



# Nova Scotia Curling

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The 2024/25 High Performance Program will provide support to eligible same gender, four-person youth teams tracking towards national podium performances. The Program will normally consist of eight (8) teams, selected from four (4) non-gender specific pathways. Selection will ensure a sufficient number of U18 eligible and U21 eligible teams are invited into the Program.

#### **1. National Podium Pathway**

- Team placed on the national podium (top 3) at either the 2024 U18 or U21 national championships.
- Team must retain a minimum three (3) of the four (4) players that placed on the national podium.
- Athletes must be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30, 2025.

#### **2. Provincial Rep Pathway**

- Team represented Nova Scotia at either the 2024 U18 or U21 national championships.
- Team must retain a minimum three (3) of the four (4) players that played in the national championship.
- Athletes must be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30, 2025.

**Interpretation:** If a registered team includes three athletes eligible for 2024/25 U18 and one athlete who has aged out of U18, that team is not eligible for U18 JTRS points, therefore, will be recognized as a U21 team in the High Performance Program.

#### **3. Foundation Pathway**

- Athletes must be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30, 2025.
- Teams who do not qualify through the National Podium Pathway or Provincial Rep Pathway may apply under one of the following categories:

### Performance Category

- Team placed in top four (4) in 2024 U18 or U21 Provincials, or
- Team finished in the top three (3) in U18 or U21 JTRS points, as of March 31, 2024.
- Team must retain a minimum three (3) of the four (4) players from the 2023/24 season.

### Open Category

- Team was not eligible under the Performance Category, or
- Is a newly formed team for 2024/25.
- Each application will be assessed on its own merits, including past commitment and performance of each athlete.

## **4. Futures Pathway**

There is a need to ensure a sufficient pool of podium potential athletes is sustained. This pathway will introduce athletes into high performance and will empower the athletes to showcase their commitment, determination, and dedication to the sport.

The High Performance Program may provide support to a maximum of two (2) emerging four-person teams who have demonstrated the potential skill and desire in competing at a high performance level.

- Team as registered has three (3) or more years of U18 eligibility remaining, born on or after July 1, 2008.
- Team played in 2023/24 U18 Provincial, or
- Team was a finalist in the 2023/24 U15 Provincial.

A team can only be selected into this Pathway once.

