



NEXTGEN 2024 TEAM

1. Guiding Principles:

1. The NextGen 2024 program should include athletes who demonstrate they are on track to be in a final at the Olympics in 2024¹

2. Preliminary data through research regarding the podium pathway demonstrates the following:
 - a. The average age of a first time medalist at the Olympics is approximately 24 yrs. old
 - b. Average age of medalists at a world championship in Olympic events varies between 24-26 yrs. old
 - c. The *peak* age of canoe kayak athletes occurs around 29-30, before they start declining in performance
 - d. There is a link between finalists at the Olympic Games and finalists at a Junior World Championships (to be tested statistically shortly)

3. The target age of 2024 NextGen athletes will be U21 aged (YOB 1995)².

¹ Criteria outlined in section 2 below are based on podium pathway, and demonstrate athletes' progression towards a top 8 finish in 2024.

² Podium pathway information suggests that performance in singles athletes begins to decline at age 29



4. Athletes will be selected to a *National* NextGen list, with the purpose to be involved in NextGen programs at one of CKC's 3 National Training centers.
5. NextGen programs in either QC, Ontario or Nova Scotia will have a 1:10 coach to athlete ratio. If at the end of selection of a National list, NextGen coaches are less than a 1:10 ratio, **provincially located** NextGen coaches may add additional athletes to their training groups who the NextGen program team (coaches, athlete development officer, IST, HPD) feel are tracking towards future performances to a maximum ratio of 1:10.
6. NextGen 2024 identified athletes who are 2017 ICF Junior eligible will be invited to work within the NextGen program within the Academy program, and not be asked to relocate. Club coaches will be asked to participate and work collaboratively with NextGen Coaches. The Athlete Development Officer / Jr. Worlds Head Coach will work collaboratively with club and personal coaches to ensure that these identified athletes receive any and all training program supplements possible.
7. NextGen 2024 Athletes who are 19-21, and not in a province with a CKC centre will be invited to, and strongly recommended to, relocate, however, this is not required.
 - a. These athletes can participate in Academy camps, testing, and be provided some IST as *arranged with the PSOs where 2024 Academy programming is provided.*
 - b. Programs can be provided by National NextGen coaches, and implemented in collaboration with club or PSO coaches



2. Selection Criteria:

The following criteria will be used to select athletes to the 2024 NextGen Program:

2.1 Carding:

2.1.1 U21 Athletes who are selected for **senior carding** based on the achievement of a Sr. B-LP

2.1.2 U21 Athletes who are selected for D-cards

2.2 International Performance:

2.2.1 U21 Athletes who achieve a top 8 performance in an Olympic Event at the 2016 U23 World Championships

2.2.2 Junior athletes who achieved a top 8 performance in an Olympic Event at the 2016 Junior World Championships – *(2 year nomination with criteria to maintain on list)*

2.3 *2017 U23 Any athlete who was on the 2020 NG national list and has achieved one of the above criteria*

2.4 First year U23 Athletes who were on the 2020 NG national list.