



2025-2026 Selection Criteria - FAQs

Q1. What coaching level is "Level 2 NCCP certified or trained" status?

This is a Ministry of Sport requirement across all sports and we cannot speak for the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC), especially their historical certifications because their certifications and levels continue to evolve over time or at the request of the NSO. We advise you to contact them directly.

Here is a summary of NCCP Level 2 across all sports:

What is NCCP Level 2?

NCCP Level 2 is designed for coaches who have completed Level 1 and are looking to enhance their coaching abilities. This level emphasizes player development, teaching coaches how to effectively communicate, plan practices, and understand the needs of their athletes. It is particularly relevant for those coaching at the community or competitive levels.

Key Components of NCCP Level 2

1. **Coaching Competencies:** Coaches learn to develop essential competencies that help them guide their athletes through various stages of development. This includes understanding the physical, mental, and emotional needs of players.
2. **Practice Planning:** The program teaches coaches how to create effective practice plans that focus on skill development, teamwork, and game strategies.
3. **Communication Skills:** Coaches are trained in effective communication techniques to foster a positive learning environment and build strong relationships with their athletes.
4. **Player Development:** Emphasis is placed on understanding the long-term athlete development model, which helps coaches support their athletes' growth and performance over time.

In the coaching levels that the Archery Ontario Selection Committee has seen, this would be our interpretation:

1. Certified Instructor of Intermediate Archers ("be engaged in completing this training" provides some latitude where an athlete does not have reasonable access to a certified instructor at this level or higher)
2. Trained or Certified Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 Coach (Historical)
3. Trained or Certified Competition Introduction
4. Trained or Certified Competition Development
5. Trained or Certified High Performance Competition Development

Also, an Ontario coach could bring forward a request for consideration that is a different certification and it would be reviewed by the PSO.



Q2. What is the actual Selection Process? How will eligible athletes be ranked and selected for funding?

Please refer to the Selection Criteria document for eligibility and criteria, they will not be repeated here. The following only describes the process followed by the Selection Committee.

1. After the submission date, all submitted applications are reviewed for eligibility per the criteria and any ineligible applications are marked with the reason and removed from consideration.

2. Applications are reviewed to determine whether, per the criteria, they are eligible for Full Card or Partial Card funding.

3. Candidates are divided into Categories including Age Class (U21, U18, U15) and Gender (Male, Female) and Equipment Type (Recurve, Compound, Barebow) and Category (Para/ABA).

4. Scores that were submitted are checked and candidates are ranked within a Category.

5. Scores are compared to the Ontario record.

6. The Selection Calculations sheet is completed and circulated among the Selection Committee.

7. Selection Discussion: The Selection Committee meets to review the list, ask questions and based on available funding, discusses who to select. Highest ranked athletes in a category are selected before moving down to lower ranked athletes in that category.

8. Balancing Discussion: The Selection Committee looks at how to fairly balance the selection across Categories. There may be M/F balancing or Para/ABA balancing.

Note : Based on the allocated funding and list of eligible applicants, there is no guarantee of selecting an athlete from every Age Class or from every Equipment Type. Nor is there a guarantee that an equal number of male and female athletes will be selected.

Q3. Can you publish criteria in April 2026 for April 2027 Athlete Funding?

The Funding plan is identified in April but Work Plans have to be developed and approved before funding is finalized and released. This would happen in October 2026 for April 2027 athlete funding. The mix of programming and athlete funding can change during the Workplan development cycle and with Ministry guidance. It is problematic to publish the criteria for program selection before program funding is in place. The historical decision has been to keep the selection criteria similar to the previous year, which allows everyone to plan their outdoor season and does not expose Archery Ontario to liability in case of a Funding change. As with every corporation, the Board of Directors owns the liability of the corporation and must make a reasonably prudent decision.