

Age Groups of Programs

Midget and Juvenile: All athletes must play within their age group of two years. For example: only athletes who are 16 or 17 will be permitted to compete in the Juvenile Championships. Athletes under this age group must compete in the Midget Program (14 and 15 only). The only exception of this rule will be in the final two years of a Canada games Program that is outlined below.

Canada Games: The coaches for this program will be selected three years prior to the games. This will allow the coaches to participate in three summer events while training for the games.

The Canada Games Programs will be permitted to invite athletes, outside the two-year age group, only in the final 2 years of the program. This must be in the form of a written request to the board, prior to the selection process. Once the athlete is approved to attend the tryouts a coach can name that athlete to the program immediately. This will prevent any potential confusion with the athlete and the coaches involved.

The Canada Games Program must make their final selections prior to the age group affected by the selection of athletes outside the two-year policy. This will allow those athletes not selected the possibility of competing within their own age group. It will also resolve any discrepancy on the selection of athletes to both programs, which has happened on more than one occasion over the past.

The Canada Games Program will attend the National Juvenile Championships the year prior to the Games. It is not uncommon for the coaches to select athletes who are Canada Games age only ...to attend nationals. It will be the coaches decision as to the number of overage Canada Games athletes will attend this event. The coaches must consider the fact that the program is designed to develop athletes for the Canada Games Program.