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Team BC 2023 North American Indigenous Games ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS -- BADMINTON --

The following document outlines the eligibility and selection process for athletes to represent Team BC in the sport of badminton to represent Team BC at the games to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 15 to 23, 2023. Athletes who submit the Athlete Expression of Interest form will be contacted following the deadline with more information regarding details of the selection process for Team BC in badminton, which may include invitation to an evaluation camp (location/date to be determined). Eligibility details below.

1. Athlete Eligibility

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, Provincial Métis Card, First Nations/Treaty Card, Inuit and Inuvialuit identification)*
- Be a current member in good standing with Badminton BC**
- Be fully COVID-19 vaccinated as per the NAIG policy. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

** As the Team BC NAIG program for badminton is sanctioned by Badminton BC, athletes must be registered members with Badminton BC. Athletes selected to Team BC without current membership can renew/purchase upon successful selection.

*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 I-SPARC 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 NAIG until the Declaration and supporting documentation is approved and endorsed by Team BC for NAIG submission.

The form will be available in September 2022. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to teambc@isparc.ca.

The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I-SPARC) is responsible for managing the Team BC Program for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) and is supported by the Province of BC. The Team BC NAIG program in the sport of badminton is sanctioned and supported by the Badminton BC.

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2. Age Eligibility

Team BC is seeking badminton athletes to compete in NAIG competition consisting of male and female singles, doubles and mixed doubles in the following age categories:

- 19U (born 2004 & later)
- 16U (born 2007 & later*)

*Regarding matters of safety and maturity, Team BC is seeking athletes born no later than 2010.

3. Team Composition

Team BC is seeking up to a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) female per age category. An athlete is allowed to compete in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

Coaching staff will consist of one (1) Head Coach and one (1) Manager. One of the above staff must be of the same gender as each participating team.

4. Coaching Staff:

Team BC is pleased to confirm its volunteer coaching staff for 2023 NAIG.

Head Coach: Courtney Anderson
Assistant Coach/Manager: TBA

5. Selection Process

The selection process for badminton requires athletes interested in competing for Team BC at 2023 NAIG to submit an expression of interest application:

<https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn>

- The application form will be available online and promoted to I-SPARC and Badminton BC network of contacts and posted on I-SPARC Facebook page and website.
- Applicants must also provide two (2) references – one sport reference (preferably a coach) and one character reference that is not a relative (e.g. teacher).
- Athletes must submit their application prior to deadline of **May 1, 2023** in order to be considered for nomination to Team BC. Scores must be submitted by **May 7, 2023**.

Date	Action	Notes
January 1, 2022 to May 7, 2023	Results Window	Submit results from badminton achieved from within this period.
May 1, 2023	Deadline for interested athletes to be registered in the Team BC registration system	To be eligible for Team BC, all athletes must register in our Team BC system prior to May 1. https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn Please fill out the Expression of Interest as well as Badminton Scorecard section.

May 7, 2023	Provincial Indigenous Badminton Development Camp (Optional). Location: Chief Joe Mathias Centre in North Vancouver, BC	(Optional) This development camp is open to all Indigenous youth born between 2004 to 2010. The camp is NOT a Team BC selection camp. However, it provides a valuable opportunity for male and female badminton players interested in NAIG to meet our Team BC NAIG coaching staff and develop their badminton skills. Please note that you are not required to attend the camp in order to be considered to represent Team BC at the 2023 NAIG.
May 7, 2023	Deadline for submitting score card results	Upload these to your Badminton scorecard in the Team BC membership site - https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn
Week of May 7, 2023	Athletes are notified of Team BC selection results	Athletes will be expected to continue training and competing in the remainder of the 2023 competitive season.
June 1, 2023	Team BC Fee Due	The Team BC fee is \$450. The fee is inclusive of NAIG registration fee, Team BC uniform and opening ceremony outfit, three meals/day and accommodations while in Halifax, flight to Halifax from designated major departure hub (e.g. YVR).
May/June, 2023	Team Training Camp	To be confirmed ASAP.
July 15 – 23, 2023	2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)	Halifax, NS from Vancouver, BC (travel days expected to be July 15 and returning July 23)

- Regarding the required submission of competition results achieved within the period January 1, 2022 and May 7, 2023: It is preferable that results submitted are from Badminton BC sanctioned event(s) and/or School event(s), however, results from non-sanctioned Badminton BC events verified by a coach, teacher, or event official may also be submitted.
- Athletes will be considered for selection based primarily on their performances in the past year and current season, however, athlete selection criteria may also include other contributing factors including conduct, attitude, commitment to training, and other criteria determined by the Coaching Staff/Selection committee.
- Selection committee to consist of Team BC Coaching Staff and representative(s) from Provincial Indigenous Badminton Committee.
- Athletes to be notified of selection results during the week of May 7, 2023.
- Depending on volume and quality of applications, shortlisted athletes may be invited to the training camp to be evaluated in person for final roster selections.

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, favoritism, or affiliation. They are responsible for ensuring transparency in the process and that good selection principles have been applied.

2023 BC Indigenous Provincial Badminton Development Camp

Badminton athletes who are interested in Team BC for 2023 NAIG are encouraged to attend the 2023 BC Indigenous Provincial Badminton Development Camp. This development camp is open to all Indigenous youth born between 2004-2010. The camp is NOT a Team BC selection camp, however, the camp will provide a valuable opportunity for male and female badminton players interested in NAIG to meet our Team BC NAIG coaching staff and develop their badminton skills. Details below.

- **May 7, 2023**
- **Location:** Chief Joe Mathias Centre in North Vancouver, BC
- The camp is open to all male and female Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) youth born between 2004-2010.
- Registration is free.
- Athlete's must register prior to the deadline of 4:00 PM on May 4, 2023 to secure a spot.

Athletes must pre-register. Registration available online at:

<https://isparc.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/MemberRegistration/MemberSignIn>

**Please note that you are NOT required to attend the above camp in order to be considered to represent Team BC at the 2023 NAIG. It is optional.*

6. Absentee Consideration

In the case there is a need for a final Team BC Badminton Athlete Evaluation Camp, Athletes, who for extenuating circumstances are unable to participate in a Regional Selection Camp (e.g. injury, illness, domestic affliction, conflict with a major competition), 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 filled out through an Absentee Form Application. This form can be requested through Team BC teambc@isparc.ca before the registration deadline (or in the case of sudden injury, illness or emergency, as soon as possible before the start of the selection event).
- Athletes must register for a Selection Camp as well as submit the Absentee Form.
- 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. If the nature of the injury would allow the athlete to attend the camp in person to observe and participate in any non-physical sessions (e.g. 'chalk-talks'), the athlete is encouraged to register and attend the Selection Camp.
- Athletes attending a Selection Camp receive greater priority for team selection and no spot is guaranteed through Absentee application. Any athlete selected to Team BC through Absentee application will be subject to any applicable Camp registration fees incurred by players who attended.

7. Team Expectations

Upon selection to Team BC or a Team BC Development Squad, 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

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

8. Dismissal

An athlete may be removed from 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

9. Alternates

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from the Team may be replaced by an alternate, 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 alternate athletes.

10. Appeals

Any dispute relating to Team BC selections to be brought according to following procedure. 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 selections/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.

11. Inquiries

Inquiries regarding Team BC and 2023 NAIG, please send an email to Joel Harry, Provincial Coordinator, Performance Sport at teambc@isparc.ca or call 250.856.0850.