



Team BC Selection 2026-27

Purpose

1. This document aims to provide transparent selection criteria and processes to select the best possible Provincial Teams to represent BC in National and International competitions.
2. The policy outlines athlete eligibility, selection criteria, and selection process to be adhered to related to Provincial Team programs.

Team BC Athlete Eligibility

- Be a resident of British Columbia; and
- Be registered with the NDC through fall 2026 and winter 2027, and in good standing with Water Polo West and Water Polo Canada.
- Must acknowledge and adhere to the Water Polo West Code of Conduct and Commitment to Safe Sport.
- Must not be subject to any disciplinary action or investigation of disciplinary action.
- Must attend National Development Centre sessions or make alternative arrangements with BC Team Head Coach.
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Team BC Selection Criteria

Athlete selection will be based on, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Technical competence (foundational and position-specific skills)
- Fitness and physical capacities (speed, endurance, agility, aerobic capacity, mobility)
- Tactical competence (decision-making, awareness, positional flexibility, reading the play)
- Attitude (cooperation, receptiveness to feedback, adjustment to different skills and tactics, respect for players, coaches, officials, and support staff – adhering to WPW code of conduct)
 - Observations at NDC
 - Feedback from club coaches

- Attendance at NDC practices and camps. If an athlete cannot attend a practice for a legitimate reason (e.g. injury, illness, exam, attending National or International water polo events), the athlete or the athlete's parent/guardian must notify Coaches, by email, of the reason for absence, in advance of sessions. It is expected that athletes will attend all session unless notice is given to NDC coaches.
- Team orientation (ability to connect with and respect teammates and coaches, influence team environment in a positive manner, demonstrate inclusivity and collaboration)
- Competitive ability (temperament, resilience, commitment, performing under pressure, coping with obstacles, response to feedback)
- Team balance (playing positions and age composition)

Team BC Selection Process

- Initial assessment will be made at the September assessment camp.
- Coaches will observe eligible athletes at local tournaments and league games, as well as NDC practices.
- Input from club coaches will contribute to overall athlete evaluations.
- Information will be compiled and analysed by NDC coaches.
- Final roster decisions will be made by the team of NDC coaches and approved by the Executive Director.

Coach Selection Process

Coaches wishing to be considered for NDC practices or NPC must submit an expression of interest.

Selection of coaches will be based on the following principles:

- Coaching team composition – a balance of genders, home clubs
- Support for NDC programming
- Coaching certification requirements met

Coach selection will be made by the Executive Director.