

# 2015 Canada Winter Games - Team Ontario Selection Criteria

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## **i. Background:**

The Canada Winter Games (CWG) are held every four years, and the badminton event there is the showcase of our Training to Win (T2W) athletes, as per Badminton Canada's Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD). The Canada Winter Games include both a Team Competition and an individual competition with all five events. Selected athletes can compete in a maximum of two individual events.

At the 2011 Canada Winter Games, Team ON captured 6 medals, including gold in women's singles, women's doubles, and the Team event.

The 2015 Canada Winter Games will be held February 13 to March 1, 2015, in Prince George, British Columbia. The Badminton competition will take place in the second week of the Games.

For details on the 2015 CWG see:  
<http://www.canadagames2015.ca/>

Goal: To have our athletes peak for this event, have personal-best performances, medal in at least 3 individual events, and win the team gold.

## **ii. Team Composition:**

- . Five (5) male athletes, 23-years-old or under, as of Dec.31, 2015 (born in 1992 or later)
- . Five (5) female athletes, 21-years-old or under, as of Dec.31, 2015 (born in 1994 or later)
- . One (1) Manager, one (1) Coach

## **iii. Selection Committee:**

The Selection Committee for the 2015 Canada Winter Games Badminton team will include the CWG Coach, Manager, and up to two Badminton Ontario Board of Directors (to be determined following the 2014 BadOnt Spring AGM). The coach and manager will determine partnerships and select disciplines for competition at the Canada Winter Games at their discretion.

It should be noted that partnerships may be chosen based upon the ability to play as a team, not necessarily on personal ability/achievements.

## **iv. Team Selection Criteria:**

*Athletes will be selected based on the following guidelines:*

1) Eligibility:

- A. Eligible athletes include all male athletes born in 1992 or later, and all female athletes born in 1994 or later.
- B. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- C. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization.
- D. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the Province or Territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
- E. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province or territory of permanent residence or the province or territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
- F. An athlete who is training outside his or her province or territory of permanent residence may represent the province or territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by:
  - (i) Having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous or current competitive season.
  - AND -
  - (ii) Having represented that province or territory at an international, national or regional championship,
  - AND -
  - (iii) Not having received direct development funding from their province or territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.
  - OR -
  - (iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
- G. An athlete is permitted to **try out** for any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one province or territory but cannot try out for swimming in another province or territory, BUT,

an athlete may try out for one province or territory in swimming, and may try out for another province or territory in diving).

- H. Athletes may only **compete** for one province or territory at a single Canada Games. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.

## 2) Camp Participation:

To be eligible to attend the selection tournament, athletes **must** have attended a minimum of one (1) Badminton Ontario Development Camp in the Spring/Summer/Fall 2014. Check Badminton Ontario website ([www.badmintonontario.ca](http://www.badmintonontario.ca)) for details - dates will be posted shortly.

## 3) Selection Tournament:

All eligible athletes are invited to attend an Selection Tournament on October 3-5, 2014.

Location and registration information for this Selection Tournament will be posted online at [www.badmintonontario.ca](http://www.badmintonontario.ca)

4. The CWG Selection Committee (see “iii.Selection Committee”) will select the Team Ontario Roster composed of five (5) male and five (5) female athletes which will be made up of the top finishes of the Team

Selection tournament:

Event winners will automatically be selected to the team. The following will comprise between two (2) to four (4) males and two (2) to four (4) females on the final Team roster:

- . Men’s singles champion;
- . Women’s singles champion;
- . Women’s doubles champions;
- . Men’s doubles champions; and
- . Mixed doubles champions.

The remaining one (1) to three (3) male roster spot(s) and one (1) to three (3) female roster spots will be selected based on top finishes (2nd, 3rd, or 4th place in each event in order of decreasing consideration for the team), and based on needs of the team. Consideration will be given based on the athlete’s ability in a doubles pairing, mixed doubles pairing and overall Team cohesion.

