

Goalball National Teams Selection Process



**Canadian Blind Sports
Sports Aveugles Canada**

2018-2019 Selection of Event Specific Team
to the 2019 Para Pan Am Games

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The objective of the Canadian Blind Sports (CBSA) National Goalball selection process is to create a fair and transparent method for identifying and selecting athletes for our national team pool, event specific teams and the athlete assistance program. It is also the intention of CBSA to work with Provincial programs to assist provincial coaches and their athletes to prepare for team selection, high performance training and competition.

Our long term goal (CBSA Strategic Plan 2018-2021) for the Canadian High Performance Goalball program is to consistently produce players to play on teams that are gold medal contenders at multiple World Championships and Paralympic Games.

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Selection Committee

Team to be nominated to CPC for 2019 ParaPan Am Games

The High Performance Selection Committee will consist of the following individuals:

- Program Coaching Staff; and
- High Performance Director
- Director, Domestic Programs

Upon confirmation of eligibility and receiving all of the athlete agreements and codes of conduct, CBSA will formally name the team to be nominated to CPC for the Lima 2019 Parapan American Games.

EVENT SPECIFIC TEAMS

The respective National Team Coaches will build each team around the best combination of centers and wingers from the National Team Pool. Coaches will consider the event being attended combined with the short term and long term needs of the team related to the long term goal (CBSA Strategic Plan 2018-2021) for the Canadian High Performance Goalball program which is to consistently produce players to play on teams that are gold medal threats at multiple World Championships and Paralympic Games.

Because of the nature of team sport, flexibility will be given to the selection committee to ensure the ongoing current and future performance needs of the team are met. Factors (not a complete and thorough list) such as team cohesion, leadership, offensive skills, defensive skills, and experience may be taken into account when determining the team.

Rankings from National Team Pool Evaluation Protocols may be used as a basis for selection for Event Specific Teams, but is **NOT** the only tools to be used for selection

- **May 27, 2019** - Announcement of Men's and Women's teams nominated to CPC for 2019 Parapan Am Games.

1. Decision Making Process:

- a. The final recommendation of athletes to be nominated to the CPC for the 2019 Lima ParaPan Am Games is made by the High Performance Selection Committee.
- b. All athletes nominated to the team will be named to positions with the following understanding:
 - i. The starting lineup for any game is at the discretion of the Head Coach
 - ii. Platooning of positions is at the discretion of the Head Coach
 - iii. The Canadian Blind Sports Coaching Team and the Team Leader have the final authority to determine the active roster for each game on-site at the Games and to make adjustments in the eventuality of unexpected circumstances.

2. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

a. Unforeseen Circumstances

- i. Should the Canadian Blind Sports Selection Committee determine that unforeseen circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the CBSA Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, considering, factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
- ii. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

b. Changes to this Document

- i. Canadian Blind Sports Association reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the National Championships unless the changes relate to the CBSA Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
- ii. Canadian Blind Sports Association reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decisions related to the nomination process in the case of rule or policy changes from IBSA or IPC that affect the Criteria set out in this document.
- iii. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all CBSA Carded Athletes and Coaches, and published to the Canadian Blind Sports Association website at the earliest possible time following any such change being approved.

3. Appeal Procedure

- a. Athletes may appeal selection decisions which affect them using the Canadian Blind Sports Appeals Policy found at <http://canadianblindsports.ca/about/policies/> .
- b. Due to the CPC Team Nomination deadline, appeals must be received within 48 hours of the publication of the team list. As the final submission to CPC for entry to the Lima Parapan American games is July 17th, appeals must be completed by the 17th in order for athletes to be eligible for the Lima 2019

Parapan American Games. CBSA reserves the right to conduct an expedited appeal process through the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), superseding the appeal for selection process in the National Team Selection – Rule Book, if appeals are in jeopardy of not being completed before the July 17th deadline.