



SELECTION PROCESS

First consideration will be given to eligible National Podium Pathway and Provincial Champion Pathway teams who have retained a minimum of three (3) of the four (4) players.

The application evaluation and selection process will take into consideration the following:

- ❖ Minimum three (3) of the four (4) athletes must have been a member of an NSCA affiliated club in the 2025-2026 season. Team members do not have to be members of the same club.
- ❖ All athletes must be residents of NS prior to September 1, 2026 (student exceptions apply, students may be asked to provide proof of registration and academic standing). To ensure that all individuals are treated equally, an individual must be able to provide proof to be considered a resident.
- ❖ Team must meet 'Program Eligibility Guidelines'
- ❖ **Application Thoroughness:**
 - ✓ Must demonstrate athlete / team initiative and desire.
 - ✓ Must demonstrate a commitment to an appropriate on-ice training and tournament program.
 - ✓ Must demonstrate a commitment to a season long strength and conditioning program that will ensure athletes are in peak physical fitness at the start of the season and maintain their fitness level throughout the season.
- ❖ **Competition Performance**
 - ✓ 2025-26 season – team or individual performance
- ❖ **Coach Development:**
 - ✓ Coach credentials (i.e., certification level and required training).
 - ✓ Coach Personal Development Plan.

In addition, teams in the 2026/27 High-Performance Program will be valued to the extent of:

- ❖ Commitment to Performance Science Program (coach and athletes):
 - ✓ Nutritional services participation level
 - ✓ Mental training participation level
 - ✓ Strength and Conditioning + Fitness testing participation and attainment of benchmark standards
- ❖ Team Culture
- ❖ Degree of coach communication with High-Performance Coach

Team selections will be finalized on or before May 15, 2026.

Expiry date of the 2026-27 High-Performance Program is March 31, 2027.