

## **2019 Canada Winter Games Team Selection Criteria**

### **General Guidelines**

- To be eligible for the 2019 Canada Winter Games (CWG) team all athletes must be under the age of 23 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- A referee and deputy will be present for the entire duration of both stages of the tryouts.
- Coaching will not be permitted during play for any tryout competitions, and coaches will not be permitted onto the field of play. The referee assigned to the tryout will determine the field of play.
- Placing will be determined for, at minimum, the top 8 positions, for both the doubles and singles tryouts. Placing beyond the 8<sup>th</sup> position is at the discretion of the tournament referee and selection committee.
- Lines judges will not be available.
- All try-outs will adhere to Badminton World Federation (BWF) regulations, however, regulations in this document overrule the BWF regulations.
- The doubles and singles tryout may be held on separate weekends.
- The CWG selection committee (and any required replacement members) will consist of at least three members of the badminton community approved by the Manitoba Badminton Association (MBA) Board of Directors.
- The Provincial Coach will be the coach of the Canada Winter Games team.

### **Stage 1: Selection of Training Team (September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

- The final training team size will include 10 males and 10 females (4 of each gender through doubles, 4 of each gender through singles and 2 of each gender by committee selection).
- The Training Team tryout will include Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles and Girls Doubles. Mixed doubles will not be played.
- The format for the tryout will include round-robin pools followed by playoffs.
- Players will be ranked for seeding purposes based upon their MBA open category provincial ranking (<http://badminton.mb.ca/page.aspx?id=33299>) at the time of the tryouts registration deadline. Doubles & Singles categories will be ranked separately.
- Doubles events will be conducted before the singles events.
  - Players are required to play both events during the tryout except in the case where they are exempt due to the doubles team selection result or if no partner is available. Athletes may select their own CWG eligible doubles partners. A player without a doubles partner must register with “partner required” and a partner will be given to them, if available.
  - Those athletes who are unable to play in the doubles event due to no chosen or assigned partner being available, will be required to be selected based on their singles tryout or the selection committee decision.
- The top 2 doubles teams for each gender will be removed from the singles portion of the stage 1 tryout and will be named to the training team if their corresponding subjective

evaluations are deemed satisfactory by the CWG committee.

- The remaining players will compete in a singles tournament with the top 4 finishers for each gender being named to the training team if their corresponding subjective evaluations are deemed satisfactory by the CWG committee.
  - Pools for the singles portion of the tryout will be published after the conclusion of the doubles events. However, ranking for the singles event will be published ahead of time.
- The remaining 4 Training Team positions (2 males and 2 females) will be selected by the Selection Committee.
  - The Selection Committee will base their selection off the stage 1 tryout results, tournament results from the 12 months prior to the tryout start date and a subjective evaluation which considers; Coachability/Attitude, Leadership/Professionalism and Reliability/Work Ethic.
- In the case of extenuating circumstances as outlined in the Extenuating Circumstances section of this document a player not completing the training team tryouts may be selected.
- The Training Team will be named within 7 business days of the last day of the Training Team tryouts.
- An athlete may be removed from the training team at the discretion of the CWG selection committee with guidance from the CWG coach if they are found to not be actively participating or for issues of improper conduct.
- Any appeals will follow Badminton Manitoba's appeals policy. See the Policies and Procedures webpage at [badminton.mb.ca](http://badminton.mb.ca).

## **Stage 2: Selection of Final Team and Alternate Positions (August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018)**

- The final team size will include 5 males and 5 females with one male and one female alternate.
- To be eligible for the stage 2 tryouts athletes must either:
  - A) Be an active participant on the training team, if residing in the province. In lieu of continued participation with the training team, out of province athletes must successfully qualify to participate on the training team, deny that position and submit a training plan every 3 months which the CWG Coach and CWG committee must approve.
    - a. The approval will be based on the athlete demonstrating dedication to training that is the same as or greater than the requirements of the CWG Training Team.
  - B) Achieve a top 6 ranking among eligible Canada Winter Games athletes according to the MBA Senior ranking system in any one of singles, doubles or mixed doubles as determined by all sanctioned tournaments from the 12 months preceding the stage 2 registration deadline.
  - C) In the case where there are less than 10 male and 10 female athletes participating in the stage 2 tryout, the CWG selection committee will invite athletes to fill their spots based on their MBA Senior ranking, in sequence empty

spots will be filled by doubles, mixed doubles then singles senior provincial ranking points.

