

Call for Athlete Representation Hockey Canada National Team Athlete Committee

Hockey Canada is seeking applications from athletes to become athlete representatives for its National Team Athlete Committee, beginning September 1, 2024.

This is an opportunity for athletes who have competed for Canada internationally to become part of a National Team Athlete Committee to represent the voice of Team Canada athletes to Hockey Canada and its Board of Directors.

Please note that this is a volunteer position and there is no compensation provided. All reasonable travel, meeting and/or committee-related expenses will be covered by Hockey Canada.

PURPOSE:

- *The National Team Athlete Committee, comprised of ten (10) Canadian Hockey Athlete Representatives, supported by Hockey Canada Staff and Board liaisons, will represent the voice of Hockey Canada's high-performance athletes across a spectrum of disciplines (Women's and Men's, Senior and Junior, Para), to assist Hockey Canada and its Board of Directors in its mission and pursuit of an athlete-centered sport environment.*

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Athlete Committees are one of the most effective mechanisms by which athletes can influence change and champion athlete rights in high-performance sport at the National Team level.

By providing advice to the Board of Directors, coaches and the leadership team at Hockey Canada, the National Team Athlete Committee will ensure that the voices of high-performance athletes at all levels and disciplines are represented in a collaborative, professional and effective manner.

The National Team Athlete Committee will:

- Establish a recognized, informed, and valued voice for staff, Board, coaches at decision-making tables that incorporate the athlete perspective;
- Provide the ability to represent diverse interests of multi-discipline sports;
- Foster collaboration, knowledge transfer and an “us” approach;
- Gather direct feedback from athletes through a formal mechanism recognized by and supported by Hockey Canada; and
- Invest in the holistic development of athletes by fostering and supporting leadership growth and skills and representation opportunities.



WHO CAN APPLY?

We are looking for current and former Hockey Canada athletes (where “former” athlete means one who has competed for Canada at the international level in the last eight (8) years) who can provide insight, information, and informed perspectives on the experiences, needs, and opportunities related to Hockey Canada’s National Teams. You do not need to be or have been an AAP carded athlete to apply.

Ideally, the National Team Athlete Committee will be comprised of athletes from the Senior Women, Senior Men, Para, and Junior programs, and have played for Canada in the Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championships and/or World U18/U20 Championships. The initial selection committee will also consider inclusivity, English/French language proficiency, other sport governance or leadership positions, other skill sets acquired as an athlete (qualifications, education, leadership roles, certifications).

TIME COMMITMENT:

The National Team Athlete Committee will meet quarterly, and as needed, as determined by the Chair of the Committee. The meetings will be virtual and based upon the availability of the Committee members. In addition, and if the Committee wishes to do so, one in-person meeting per year can be arranged, likely synchronized with another stakeholder meeting such as the Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting.

Athlete Representatives will be required to do some preparation for meetings such as reading the materials for discussion.

The appointed Hockey Canada Board Athlete Representative, who will liaise with the Board may be required to attend board meetings if the agenda items include Athlete, national team, or international event discussions.

It is anticipated that the athlete representatives will serve on 2- or 3-year terms.

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING:

Please see the attached [position description](#) of the athlete representative.

With the support of Hockey Canada staff, Board liaisons, sport governance experts and guidance from AthletesCAN materials (i.e. [AthletesCAN Athlete Council Guide Book](#)), the newly formed National Team Athlete Committee will be responsible for:

- Building the National Team Athlete Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) that includes responsibilities, future composition, meetings, election process, etc. The TOR will be an outline of how the Committee will function.
- Build the Mission and Vision for the Committee.
- Represent the Athlete Voice at Hockey Canada and Stakeholder meetings.
- Help develop solutions around important issues for high-performance athletes.
- Develop a communications strategy for the Committee.



**HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Please read the [attached position description](#) and apply by June 2, 2024.
2. Fill out the [application form here](#) and attach other relevant information as desired.
3. Your application will be reviewed based on (i) eligibility, (ii) demonstrated athlete leadership, (iii) unique athlete perspectives based on your athlete and lived experience, (iv) other leadership skills; and (v) other qualities the selection committee may deem just.
4. The applications will be reviewed by the CEO of Hockey Canada in addition to individuals who have expertise in the subject matter of hockey and athlete committees.
5. You will be contacted by June 30, 2024 for an interview with the panel.
6. Successful applicants will be notified by July 31, 2024.
7. A scheduling and communications meeting will be held in August 2024.
8. Announcement of the Hockey Canada Athlete Committee will be made in early September 2024.

Any questions may be directed to nominations@hockeycanada.ca

