



APPENDIX I

USA Curling High Performance Program (HPP) Selection Criteria 2015-16

The aim of USA Curling's High Performance Program (HPP) is to select and support the best available athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence. The expectation of the HPP is that all applicants should be at a current high level of performance and be realistically capable of representing the USA at the World Championship and Olympic levels. As a team sport, a variety of both objective and subjective selection criteria will be used. Team chemistry and coachability are also vital components of success and will be important elements of the selection process. Those applying to be part of the HPP for 2016-17 may be invited to participate in the USA Curling Combine in Blaine, MN, May 21-23, 2016. The decision on who is invited to attend the Combine and who will be ultimately selected to the HPP will be made by USA Curling's coaching staff.

Objective Criteria (in no particular order)

- Previous results (International, National and World Curling Tour within the last 2 years)
- Past performances (individual performance statistics where available within the last 2 years)
- Curling Combine results

Subjective Criteria (in no particular order)

- Coachability
- Attitude
- Playing position flexibility
- Willingness to participate
- Availability to participate
- Contribution to team chemistry
- Future performance potential.

Athletes will be selected based on the above criteria and also on the opinion of the USCA HPP coaches and staff as to who has the potential to achieve sustained competitive excellence. USA Curling High Performance Program (HPP)

USA Curling High Performance Program (HPP) Opportunity and Expectations

Athlete Opportunities

- Consistent access to dedicated HPP Coaches throughout Training and Competition
- Elite WCT and Champions Tour competition access
- Team USA gear package - Training, Competition and Travel
- Athlete Stipends (as possible)
- USOC Olympic Training Center(s) access as coordinated by the USCA Director of High Performance
- USOC programmatic support in the following areas: Strength and Conditioning, Sports Psychology, Nutrition & Medical
- National Training Center access
- Logistical planning and financial support for Training and Competition budget.

Athlete Expectations

- Commitment to Team USA Training Program & Competition Schedule
- Adherence to the HPP agreements & Team rules
- Meet or exceed performance standards as set by HPP Coaches
- Wherever possible athletes will train and travel as a team under the direction of HPP Coaches

**Questions about the application process or information provided within
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