

# **BC Water Polo** **Team BC Selection Criteria**

**2008/2009**

## **Rationale:**

- To provide a selection process for the athletes ( ages 91 or younger) of BC who wish to be selected to represent the Province of British Columbia.
- To provide an opportunity for BC athletes to represent their province.
- To provide high level training and competitive opportunities for BC athletes
- To provide an opportunity for Female and Male age eligible athletes to be scouted as a potential athlete for the Youth Men's & Women's National Team
- To continue to support Water Polo Canada program initiatives.

## **Eligibility and Availability:**

- To be eligible for selection to the Provincial Team representing British Columbia:
- an athlete must be a registered competitive member in good standing with the BC Water Polo Association, born 1991 or younger  
athletes, parents or guardians must sign an athlete agreement form agreeing to the selection process criteria.
- There will no inter-provincial athlete loans for this event.
- Athletes wishing to be considered for Team BC event, must attend the selection camps to be held in Vancouver. Date TBA
- Upon the Team( s) being selected, athletes must attend all selection, training and other events designated by the Provincial Team Coaches

## **Process:**

Athletes will attend the selection camps.

Athletes will be evaluated according to enclosed criteria

## Communication:

Criteria, athlete agreements will be circulated via the clubs

Final Team Announcement will be made In January, 2009 following the final camp via email, BCWP website

### **Ineligibility:**

- Athletes who fail to abide by availability requests or eligibility requirements may be removed from the Provincial Program by written notice .

### **1.0: Selection Criteria**

- Water Polo is a team sport. It is difficult to base selection strictly on athletic performance and therefore some subjective judgment is required. The selection criteria outlined, will be the primary tool used by the Provincial Team Coach(s), to select the Provincial Teams. This may also be done in consultation with other coaches of the athlete.

When selecting an athlete for the Provincial Team, the Team Coaches will base decisions on the following criteria:

#### **1.1 Individual/team play characteristics**

- Individual ball handling
- Application of skills to the game situation
- Passing ability when under pressure
- Ability to maintain possession in confined area
- Ability to improve to meet changing situations
- Ability to make and execute correct decisions under pressure
- Game clock and shot clock awareness

#### **1.2 Technical abilities, skills and positions**

##### **a) Drivers**

- Ability to shoot / score
- Ability to create an outlet
- Ability to earn an advantage or exclusion

##### **b) 2 MG ( metre guard)**

- Ability to read the game
- Ability to neutralize the opponent
- Ability to counter attack

##### **c) Center Forward**

- Ability to control their position
- Ability to control the ball and pose a scoring threat
- Ability to effectively pass to shooters
- Ability to earn an exclusion

##### **d) Outside shooters**

- Ability to score from outside seven (7) meters
- Diversity of shots

e) Goalkeepers

- Ability to block
- Ability to perform accurate long passes
- Ability to read the game
- Ability to anticipate shots
- Ability to steal balls
- Ability to communicate to team-mates

f) Team Work

- Work effectively with the team
- Ability to play and to cooperate within the team
- Ability to be involved and to communicate effectively with other players during the game, in and out of the water
- Ability to adhere to the game plan
- Ability to display leadership qualities, in and out of the pool
- Ability to fit into the overall team chemistry

1.3 Needs of the team to perform at the National level

a) Physical

- Height
- Weight
- Strength/power
- Speed
- Aerobic standard
- Anaerobic standard
- Flexibility
- Endurance

b) Tactical knowledge

- Previous Team experience
- Offensive system
- Defensive system
- Counter attack system
- Power play system

c) Personal characteristics

- Goal oriented
- Confident
- Leadership qualities
- Self-motivated
- Determined
- Hard worker
- Team player
- Coachability
- Committed

1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 will further be assessed by the use of:

- fitness testing
- video game analysis
- game stats and results

## 2. Team Selection Appeal Procedures

### 2.1 Submitting an appeal

An athlete wishing to appeal the Team selection must inform the BCWP Board of Directors of her/his intent to appeal. A Team appeal must be received seven (7) days after the circulation of the team composition of the respective event in question.

### 2.2 Acknowledgement of an appeal

The Director of High Performance Athletes must consider the submitted appeal and respond to the individual within seven (7) days of receiving the individual's appeal. The correspondence must include acknowledgment of the appeal being received, along with whether the stated appeal has grounds for further review.

### 2.3 Acceptable grounds for an appeal

The appeal will be considered if the individual demonstrates that the selection process was not followed.

### 2.4 Composition of the "hearing committee"

The Director of High Performance Athletes will be responsible for nominating the "Appeals Committee", which should be composed of: Director of High Performance Athletes; Treasurer; Director of Promotions & Marketing; Director of Coaches.

The athlete and the Provincial Team Coaches will be called upon as resource persons, and should withdraw during the deliberations or in any situation where they may be in conflict.

### 2.5 Time-frame required to reach a final decision

The "Appeals Committee" should deliver its final decision within seven (7) days of the Director of High Performance Athletes acknowledgment of receiving the athlete's appeal.