

## **2011 Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria**

August 10, 2010

### **i. Background:**

The Canada Winter Games (CWG) are held every four years, and are 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 2007 Canada Winter Games, Team ON captured three medals in the individual events (2 gold), and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the team event.

The 2011 Canada Winter Games will be held February 11-27 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Badminton competition will take place in the second week of the Games. For details on the 2011 CWG see: <http://www.canadagames2011.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

Team Goal: To improve on performances of the last Canada Winter Games, two (2) Gold medals.

### **ii. Team Composition:**

- Five (5) male athletes, born in 1988 or later;
- Five (5) female athletes, born in 1990 or later; and
- One (1) Manager, one (1) Coach, and one (1) Assistant Coach

### **iii. Selection Committee:**

The Selection Committee for the 2011 Canada Winter Games Badminton team includes the Badminton Ontario Director of High Performance, Director of Player Development, President, CWG Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager. These said people will then make the decisions on the final roster. The coach, assistant 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. Eligible athletes include all male athletes born in 1988 or later, and all female athletes born in 1990 or later, as per CWG guidelines, who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents and one of:
  - a. A resident of the province of Ontario (residence must be located in Ontario for at least 180 days prior to February 11, 2011),

- b. A student (from any province) attending school on a full-time basis in Ontario during the 2010-2011 academic year, OR
- c. In exceptional cases where an athlete does not reside in Ontario, but wishes to represent Ontario and were a member of an Ontario club or Badminton Ontario for the entire previous competitive season, or attended school full-time in Ontario the previous academic year.

It should be noted that athletes may only try out for one province or territory for the 2011 CWG.

2. All eligible athletes are invited to attend an Open Selection Tournament on October 29-31<sup>st</sup> at the Badminton and Racquet Club in Toronto. Registration and information for this event will be posted online at [www.badmintonontario.ca](http://www.badmintonontario.ca)
3. The CWG Selection Committee (see iii.) 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> place in each event – in order of decreasing consideration for the team), and based on best team match-ups. Team match-ups in consideration will be best ability in a doubles pairing, mixed doubles pairing and overall Team cohesion. Once four (4) males and four (4) females are selected, athletes with a result in more than one event will be given more consideration over athletes with fewer results.

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 finished to their partners in other events and/or their selection creates the best team match-up).

4. The CWG Selection Committee (see iii.) will select and rank (in each discipline) two (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 2010 Calendar year.
  - c. Badminton Canada National Junior Elite Circuit Events in the 2010 Calendar year.
  - d. 2010 National Championships
  - e. 2010 National U19/U23 Junior National Championships
  - f. 2010 Provincial Championships

g. 2010 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.

- a. 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 CWG will be notified no later than November 12, 2010. At this time an athlete may choose to accept or decline the invitation and must notify the Selection Committee no later than November 19, 2010 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**

- a. Summer 2009 – Team Ontario Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager announced.
- b. December 2009 – Badminton Ontario invites all eligible athletes to initial Talent Identification Camp at Humber College.
- c. August 2010 – Badminton Ontario publishes the 2011 Team Ontario Selection Criteria
- d. October 2010 – Final selection tournament, the Badminton and Racquet Club, determines the final 2011 Team Ontario Roster. Roster to be published, consisting of five (5) female athletes, five (5) male athletes, one (1) female alternate and one (1) male alternate.
- e. November 2010 – January 2011 – Team training, location and dates TBD.
- f. February 11-27, 2011 – Canada Winter Games, Halifax, NS.

**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 and post-marked within two weeks of the final selection date. Final exact selection date will be determined no later than September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

vii. **Other**

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

- a. The injured athlete must notify Badminton Ontario in writing of their inability to participate in the Team Selection Tournament and of their desire for consideration for team selection *48 hours before* the start of the Team Selection Tournament, and to provide the following:
  1. 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 the 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:
- c. 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 Halifax 2011 Canada Winter Games -  
<http://www.canadagames2011.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

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