

SOCCER NB



Soccer New Brunswick Canada Games Program



**Technical Department
2015**

Goals of the Canada Games Program

1. To select the best possible soccer TEAM to represent New Brunswick at the Canada Games.
2. To build New Brunswick's reputation as a well prepared and organized team who compete within the spirit of the game and adhere to the Fair Play code of Conduct.
3. To develop each player to his or her maximum potential and to have NB players recognized by the Canadian National Team Program, universities and other groups with interest in talented players.

Team Planning Calendar

Stage	Date	Notes
TD: Coach Selection	Fall, 2015	
TD: Manager Selection	Winter, 2016	
TD: Initial Team Plan	September, 2015	
Training: Start of phase 1	September, 2015	Scouted players are invited to camps and events
End of phase 1	May, 2016	Players will play with the Teams NB and clubs
Training: Start of phase 2	July, 2016	Preliminary List of 23 players
End Of phase 2	December 2016	Transition to focused Canada Games Team Preparations
Training: Start of phase 3	January, 2017	List of 23 players
End Of phase 3	May, 2017	Evaluation of Team NB needs and player fit
Training: Start of phase 4	June, 2017	Final Team Selection 18 players may be listed on the submitted roster. (The 5 players not selected to the final roster will be retained as alternates ¹)
End Of phase 4	August, 2017	Canada Games

Team Staff

Men's Team: 2 Coaches (at least one of whom must be male) and one manager

Women's Team: 2 Coaches (at least one of whom must be female) and one manager

Support Staff: Goalkeeper Coach, Fitness Coach and Athletic Therapist will be invited to help during the preparation phase based on the needs.

¹ An alternate may be called upon to replace players who are unable to compete in the Canada Games due to unforeseen circumstances.



Eligibility

Athletes born on or after January 1, 1999 are eligible and must be registered with Soccer New Brunswick at the time of participating in the selection process. Athletes must be participating in the Soccer New Brunswick Provincial Team Program (“Team NB”) and must do so throughout the Canada Games Program.

Note: Competitors and staff must meet the requirements of the Canada Games Technical packages

Selection

Members of the New Brunswick Canada Games Soccer team will be selected from the pool of players that make up Soccer New Brunswick’s Team NB Program (any age group) over the next two years. Primary scouting opportunities will occur during Atlantic and Provincial Championships and Team New Brunswick training weekends.

In recent years SNB has been sending Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 year age group team to the Atlantic and/or National All-star competitions. Players from these programs are candidates for the Canada Games Teams. In 2012, SNB started a High Performance Academy program as part of the NB High Performance Plan – many of the Canada Games players will be participating in this additional level of training.

Open Tryouts for Team NB will be held in conjunction with the Provincial Team Program Tryouts in the Fall of 2015 and the Fall of 2016. All players invited by Provincial Team Staff or Canada Games Coaches will be required to attend. Initial selections do not guarantee a place on the team. Canada Games coaches may invite players participating in the Team NB program to train or tryout with the Canada Games team at any point. The number of players in the Canada Games program for either gender group shall not exceed 33 and will be reduced to 23 by the month of January just preceding the Canada Games.

Athletes will be invited to Soccer NB Canada Games Training days based upon their levels of skill, commitment to developing themselves as a soccer player and commitment to Soccer NB programs. Players will be evaluated regularly at Regional Academy Programs and Team NB training sessions and will be invited in advance of each planned Canada Games training session.

In the early stages, the Canada Games selection process will involve evaluating many different players and the players from one training session to the next may change significantly as players are tested in a highly competitive environment. As the program advances teams will become more defined as players demonstrate their abilities as individuals and team players both on and off the field.

The final roster of 18 players (Plus 5 alternates) per team shall be selected by June 1st, 2017 (verify requirements with Team NB Chef de Mission) preceding the games. The 5 players not selected to the final roster will be considered as alternates based on their position they play in. Each alternate will be ranked and given position(s) for which he or she could be a replacement in the event a selected player is unable to compete at the Canada Games.

Evaluation Criteria

The Canada Games program is targeting players in the “**Train to Compete**” stage of the Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) Model of the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). It is essential that players on the 2017 Canada Games team possess qualities such as:

- Positive attitude, discipline, mental toughness and competitive mentality.
- High level of skill, position specific-skills.
- Tactical awareness, game appreciation.
- High level of fitness

A player evaluation Checklist will be used to assess each player.

The team should reflect the best of New Brunswick soccer. Therefore, consideration will also be given to the attitude, behavior and “coachability” of the athlete.

