook page and website.
- Athletes must register and submit registration fee prior to deadline of 4:00 PM, August 2, 2016. Online registration accepted at: <https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.eu/forms/provincial-golf-championships>. If required, you may request a hard copy registration form from teambc@bcaafc.com.
- Athletes will be evaluated at the event by the Team BC Coaching Staff and any additional evaluators appointed to assist with athlete ranking process.
- Team BC Coaching Staff shall make the nominations to the Development Squad from the pool of athletes that participated in the Championships (and eligible absentee applicants).
- Team BC Development Squad nominations will be finalized within 30 days of the Championships to allow coaches an opportunity for due diligence regarding player evaluations and any reference checks.
- Athletes finishing in first place at the Championships are NOT automatically guaranteed a spot on Team BC Development Squad. While their performance at the Championships will weigh heavily in the nomination process, athlete selection criteria may also include other contributing factors including conduct, attitude, ability to work with others, commitment to training, experience, recent performance results and other criteria determined by the Coaching Staff.

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- Athletes must accept or decline their nomination to be a member of the Team BC Development Squad in writing as per instructions provided upon notification.
- Development Squad members will be required to attend a mandatory training camp in May of 2017 (exact date and location to be confirmed).
- Team BC Coaching Staff will select the members of the final Team BC roster for the 2017 NAIG at the conclusion of the May training camp. It is understood that in making selections is to create the best possible team and selection criteria may include not only their performance at both the Championships and the Training Camp, but also other contributing factors including conduct, attitude, ability to work with others, commitment to training, experience, recent performance results and other criteria determined by the Coaching Staff.
- Team BC Coaching Staff/Selection Committees operate under the principles to create quality, competitive teams to represent BC at NAIG and that selection should be free from bias as a result of nepotism, favouritism, or affiliation. They are responsible for ensuring transparency in the process and that good selection principles have been applied.

5. Absentee Consideration (i.e. Exemption)

Athletes, who for circumstances are unable to participate in the Camp/Championships (e.g. injury, illness, domestic affliction, conflict with a major competition/event, etc.), and would like to request to be considered for Team BC, may apply for “Absentee” consideration to Team BC. Procedure as follows:

- Absentee requests must be submitted in writing to Team BC (teambc@isparc.ca) before the Championships Event registration and include the following: player’s contact information (same info as required on the registration form), details on reason for absence, their competitive sport history and recent performance results. Contact information for two coach/sport references must also be provided.
- In the case of sudden injury, illness or emergency, the absentee request must be submitted in writing as soon as possible before the start of the selection event to teambc@isparc.ca. Athletes requesting Absentee Consideration due to injury or illness must also submit a medical statement from their doctor or specialist describing injury and length of inactivity.

Athletes attending the Camp/Championships receive greater priority for selection and no spot is guaranteed through Absentee application. Any athlete selected to Team BC through Absentee application will be subject to same Camp/Championships registration fees as athletes who attended the selection event.

6. Team Expectations

Upon selection to the Development Squad or Team BC, an athlete is required to:

- a) Sign and honour the Code of Conduct
- b) Obey all rules established by Team BC and the Head Coach
- c) Participate in Team events, activities and meetings, as directed by the Head Coach
- d) Ensure they wear/use the proper equipment and clothing for their sport
- e) Assist and participate in team fundraising projects where required
- f) Continue with training and preparation
- g) Represent themselves, their families, their community, their team, with pride and integrity

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Team expectations are not limited to the above items and there may be additional expectations communicated by the Head Coach or Team BC.

7. Dismissal

An athlete may be removed from the Development Squad or Team BC for the following reasons (not limited to):

- a) Athlete violates Team BC code of conduct or Team rules
- b) Athlete is unable to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reason
- c) Athlete is unable to commit to Team events, activities, meetings (note that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach)
- d) Athlete is unable to maintain training standards or meet performance expectation to the Head Coaches satisfaction
- e) Athlete exhibits behavior/conduct that is detrimental to Team BC program
- f) Athlete voluntarily withdraws

8. Alternates

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from the Team may be replaced by an alternate from the Development Squad, provided the alternate athlete is eligible. The selection of the replacement will be based upon previous results and selection criteria and shall be the decision of the Head Coach.

If an athlete selected to Team BC becomes ill or injured, he or she must seek immediate medical attention and report the illness or injury to Team BC. Team BC will assess the situation in order to make a recommendation. The assessment may involve requesting further information or additional medical tests. Where it is determined an athlete must be replaced, the selection of the replacement will be from among the pool of eligible Development Squad athletes.

9. Appeals

Athletes who are not selected to Team BC may appeal. The first level of appeal will be to the Team Head Coach. This appeal must be in writing (via email is acceptable) and be filed within 3 calendar days of the announcement of the team roster. If an athlete is not satisfied with this decision they may appeal in writing (via email is acceptable) to an Appeal Committee made up of Team BC Chef de Mission and/or Assistant Chef, and minimum of two members of the Provincial Sport Committee or Team BC Work Group. This appeal must be filed within 3 calendar days of the Head Coach's decision of the first level appeal. At any time during the review/appeal process, the athlete may be required to provide additional information or evidence in support of their appeal. The athlete will receive a response from the Appeals Committee within one week of it being received and shall be the final level of appeal available to the athlete.

10. Inquiries

Inquiries regarding Team BC and 2017 NAIG, please contact:

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