Please note: other than for the doubles and mixed doubles event winners, an individual may be selected to the team, while their doubles or mixed doubles partner may not be selected (ie. In the case where an individual athlete has superior results than their partners in other events and/or their selection creates the best team match-up).

4. The CWG Selection Committee (see “iii. Selection Committee”) will select and rank (in each discipline) (2) male alternates and two (2) female alternates from participants of the Selection Tournament according to their results in the following events, listed in the order of priority:
- a. The Team Selection Tournament.
  - b. Badminton Canada National Elite Circuit Events held in the 2014 Calendar year.
  - c. Badminton Canada National Junior Elite Circuit Events in the 2014 Calendar year.
  - d. 2014 National Championships
  - e. 2014 National U19/U23 Junior National Championships
  - f. 2014 Provincial Championships
  - g. 2014 U19 Junior High Performance Provincial Championships

In the case of injury arising after an athlete has been selected, but prior to departure for the CWG, Badminton Ontario reserves the right to revoke selection of the athlete if, in Badminton Ontario’s sole discretion, the athlete’s or team’s performance will be compromised. In this case the alternate would fill the position of the injured player.

In the event that only one (1) male/female alternate fills the position of an injured team member, then this alternate will be selected based on their relative ranking (as determined according to section 4) compared to the other alternate in the discipline(s) that the injured player was strongest.

5. Athletes chosen to represent Ontario for badminton at the CWG2015 will be notified no later than November 12, 2014. At this time an athlete may choose to accept or decline the invitation and must notify the Selection Committee no later than November 19, 2014 of his/her decision. All athletes must sign a written agreement with Badminton Ontario which includes details on expected commitments. Commitments may or may not include athlete testing, team practices and sparring sessions, as well as team fundraising. Details will be provided in a contract at the time of signing.

#### **v. Selection Timeline**

- Winter 2014 Team Ontario Coach and Manager announced.
- March 2014, Badminton Ontario invites athletes to participate in Talent ID/Development Camp.
- May 2014, Badminton Ontario publishes CWG2015 qualifying criteria
- Spring/Summer/Fall 2014, Badminton Ontario offers training camps, in which some mandatory participation is required to be eligible for CWG2015 team.
- October 3-5, 2014, Final selection tournament, location to be announced.
- Oct 19, 2014, Selection Committee determines the final CWG2015 Team Ontario Roster. Roster to be published, consisting of five (5) female athletes, five (5) male athletes, two (2) female alternates and two (2) male alternates.
- January 2011 Team training, location and dates TBD.
- February 21 - March 1, 2015 Badminton events at CWG2015.

#### **vi. Appeal Process:**

Athletes and Coaches may submit an appeal to the Selection Committee for non-selection based on the following grounds:

- Selection was not made according to the rules; or
- There was a reasonable conclusion of bias or conflict of interest by the Selection Committee.

Any appeal must be in writing to Badminton Ontario (Director appointed to the Appeals Committee to be determined following the 2014 BadOnt Spring AGM) and post-marked within two weeks of the final selection date.

#### **vii. Other**

Clause for injuries or commitments that preclude players from participating in Development Camps or the Selection Tournament:

a. The injured athlete must notify Badminton Ontario in writing of their inability to participate in at least one of the Development Camps or the Team Selection Tournament and of their desire for consideration for team selection 48 hours before the start of the event, and to provide the following:

- A Doctor's note is required if an athlete is unable to participate in the Selection Tournament and may or may not be asked to attend without participation.

b. An athlete with a prior commitment must notify Badminton Ontario in writing of their inability to participate in at least one of the Development Camps, and/or Team Selection Tournament and of their desire for consideration for team selection as soon as they are aware of the conflict, and to provide the following:

- A written explanation from a coach or tournament official will be required if an athlete is unable to attend the Selection Tournament because of a prior commitment. The event and date must be included in the written explanation. The Selection Committee will give special consideration if the injured/away athlete has superior results in multiple tournaments, listed as events b to g in Section iv.4, than at least two (2) of the male/female athletes that would have been selected to the final team roster based on their results at the Team Selection Tournament.

For information on the 2015 Canada Winter Games -  
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