

Where are we at today?

Excellence intake for May 16th – 19th in NORTH, TORL, LMRL – **CANCELLED**.

Despite efforts to bring the intake process to each region to reduce travel barriers, participation remained low in under-represented areas — particularly in the North and Interior. Even with local access and with a \$500 intake fee, many families did not register, leaving too few athletes to run meaningful or equitable evaluations.

The regional model was designed to improve access by removing the burden of travel, but in reality, it spread resources thin without producing the balanced athlete pool or consistent intake experience required for program delivery. Ultimately, this model is unsustainable and does not meet its intended goals.

Survey Launched in April: Feedback Collected So Far

- The connection between Excellence and Team BC is seen as valuable, but not essential. Most families support alignment between the two programs, but many do not believe Excellence should be a mandatory part of the Team BC pathway.
- Intake format preferences are mixed:
Many families indicated a preference for a blended model, where registration is open but skill-based groupings or assessments are still used. Some prefer structured tryouts to maintain standards, while others emphasize inclusivity and access.
- Top barriers to participation in Excellence and Team BC include:
 - Cost
 - Travel requirements
 - Scheduling conflicts
 - Communication and clarity
 - Perceived exclusivity or uncertainty in the pathway
- Families expressed concern about long-term accessibility, particularly for younger or newer athletes. They also emphasized the need for:
 - Earlier and more developmentally appropriate entry points
 - Flexible options to fit different athlete needs

Long-Term Next Steps

- Re-evaluate the overall program structure
- Reconsider how athletes enter and move through Excellence and Team BC
- Explore alternatives to regional tryouts, including centralized or blended intake formats
- Engage more deeply with families, coaches, and stakeholders
- Align our offerings with the realities of athlete distribution and program capacity

Short-Term Next Steps

- Finalization of the 2024 Team BC budget, and development of an approximate 2025–2026 budget
- July 3–6 in Kelowna: Combined Intake Camp for *Excellence*, *Team BC*, and *CWG* athlete identification
- Coach selection for *Excellence*, *Team BC*, and *CWG* will be finalized prior to the July intake
- Athletes will be streamed into *Team BC* or *Excellence* based on evaluation at the intake camp
- *Excellence* will be scaled down to one camp in August, aligning with current demand and capacity
- August 16-18
 - o Excellence Camp 1
 - o *Potential of Team BC Camp 1* for shortlisted athletes, delivered in parallel allowing for shared resources and staff capacity
 - o Athletes who have an excused absence for the July intake will have an opportunity to be evaluated at the August camp, per the Athlete Absence and Injury Policy
- In-season planning for Excellence programming (camps, virtual, etc.) will begin after the August camp, taking into consideration:
 - Athlete and family feedback, Excellence and Team BC
 - Zone coach input
 - Updated budget and staffing capacity
 - CWG and BCWG cycles, which may significantly influence planning and resource allocation

July 3rd – 6th Intake in Kelowna



Date	Intake Component
July 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CWG ID - Optional “rust removal” ice with Excellence Coaches
July 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-Ice Testing - Off-Ice Testing
July 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Game Evaluation - Practice Evaluation
July 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Game Evaluation – departure by 12pm

Intake Cost \$350.00

- Does not include travel, accommodation, or meals
- Does not include CWG ID fee or rust removal ice

Four guaranteed ice times with Excellence Coaches. Skill, game, and practice evaluations

High-performance testing and evaluation with Competitive Thread and Team Genius, benchmarked to national standards

Cost-effective development opportunity with personalized feedback and a never-before-seen athlete report

Ringette BC has secured cost-effective accommodation in partnership with UBCO: Single bed adjoining rooms for \$110 per night

Category	2024–2025	2025–2026 (Proposed)	2025–2026 (Revised)
Intake	\$380 (Hosted regionally in April: LMRL, TORL, NORTH)	\$500 (Hosted regionally in May: LMRL, TORL, NORTH)	\$350 (Hosted in TORL in July)
Program Fee	\$1,250	\$2,000	TBD
Number of Camps	2 In-Person Training Camps (July and August)	3 In-Person Training Camps (July, August, December)	1 In-Person Training Camp (August)
Regional Sessions	2 Regional Skill Development Sessions	Regional sessions discontinued due to low uptake	Not changed
On-Ice & Off-Ice Time	~10–12 hrs total per camp	14+ hours of on-ice and off-ice time per camp	Not changed
Fitness Testing	On-Ice & Off-Ice Testing (Competitive Thread)	Formalized testing at every camp with enhanced benchmarking	Not changed
Athlete Feedback	Informal feedback, optional debriefs	Personalized reports and structured debriefs after every camp	Not changed
Mental Performance	Group and 1:1 sessions with MPC (2–3 per season)	Expanded program: 1:1 sessions, group work, and full camp integration	Under revision
Nutrition Support	Not formalized	Nutrition coaching planned (pending SME selection)	Not changed
Meals and Snacks	Lunch/snacks included at in-person camps	Full meals and snacks included and managed by designated camp volunteer	Potential for opt-in
Accommodation Support	Not included	Subsidized accommodations for out-of-region athletes	Not changed
Integrated Support Team (IST)	Mental performance, basic fitness	Expanded IST: mental health, fitness, skating, goalie coaching, coach mentoring	Not changed
Virtual Programming	4 sessions, optional	Expanded virtual programming with more SMEs and targeted content	Potential for opt in, programming TBD
Coach Development	CI-certified coaches; limited mentorship, \$50 honorarium	Increased honorarium, formal mentorship, and evaluation for all coaches	Not changed
CSI Carding	Aligned with requirements; low uptake	Greater focus on helping athletes utilize benefits and maintain eligibility	Not changed
Team BC Integration	Excellence was the selection pool; Team BC athletes allowed to double card	Same model, with optional double carding and structured planning support	Intake will stream athletes into Excellence or Team BC
Application process	Athlete form, interview, intake camp with on/off-ice testing + game & practice evals	Same process — but enhanced reporting, feedback, and evaluation standards	Not changed, remains the same for Excellence and Team BC



Respect

Integrity

Commitment

Teamwork

Athlete Driven

Excellence