



Canadian Tenpin Federation, Inc.
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2.1 National Team Selection Policy – 2026 Team

National Team Selection

Team Canada will comprise of eight men and eight women. The top six women and top six men finishers at the annual Canadian Team Trials (CTT) automatically qualify for the team. The National Selection Committee will select two women and two men from applications submitted by email to selections@tenpincanada.com or hand-delivered at CTT 2026.

The selections will be made no later than 14 days after the application deadline. The deadline for 2026 applications is January 17, 2026. The Selection Committee may delay the announcement due to travelling or acquiring more information.

Applicants must complete the application and biography forms as well as provide a complete resume of performances in national and international competitions, training, and performance objectives for the past 5 years.

The NSC will be comprised of a maximum of five members: the High-Performance Director, the Executive Director, a Member of the CTF Board appointed by the HPD and ED, and/or past athlete(s) appointed by the HPD and ED. Head Coach and National Team Coaches will provide input. If Selection Committee has less than 5 members, they can appoint temporary members as needed for selection.

Standards for Selection of National Team

The NSC is charged with selecting those athletes who are most likely to create the strongest National Team. The NSC shall have the latitude to consider any qualifications and criteria that the NSC believes would be helpful in creating the strongest team.

In evaluating athletes for possible additions to Team Canada, it is anticipated that the NSC will consider the biography form completed by each athlete and at least the following criteria:

- **Conduct:** The athlete must be in good standing with BFC/CTF; that is, all dues, fees, monies owed etc. are up to date, and the athlete is currently not under suspension. Conduct also includes any inappropriate behavior before, during and after national and international competitions.

Conduct also includes previous team commitments associated with the Athlete Monitoring Software, administration deadlines, training deadline and overall commitment to the High Performance Program.

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- **Performance:** This includes all international competition, as well as CTF, United States Bowling Congress (USBC), Collegiate, or Provincial sanctioned tournaments.
- **Physical Game:** This includes, but is not limited to the many physical elements, which comprise an athlete's game such as: approach, arm swing, timing, release versatility, speed control the ability to play different angles, shoot spares, change equipment and adjust to different lane conditions.
- **Mental Game:** This includes a variety of subjective factors. Examples are: coach- ability, adaptability, practice regimen, ability to stay focused, attitude, commitment, ability to perform under pressure and sportsmanship.
- **Team Play:** This includes, but is not limited to the intangible, but crucial ability to be a positive factor in building rapport, confidence and a winning attitude among the team members and coaches. Also team play between team-mates e.g. including communication with other players, lining up off of each other, understanding each other's games or communicating adjustments when necessary.

Timing of Selection

Final selections will be made no later than January 31st of the year of the CTT tournament*. The announcement will be made to CTF Board Members First, then Team Member, Coaches, etc. This correspondence will come from the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will communicate to the athletes when they are selected and/or not selected. The NSC will investigate all possible athletes to ensure all information has been accurately reported.

Removal or Replacement

Alternates will be named in both the men's and women's divisions. Alternates will need to comply with all eligibility requirements. The circumstances under which an athlete can be removed from a team include doping control infraction, violation of an Athlete Code of Conduct, missed deadlines or workouts, and, injury. As outlined below, the High-Performance Selection Committee with consultation from coaching staff will be responsible for the nomination of all athletes, and Removal/Replacement (if necessary).

An athlete will be removed, and alternates will be used, if there is an injury that precludes the athlete from competing or if the athlete fails to meet the standards set forth by Pan Am, COC or CTF.

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Appeals

The due process for athletes will follow Canadian Olympic Committee guidelines and procedures. In matters involving CTF Members; representation of Canada in national or international competition, including qualifiers for those competitions, CTF due process can be sent to Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) within 30 days of nominations.

Team Canada Application Policy

Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen;
2. Have a valid Canadian Passport on January 1st of the year of competition and be valid for 6 months after the competition;
3. Be a member in good standing with the Canadian Tenpin Federation;
4. Be in compliance with all relevant International requirements for eligibility.
5. Must be compliant with all SafeSport and Anti-Doping regulations.
6. Have bowled in 1 of the last 3 Canadian Team Trials ie 2025, 2024, 2023

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