



Athlete Eligibility

- Athletes are eligible to play in competitions in each of the following age groups:

Division	2022	2023
17U	17 or under as of Dec 31, 2022	17 or under as of Dec 31, 2023
15U	15 or under as of Dec, 31, 2022	15 or under as of Dec, 31, 2023

- Athletes must turn 17 years of age or 15 years of age before January 1st immediately preceding the competition (ie Juvenile 2022 – players must turn 17 on or before December 31, 2021).
- Canada Basketball will recognize combined Territorial teams. As well, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut, will be allowed to have a maximum of five (5) athletes that are one year over age based on the December 31 date at the National Championship. Prince Edward Island will be allowed to have a maximum of two (2) athletes that are one year over age based on the December 31 date at the National Championship.
- Each athlete must be a Canada Basketball national member. Each athlete must complete the CAC Safe Sport training.
- Athletes are restricted to playing in only one National Championship (including the Canada Summer Games) in the same calendar year (i.e., cannot play both 15U & 17U).
- A player may register with only one (1) P/TSO even if eligible in two provinces/territories. Once registered with province A, they may not switch to province B unless officially released from province A.
- An athlete (also applicable to a coach) may not register with another province if that athlete is not in good standing with their previous province. For example, if a player is officially suspended from province A for a one-year period by the P/TSO's Board of Directors, attends school in province B, then that player would not be eligible to play for province B for a one-year period after the year of suspension from province A, unless the suspension is lifted by the suspending P/TSO (i.e., suspension in 2022 results in the ineligibility of that player for any 2023 National Championship tournament).
- An athlete's domicile, or actual residence, must be located for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the championships in question, within the recognized boundaries of the province they are representing. An athlete can only have one domicile.
- Students attending school on a full-time basis outside of their province of permanent residence during the year of the championship shall be permitted to compete for either their home province or the province in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province in which the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the academic year of the championship (at the time of registration, the athlete must provide proof of full-time student status).
- Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to a province by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial sport organization in that province for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province at a previous national or regional championship, having attended school full-time during the previous academic year, or having participated at a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar situations may be considered.
- A person may compete as a player on a team entered in a National Championship if they are:
 - o A Canadian citizen, or
 - o A permanent resident, as defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act or
 - o A visitor, as defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, who is the holder on an
 - o Employment or Student Permit, or
 - o The holder of a Minister's Permit under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Canada Basketball may demand proof of eligibility and/or proof of age of any player or team competing in a championship. Each competitor must have a birth certificate available for proof.