

2027 Canada Winter Games

Team Selection Criteria

General Guidelines

- To be eligible for the 2027 Canada Winter Games (CWG) team all athletes must be under the age of 23 as of December 31st, 2026.
- Athletes must also be eligible according to the 2027 Canada Winter Games Badminton Technical Package: to be released by Badminton Canada and added to this document.
- Residency & Citizenship: Athletes must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, and residents of the province or territory they are representing.
- A referee and deputy will be present for the entire duration of both Stages of the tryouts.
- Coaching will be permitted during play for stage 2 tryouts competitions, and coaches will be permitted onto 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 8th position is at the discretion of the tournament referee and selection committee.
- Line 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 will be held on the same weekend, on different days.
- Both the doubles and singles tryout are mandatory for each participant, except for reasons outlined in this document.
- 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 2: Selection of Final CoreTeam Positions August 22nd & 23rd 2026

- The final core team size will include 10 males and 10 females
- To be eligible for the Stage 2 tryouts athletes must either:
 - A. Be a committed member of the training team if residing in the province. Be a member in good standing with Badminton Manitoba
 - B. Athletes residing outside of Manitoba must remain in good standing with the provincial badminton organization in their current province of residence while also maintaining Manitoba residency.

- 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 results, empty spots will be filled by the sum of a players top two event results within the prior calendar year.
- 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 (<https://badminton.mb.ca/page/33299/Athlete-Rankings>) 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 of at least two of the preceding camps 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 two doubles teams for each gender will be removed from the singles portion of the Stage 2 tryout and will be named to the final core 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 core 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 4 positions 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, 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 circumstance 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 core team by the CWG selection committee in the case of improper conduct or not actively participating in CWG team requirements as defined in the technical package.

- The Final core 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 CoreTeam are required to play at minimum one national tournament and two sanctioned tournaments in Manitoba with other members of the Canada Winter Games Team leading up to the Canada Winter Games. Out of province players do not need to abide by provincial tournament requirements if it is not feasible. 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 Safe Sport Manual webpage [here](#).

Stage 3: Final selection of CWG December 19th & 20th, 2026

- The final team size will include 5 males and 5 females with one male and one female alternate.
- 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 are required to play both events during the tryout except in the case where they are exempt from singles due to their doubles result.
- 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 3 tryouts, Stage 2 tryout results, Manitoba provincial ranking and a subjective evaluation which considers; Coachability/Attitude, Leadership/Professionalism and Reliability/Work Ethic

Extenuating Circumstances

- Extenuating circumstances include any unforeseen illness, injuries, family emergencies or other unforeseeable events which prevent an athlete who was eligible for and desired to compete in a Stage 2 or Stage 3 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.
 - o In the case of an illness or injury, a doctor's note must accompany the letter.
 - o 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 and/or Stage 3 tryout. This is to allow for the selection committee to address any extenuating circumstances before the final team is named.
 - o Athletes may also appeal the results of the doubles and/or singles portion of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 tryouts within three business days of a Selection Committee decision.
- The Selection Committee will notify the applicant that the letter has been received. The Selection Committee will review the circumstances and determine:
 - o If the circumstance(s) were or were not reasonably preventable, or
 - o 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.
- Once on the team, an athlete may apply for an exemption to attending camps given that they provide a detailed reason for why they cannot attend and submit unedited video footage including: 30 minutes of training footage, a doubles match and a singles match, of which one was a win and the other a loss. This footage must be from within a calendar year.
 - o Notice and video footage must be provided 10 business days prior to a camp taking place.

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 is beyond the control of the committee. Changes will also be communicated by email to athletes identified by the CWG committee and Canada Winter Games Coach
- Any questions about this document and its interpretation can be directed to: The MBA office by emailing corey@badminton.mb.ca.