



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The 2026/27 High-Performance Program will provide support to eligible same gender, four-person and mixed doubles youth teams tracking towards national podium performances. The Program will normally consist of nine (9) teams, selected from four (4) non-gender specific pathways.

1. National Podium Pathway

- Team placed on the national podium (top 3) at either the 2026 U18 or U20 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, 2027.
- Eligible team(s) will receive an invitation from the High-Performance Coach.

2. Provincial Champion Pathway

- Team won a Nova Scotia Provincial Championship at either the 2025 U18 or 2026 U20 provincial championships or 2026 CWG 4- person qualifier champion or 2026 CWG mixed doubles qualifier champion (new to HP program).
- Teams must retain a minimum three (3) of the four (4) players that played in the provincial championship and both members (2) of the mixed doubles team must remain together.
- Athletes must be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30, 2027.
- Eligible team(s) will receive an invitation from the High-Performance Coach.

3. Foundation Pathway

- Athletes must be a maximum of 20 years of age on June 30, 2027.
- Teams who do not qualify through the National Podium Pathway or Provincial Champion Pathway may apply under this category.
 - Team placed in top three (3) in 2025 U18 or 2026 U20 NS Provincials

- Team must retain a minimum three (3) of the four (4) players from the 2025/26 season.
- It is a newly formed team for 2026/27 season.
- Each application will be assessed on its own merits, including past commitment and performance of each athlete.

4. Future Stars Pathway

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 will provide support to emerging four-person teams who have demonstrated the potential skill and desire in competing at a high-performance level.

- All four (4) members of the team must meet age eligibility, born on January 1, 2010, or later.
- Team competed in the 2025/26 U15 NS Provincial and /or higher competition.
- If a newly formed team for 2026/27 season.
 - Each application will be assessed on its own merits, including past commitment and performance of each athlete.
- A team can only be selected into this Pathway once.