



# **BOXING CANADA**

**SANTIAGO 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES  
ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

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**Event:** Santiago 2023 Pan American Games (PAG)  
**Pan American Games Dates:** October 20th to November 5th, 2023  
**Boxing Competition Dates:** October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Location:** Santiago, Chile  
**Age Group:** Elite Men and Women  
**Selection Date:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (TBC)  
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**Oversight:** Boxing Canada High Performance Advisory Group

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the qualification and nomination procedures upon which Boxing Canada will determine those athletes from the High-Performance Program (HPP) who will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to represent Canada at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games (PAG) as members of the Boxing Canada's National Team.

The objective of this nomination process is to identify and nominate athletes that are:

- (1) Selected via the 2023 Santiago Pan Am Games Boxing Qualification system published and approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the American Boxing Confederation (AMBC) and Pan Am Sport.  
([www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf](http://www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf)).
- (2) Consistent with the Boxing Canada Gold Medal Profile (GMP) and Winning Style (WS) parameters and who have displayed competition behaviours and results to achieve top international performances at major events.
- (3) Progressing towards Boxing Canada GMP and WS parameters and who have displayed competition behaviours and results to achieve international performances and trending to achieve World stage performance.

For clarifications or questions relating to this document, please contact Boxing Canada's High-Performance Director (HPD).

## 2. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

- a) The development of the Santiago 2023 PAG Nomination Procedures is the responsibility of the HPD. The Boxing Canada High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) will oversee the Santiago 2023 PAG Nomination Procedures development.
- b) The HPD is responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All team nominations made by the HPD will be monitored by the HPAG and ratified by Boxing Canada's Board of Directors to ensure that the process outlined in this document is properly followed, fair, and equitable for all candidates.



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**3. BOXING CANADA IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for consideration for selection to the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier, at the time of selection (TBC), an athlete must:

- a) Be born between January 1st, 1983, and December 31st, 2004.
- b) Be a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial boxing association (PTSO) and Boxing Canada and maintain this status until the 2023 Pan American Games is completed. Unless otherwise authorized, in advance and in writing, athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Boxing Canada at the selection date.
- c) Be a member of the 2023-2024 HPP, defined as the National Team.
- d) Have read, signed, and returned the executed Athlete Agreement to Boxing Canada.
- e) Have read, signed, and returned the 2023 Pan American Games Athlete Selection Procedures acknowledgement document to Boxing Canada.
- f) Have completed all relevant CCES anti-doping requirements.
- g) Have a valid Canadian passport with an expiry of at least six (6) months from the conclusion of the 2023 Pan American Games (May 8th, 2024).
- h) Meet the International Olympic Committee's (IOC), the International Boxing Federation, PanAm Sports and the Canadian Olympic Committee's (COC) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events.
- i) Sign and submit the completed Pan Am Games agreement, COC agreements, and registration requirements by September 15th.

**4. TEAM SIZE**

Boxing Canada will have a maximum team size of thirteen (13) athletes seven [7] males and six [6] females) as determined by the 2023 Pan American Games Boxing Handbook ([www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf](http://www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf)). A maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category per National Olympic Committee (NOC) per country is allowed. These athletes will be selected based on the qualification system detailed in the document noted above.



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**5. ELIGIBLE WEIGHT CATEGORIES**

This selection applies to Elite Men and Women Pan American Games weight categories. Given that the boxing competition at the 2023 Pan American Games is a direct qualification event for Paris 2024 Olympic Games, these weight categories are identical to those at the Paris Olympics:

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
51kg	50kg
57 kg	54kg
63.5kg	57kg
71kg	60kg
80kg	66kg
92kg	75kg
+92kg	

**6. BOXING CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA**

The criteria below will be used to select a pool of athletes who will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the 2023 Pan American Games. All athlete nominations will be based directly on the published boxing qualification system noted in Section 4.

The official 2023 Pan Am Games qualification system for boxing was prepared jointly by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Pan Am Sports and the Pan American Boxing Confederation. The parameters of this qualification system bind Boxing Canada. The qualification is as follows:

1. One quota per weight category for the NOCs that won in Cali 2021
2. One quota per weight category for Chile as the host country.
3. The finalists of each weight category in the Asuncion 2022 South American Games (SAG 2022).
4. The finalists of each weight category in the El Salvador 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games (2023 CACG)
5. Four quotas per gender for each weight category in the Qualification Championship for the NOCs that have not qualified yet (including the USA and CAN). Only the countries that have not yet qualified can participate in this qualification event.

Boxing Canada will, as the priority, nominate the individual athlete who earns a qualification spot in any weight category. Should the nominated athlete be unable to fulfill the necessary actions in this document, meet any obligations in this document, or otherwise be unable to represent Canada at the Santiago PAG, the vacant NOC quota spot nomination will go to the next athlete in Boxing Canada's weight division-specific National Team rankings?



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As per page 6 of the Santiago Pan Am Games Boxing Qualification System document, regardless of the published qualification quotas, each NOC may register one athlete per division in the boxing competition at the 2023 Santiago PAG.

Boxing Canada reserves the right to nominate athletes with a proven record of elite international success into any weight division not already occupied by a qualified Canadian athlete. Athlete nomination will be at the discretion of the HPD. Boxing Canada is not obliged to fill weight divisions for which a Canadian athlete has failed to qualify.

The conditions surrounding consideration of such a nomination may include but are not limited to:

- Athletes meeting the objectives stated in Section 1 of this document.
- Athlete with proven international success suffers a medically documented and performance-limiting injury that prevents participation or limits performance in the single Pan American qualifying competition (August 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2023) to which Canada has access.
- Athletes with proven international success lose an early-stage bout to an eventual medalist in the single qualifying competition Canada has access to and, therefore, does not directly qualify.

