

INTRODUCTION

This document presents the criteria by which Boxing Canada will select athletes to attend national team events, including major games, international competitions, and training camps. Athletes selected for major games will be those for which the event will have the greatest impact on achieving Boxing Canada's high performance objectives of athlete placements in the top eight (8) at the Olympic Games and World Championship. Athletes selected for other international competitions and training camps will be those for whom the event will provide the best developmental opportunity within their Individual Performance Plan (IPP).

OBJECTIVE

The overarching objective of the document is to identify and select athletes to attend national team events that are seen as genuine medal hopes at Major Games or have been identified by the HP staff as long-term development athletes capable of achieving future success. The goal is to ensure the optimal development of the boxers according to their IPP).

The specific athlete selection object for major games (i.e. Olympic Games, Olympic Qualifiers, Pan American Games, Pan American Games Qualifiers and Commonwealth Games) and Elite World Championships is for athletes to achieve a podium or top 8 performances at those events, while athlete selection objectives for international competitions or training camps will support individual athlete progression in Boxing Canada's Winning Style and GMP parameters; in turn leading towards future world-class performance.

DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The HPD is responsible for developing and implementing the National Team Competition and Training Camp Selection Criteria. All team nominations made by the HPD, with the recommendation of the HP staff, are ratified by Boxing Canada's Executive Director to ensure that the process outlined in this document is properly followed, fair, and equitable for all candidates.

BOXING CANADA IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for selection to any Boxing Canada targeted event, at the time of selection, an athlete must:

- Be a member of the National Team
- Be of the correct age to attend the targeted event
- Be a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial boxing association (PTSO) and Boxing Canada and maintain this status until the completion of the event.
- must have paid all outstanding invoices to Boxing Canada at the selection date, unless otherwise authorized, in advance and writing, athletes.

- Read, signed, and returned the executed Athlete Agreement to Boxing Canada.
- Signed Boxing Canada’s UCCMS declaration
- Completed all relevant CCES anti-doping requirements.
- Be a Canadian citizen with a valid Canadian passport

TEAM SIZE

Boxing Canada’s team size for any target event will be based on event regulations, qualification processes, or team size maximums. Boxing Canada is not obligated to fill all potential athlete spots at targeted events.

ELIGIBLE WEIGHT CATEGORIES

This selection applies to World Boxing Elite Men and Women weight categories as detailed in the table below.

| Men | Women |
|------------|--------------|
| 50 kg | 48 kg |
| 55 kg | 51 kg |
| 60 kg | 54 kg |
| 65 kg | 57 kg |
| 70 kg | 60 kg |
| 75 kg | 65 kg |
| 80 kg | 70 kg |
| 85 kg | 75 kg |
| 90 kg | 80 kg |
| 90+ kg | 80+ kg |

BOXING CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria below will be used to select a pool of athletes attending targeted events as part of Boxing Canada’s national team respecting athlete registration limitations or quotes and Boxing Canada’s HPD’s determination of each athlete's competitive or training progression as detailed in their IPP.

The athlete needs to be identified in one of the categories of the National Team (World Class, Podium Potential, Emerging or National Team Squad)

MAJOR GAMES:

Olympic Games, Olympic Qualifiers, Pan American Games, Pan American Games Qualifiers and Commonwealth Games

Selection Criterion 1: Athletes with Immediate Podium Potential

The athlete who has reached the benchmark set for the international competition will be automatically selected (we need to define our international benchmark for each year, maybe when we have our calendar)—number of wins, number of times on the podium, *etc.*

Tie Break:

If two athletes in the same weight class have reached that benchmark, the HPD will use these criteria to select a boxer:

- Competition readiness (injury, physical fit, *etc.*)
- Comparing results against the pool of opponents
- Engagement with the program

Selection Criterion 2: Athletes with Future Podium Potential

The athlete has not reached the international result benchmark before the major games. The HPD will select with the advice of the HP staff. These aspects will be looked at in no particular order.

- International performances (Camp and competition)
- National results and performances (national championships and camps)
- Previous head-to-head
- Competition readiness at the moment of selection
- Engagement with the program
- Engagement with the other athletes of the program
- Result against the pool of opponents at this competition
- Weight management and ability to make the required weight

If a decision can't be made, the HPD could ask for a head-to-head match. The athletes cannot request a head-to-head match.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS OR CAMPS

All selections for non-major games and training camps will be in accordance with the boxer's IPP, which will be advised by the HP staff and approved by the HPD.

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.

ALTERNATES

Depending on the timelines in play at the time of possible selection of an alternate athlete, Boxing Canada may identify an alternate athlete to fill a vacant spot. Boxing Canada is under no obligation to identify alternate athletes for events unless otherwise stated in specific competition selection criteria.

TRAINING COMMITMENT AND MANDATORY EVENTS

The National Coaches and HPD may develop a preparation program for each target national team event. This program may include, but is not limited to, competitions, camps, testing, and training activities. Participation and active involvement in all preparation program activities are conditions 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 will be outlined in writing before each event and are subject to change for a minimum of six weeks' notice, given where possible:

REMOVAL OF A BOXER FROM THE TEAM

Boxing Canada may, at any time, disqualify any athlete from being considered for or participating in any targeted event if they breach any material obligations under this document or if they:

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

FUNDING

Athlete funding for targeted events may be available depending on final Boxing Canada budget allocations. Specific funding information will be shared at the time of the invitation to participate.

APPEALS

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

LANGUAGE

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