



NEXTGEN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The goal of the NextGen Program at Field Hockey Canada is to identify athletes that are 2-8 years away. The FHC Women's NextGen National Program is a collection of young athletes from across the country. These players train and compete in their regional training centres located in BC, Alberta, and Ontario. It is from this athlete pool that coaches draw for Junior and Youth international competitions. The NextGen pathway serves as the development pipeline for the Senior Women's National Team

Athletes that have been identified by Field Hockey Canada are part of a **Targeted Athlete Pathway**. This journey includes the following stages.

- Targeted Athlete Program (TAP)
 - Athletes that are not yet ready for NextGen Programming at U16, U18 or U21
 - Athletes train in regional TAP Hubs
- U16 Next Gen Training and U16 National Team
 - Athletes Train and are evaluated in Regional Training Centers
 - Athletes are assessed and can be selected to U16 Youth National Team for competition
- U18 Next Gen Training and U18 National Team
 - Athletes Train and are evaluated in Regional Training Centres
 - Athletes are assessed and selected to U18 Youth National Team for competition
- U21 Next Gen Training and U21 National Team (JWNT)
 - Athletes Train and are evaluated in Regional Training Centres and in coordination with their University Environments
 - Athletes are assessed and selected to the Junior National Team (JWNT – “Wolf Pups”) for training tours and major international competition (JPAC + JWC)
- U23 Senior Development Squad
 - Athletes that are still attending University however have aged out of U21 NextGen Programming and are beginning to integrate into the Senior Women's Environment.
 - Selection to U23 National Teams for International Events and Competition.
- Senior Women's National Team (WNT) “The Wolf Pack”