

# MEMO

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To: National Program Athletes

From: Janet Petras, Director-Wheelchair Tennis

Subject: **2010 National High Performance Program/Nomination Process**

I am writing with an update on the National High Performance Program re-structuring, and the **nomination process for the 2010 program**. Recent staff changes, and annual high performance planning meetings, have resulted in a renewed vision including a teamwork approach to delivering an improved National High Performance Program. The Program will feature a number of changes including a significant focus on individualized high performance planning and services, and the development of the next generation of national program members.

One of the changes includes the simplification of the 2010 National High Performance Program application process. **To apply for consideration, simply send a letter of interest to my attention by November 1 indicating your desire to commit to 2010 National High Performance Program.**

\*Please note that the letter of interest is in lieu of the 2010 Nomination Process outlined in the National Program Handbook on pages 14-15 (English) and pages 16-17 (French), and in my recent email dated September 4, 2009.

The National High Performance Program will better serve all athletes, and is part of a broader Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model and wheelchair tennis pathway. The complete wheelchair tennis pathway and accompanying LTAD Stages are illustrated in the chart below. It outlines the pathway from first picking up a racquet all the way to the Paralympic podium, and includes a recreational stream for those not wishing to pursue competitive tennis.

**WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PATHWAY/LTAD STAGES**

LTAD STAGE	HIGH PERFORMANCE	RECREATION	LTAD STAGE
Living as Professional	Paralympic Team	Leagues	Wheelchair tennis for Life
Learning to be a Professional	National Team	Development Programs	
Consolidating	Provincial Team	Tournaments	
		Socials	
Developing	Community Development Programs		
First Contact/Fundamentals	Wheelchair Tennis Recruitment Days		
First Contact/Fundamentals	Bridging the Gap		
Awareness	Awareness		

The specific 2010 National High Performance Program includes two streams and separate funding levels as follows:

**NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

<b>Paralympic Team</b>	<b>National Team</b>
Gold Level Funding	Tier 1 Level Funding
Silver Level Funding	Tier 2 Level Funding
Bronze Level Funding	

All letters of intent will be reviewed after the November 1 deadline. For those accepted into the 2010 Program individual meetings will be scheduled in November and December to develop annual plans and determine performance benchmarks. Athletes, personal coaches, and the National High Performance Coach will be involved in the process to build a teamwork approach to the Program and year. Specific funding levels will be communicated prior to the meetings.

It is an exciting time for wheelchair tennis Canada. We are fully servicing our high performance athletes, and increasing our commitment to developing the next generation of players.

I look forward to receiving your letter, and if you have any questions please let me know.

