

**From:** Georgia Manhard  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** Zoe Dhillon  
**Subject:** 2022 BC Talent Squad - Recommendations.....

Hello Zoe,

Do you have any athletes that meet the eligibility standards for and that your club would like to recommend to the **2022 BC Talent Squad** camp program? We can only take 5 or 6 of each gender for each year of birth so the standard is quite high – they would be the top ranked 3 or 4 skiers by their year of birth in the events listed below. However we also develop a **BC Talent Squad Reserve List** that allows additional athletes that don't quite make the Talent Squad to be invited to most or all of the camps.

There will be a three Talent Squad camps, the same as in past years. The 2022 schedule is posted at this link: <http://www.crosscountrybc.ca/camp-trip-schedule>.

If you are unsure whether or not an athlete will be named to the BC Development Squad program, please include them in your recommendations for the Talent Squad program to make sure they are recognized one way or the other. We can always drop them from the Talent Squad list later.

If you do have athletes you would like to recommend, please provide their name, year of birth and a very brief description of their qualifications. If they did not fully meet selection criteria #4, but had accepted their nomination to attend the March 2022 BC Winter Games before it was cancelled, please make a note of that when outlining their qualifications.

Note that all athletes will be required to sign an Athlete Code of Conduct prior to attending a Talent Squad camp.

**Deadline for recommendations: March 19, 2022**

Regards,

Georgia Manhard

### **BC TALENT SQUAD (BCTS)**

The program is designed for athletes in the "Training to Train" stage of the Canadian Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, and is a "feeder" program to the BC Development Squad.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Results from the BC Track Attack Championships, BC Winter Games, BC Cup Series and/or recommendation from club head coaches.
2. Boys: born in 2009, 2008 or 2007.
3. Girls: born in 2009, 2008 or 2007.
4. A minimum of two weekends of competition in the following events - BC Track Attack Championship, BC Winter Games, BC Cups or BC Championship events (2021-22 ski season).
5. A commitment to improving their skills.
6. A level of physical fitness appropriate for participating in Talent Squad activities.

The Squad size will be a maximum of 40 athletes.