- The tryout will include Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles, Boys Singles and Girls Singles. Mixed doubles will not be played.
- The format for the tryout will include round-robin pools followed by playoffs.
- Players will be ranked for seeding purposes based upon their MBA open category provincial ranking (<http://badminton.mb.ca/page.aspx?id=33299>) at the time of the tryouts registration deadline. Doubles & Singles categories will be ranked separately.
- Out of Province athletes who cannot feasibly attend Manitoba tournaments must attend at least one practice prior to the stage 2 tryouts where representatives from the Selection Committee and the Provincial Coach will observe play and rank the athlete.
- Doubles events will be conducted before the singles events.
  - Players are required to play both events during the tryout except in the case where they are exempt from singles due to their doubles result or if no partner is available. Athletes may select their own stage 2 eligible doubles partners. If a player does not have a doubles partner they must register with “partner required” and a partner will be given, if available.
  - Those athletes who are unable to play in the doubles event due to no chosen or assigned partner being available, will be required to be selected based on their singles tryout or the selection committee decision.
- The top doubles team for each gender will be removed from the singles portion of the stage 2 tryout and will be named to the final team if their corresponding subjective evaluations are deemed satisfactory by the CWG committee. Qualification in doubles does not exclude an athlete from playing singles at the Canada Winter Games, however it does secure their position on the team.
- The remaining players will compete in a singles tournament with the top singles player for each gender being named to the final team if their corresponding subjective evaluations are deemed satisfactory by the CWG committee.
  - Pools for the singles portion of the tryout will be published after the conclusion of the doubles events. However, ranking for the singles event will be published ahead of time.
- The remaining 2 positions for each male and female, as well as the 1 alternate position for each male and female, will be determined by the Selection Committee.
  - The Selection Committee will select the remaining team positions using Badminton Manitoba and Badminton Canada sanctioned tournament results from the 12 months prior to the starting date of the stage 2 tryouts, Stage 1 and Stage 2 tryout results, Manitoba provincial ranking and a subjective evaluation which considers; Coachability/Attitude, Leadership/Professionalism and Reliability/Work Ethic.
- All athletes must complete the tryouts or submit an extenuating circumstances submission (see extenuating circumstances portion of this document) to be chosen for the team. In the case of extenuating circumstances an athlete who did not complete the tryouts may be selected to the final team.
- Athletes may be removed from the final team by the CWG selection committee in the case of improper conduct or not actively participating in CWG team requirements.



- The Final Team will be named within 7 business days after the concluding day of the stage 2 tryout.
- Athletes who accept their position on the Canada Winter Games Team are required to play provincial and national tournaments with other members of the Canada Winter Games Team leading up to the Canada Winter Games. Any exceptions must be requested and approved in writing by the CWG selection committee.
- Any appeals will follow Badminton Manitoba's appeals policy. See the Policies and Procedures webpage at [badminton.mb.ca](http://badminton.mb.ca).

### **Extenuating Circumstances**

- Extenuating circumstances include any unforeseen injuries, family emergencies or other unforeseeable events which prevent an athlete who was eligible for and desired to compete in a stage 1 or stage 2 tryout from completing them.
- To be eligible for team selection, any athletes experiencing extenuating circumstances must draft a letter explaining the situation and their argument for being selected to the team.
  - In the case of an illness or injury, a doctor's note must accompany the letter.
  - The letter must be submitted to the chair of the Selection Committee as early as possible with the limit being three business days after the concluding day of the stage 2 tryout. This is to allow for the selection committee to address any extenuating circumstances before the final team is named.
- The Selection Committee will notify the applicant that the letter has been received. The Selection Committee will review the circumstances and determine:
  - If the circumstance(s) were or were not reasonably preventable, or
  - If the circumstance(s) were justified in preventing the athlete from competing
- If the circumstances were not reasonably preventable, and were justified in preventing the athlete from competing, then the athlete will be considered for selection the same as the other eligible candidates.

### **Further Information**

- This document may be amended by the Canada Winter Games committee upon approval of amendments by the Manitoba Badminton Association board of directors.
- Amendments will be posted on the MBA website a minimum of one-month before posted tryout dates unless the reason for any amendments are beyond the control of the committee. Changes will also be communicated by email to athletes identified by the CWG committee and Provincial coach.
- Any questions about this document and its interpretation can be directed to: The CWG committee chair.

All athletes engaged in the Canada Winter Games Selection Process are expected to sign this document acknowledging that they have read and understand the process and submit the document at the first stage of the tryout that they attend.