Any athlete nominated to the COC through this pathway will not receive the same accreditation, service or funding levels as qualified athletes. All PAG service and access levels will be defined by the COC and Panam Sports and are beyond the control of Boxing Canada. Nominated athletes' names will be forwarded to the COC by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING THE PREPARATION PHASE**

Athletes must report all performance-limiting injuries or medical operations after their selection. Boxing Canada's Team Physician will determine the athlete's condition and status in terms of competitive readiness. An injured athlete who cannot undergo full training, including regular sparring during the two weeks before departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

## **8. ALTERNATES**

The Pan Am Sport qualification system is based on National Olympic Committee (NOC) qualification. As a priority, Boxing Canada will nominate the individual athlete who earned a PAG qualification spot in a specific weight division to the COC. If that individual athlete cannot compete in the PAG, the next highest-ranked athlete will be selected to fill the NOC quota. Athlete ranking will be based directly on the results of Boxing Canada's domestic qualification system used to select an athlete for the Pan American Games Qualifier. Boxing Canada's athlete selection policy document that guides entry to the PAG Qualification tournament can be found on Boxing Canada's website ([www.boxingcanada.org](http://www.boxingcanada.org)).



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No alternates will be selected or added to the list of Canadian athletes attending the 2023 Pan American Games past the registration or name change deadline specified by the Pan Am Sport as September 29th, 2023.

## **9. TRAINING COMMITMENT AND MANDATORY EVENTS**

The National Coaches and HPD will develop a preparation program for the 2023 Pan American Games. This program may include but not be limited to competitions, camps, testing, and training activities.

Participation and active involvement in all the Pan American Games preparation program activities is a condition for attending the event and eligibility for related funding opportunities. Unless authorized in advance by the HPD, failure or incapability to attend the activities scheduled for the preparation program may result in the removal from the team.

The dates and locations for the mandatory events are outlined below and are subject to change for a minimum of six weeks' notice, given where possible:

- 2023 Pan American Games Training Camp:
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Date and location TBC)
  - This event aims to ensure the final preparation of all qualified Team Members is optimal to perform at the Games.

Given budgetary limitations, Canadian boxing athletes who have been eliminated from the PAG boxing competition may, at the discretion of the HPD, be released from the team and returned to Canada. Factors affecting this decision may include but are not limited to:

- The eliminated athlete's ability to act as a training partner supporting the preparation of the athletes continuing in the competition.
- The eliminated athlete's potential benefit from continued exposure to the ongoing structured training environment concurrent with the boxing competition's completion.

Further considerations regarding the decision to return eliminated athletes to Canada may be related to COC policy and budgetary imperatives.

## **10. INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND WELLNESS PROTOCOLS**

Qualifying team members must comply with all infectious disease and wellness protocols prescribed by Boxing Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, Pan Am Sport or the International Olympic Committee to protect personal health, performance, and competitive results. Failure to follow these protocols may result in removal from participation as an athlete in the 2023 Pan American Games. These protocols will be communicated before the event.



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**11. REMOVAL OF A BOXER FROM THE TEAM**

Boxing Canada may, at any time, disqualify any athlete or Qualifying Team Member from being considered for or participating in the 2023 Pan American Games if they breach any material obligations under this Policy or if they:

- I. Breach of any material obligation under their Athlete Agreement,
- II. Are found not to meet the eligibility requirements stated in Section 3 of this document,
- III. Are found to violate any anti-doping policy procedure outlined by Boxing Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

If an athlete is removed from the team after the 2023 Pan American Games final nomination deadline (September 26th, 2023), no replacement will be selected for that weight category.

Boxing Canada's HPD will have the final authority over the athlete removal process.

**12. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT**

A late replacement will be identified and nominated to the COC if a nominated athlete becomes ill or injured. This athlete will be selected based on weight division-specific National Team rankings. The deadline for a late athlete replacement is set by the Organizing Committee and will be Shared as soon as available.

**13. FUNDING**

The athlete will fund all expenses for the mandatory 2023 Pan American Games preparation program, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, and meals, incurred as part of the pre-Pan American Games Camp. Athlete funding may be available depending on final Boxing Canada budget allocations.

All expenses incurred on-site at the 2023 Pan American Games will be fully covered.

**14. APPEALS**

Appeals to Boxing Canada's nominations will be subject to the [Appeal Policy of Boxing Canada](#), available on Boxing Canada's website.

**15. TEAM NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Boxing Canada will email all qualifying team members and non-qualifying HPP athletes to advise them of the selection decisions. Boxing Canada will then announce the team on its website and through established communication channels and timelines set with the COC. The nomination announcement will be made before August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



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**16. LANGUAGE**

Where there is a difference in interpretation between this document's French and English versions, the English version shall prevail.

**17. IMPORTANT DATES**

To adhere to the entry deadlines set by Pan Am Sport, the COC, Boxing Canada, has set the following dates for its selection process. These dates may be changed based on external circumstances. Boxing Canada will attempt to achieve these deadlines whenever possible.

March 10th, 2023	Publishing of the Selection Criteria for the 2023 Pan American Games
April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Nominated member accreditation deadline
August 1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	2023 Pan American Games Qualifier. Cali, Columbia
August 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Boxing Canada Team Nomination Announcement to the COC for the 2023 Pan American Games
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	End of <a href="#">Boxing Canada Appeal Policy</a> window
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Registration Requirement Deadline
September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	COC Team Nomination Deadline
October 1 <sup>st</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 (TBC)	2023 Pan American Games Training Camp. Location TBD
October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Team arrival at 2023 Pan American Games – Santiago, Chile.
October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	First day of the competition.
October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Last day of the competition.
October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Team departure from the 2023 Pan American Games to Canada