

## SELECTION to NATIONAL TEAMS

Over the course of a season of play, there are multiple selection moments. Athletes that are named to NextGen Tiered Lists will all train as Field Hockey Canada NextGen Athletes.

Selection to National Teams (U16, U18, U21 Teams) will be done on a project to project basis from the pool of NextGen Athletes. Selection to one event, does not guarantee selection to a subsequent event.

Evaluation for Team Selection could include some or all of the following:

- Performance within Regional Training Environment
- Performance at domestic competitions (club or school events)
- Recommendations by Regional NextGen Coaches
- Junior National team selection and ID camps

NextGen Athletes are evaluated consistently and coaches and staff maintain a depth chart and gap analysis that rate athletes against the Junior Gold Medal Profile standard of excellence.

The Junior Athlete Selection Policy selection policy outlines a clear and fair process on how athletes are identified and selected to the national teams. This policy is posted publicly to the website [SELECTION POLICY](#)

### **Complaints or Appeals to the Selection Process:**

Step 1: Questions around team selections should be sent directly to the Head Coach of the Youth National Team Program to which the selection is related to for feedback opportunity.

Step 2: If additional concerns are present with regard to the selection, or feedback from direct coaching staff then concerns should be addressed to the NextGen Director.

Step 3:

Per the Selection Policy, any athlete disagreeing with selection or non-selection by the junior national head coach can appeal in accordance with FHC's Appeal Policy, provided there are grounds for an appeal. Refer to [FHC Appeals Policy found here](#) .

Please take note that the official appeals policy is in place to support serious complaints to appeal in the case of misconduct during the selection process such as a failure to follow procedures outlined in the selection policy, or bias.