



Selection Protocol

2026 Provincial Team Selection: Junior, Senior, Master and Grandmaster

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose

To select the provincial teams for the 2026 season and determine eligibility for funding when applicable.

Objective

The objective of this document is to have a fair and transparent selection process which selects the best athletes and coaches to represent Manitoba and support programs which align with MODS.

ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Junior:

- 1) Is one eligible to compete at the Canadian Ultimate Championships in the Juniors division.
- 2) Must attend a minimum of 2 of the Junior Provincial team tryouts.
- 3) Is a junior member of MODS in good standing
- 4) Is a resident of Manitoba

Extenuating circumstances (i.e. medically documented injury) may be entertained on a case-by-case basis.

Senior/Master/Grandmaster:

- 1) Is one over the age of 18
- 2) Is eligible to compete at the Canadian Ultimate Championships under Ultimate Canada standards.
- 3) Has participated in MODS Senior Provincials.
- 4) Is a resident of Manitoba.
- 5) Is a regular member in good standing.

ATHLETE/TEAM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN NOMINATION

1. Must continue to be a member in good standing with MODS.
2. Must not be serving a suspension and anti-doping violation.
3. Must be on the required rosters as applicable.

LOSS OF NOMINATION STATUS

1. An athlete/team's nomination may be withdrawn at any time, even after notification, acceptance, or signing of an Athlete's Agreement, if in the opinion of the ED, an athlete has failed to:

Fulfill eligibility to be selected and be Invited (to the team or as an alternate);

OR

Fulfill ongoing obligations of the athlete/team under this policy.

REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE

Should an injury or unforeseen circumstance prevent a selected athlete from competing at a specific event for which he or she qualified, the athlete must immediately notify MODS in writing.

The decision to nominate a replacement athlete or team to that particular event will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Exceptional circumstances will be determined by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate on a specific event shall be made by the ED.

Issues not otherwise addressed by this document shall be resolved by the ED.

Appeals on matters of Team Selections can be dealt with under the MODS Appeal Policy

COACH SELECTION FOR JUNIOR TEAMS

Coaches will be selected by an impartial panel of experts with no conflict of interest. Submissions may include a cover letter, yearly training plan, NCCP transcript and cover letter.

FUNDING TO EVENTS

Funding to events will be dependent on the event budget but are primarily self-funded. Teams **may** be eligible for funding based on placement at provincials. No funding is available for any non Provincial team.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Senior: Subject to available bids with Ultimate Canada and requirements for nominations, MODS will support the attendance of Manitoba teams to the CUC series based upon final placement at Senior/Master/Grandmaster Provincials. First place teams from this event will be the first ranked nomination. Should MODS have the ability to nominate more than one team in a specific division, additional teams will be nominated based on their finish at the 2026 Senior/Master/Grandmasters provincials.

Senior/Master/Grandmaster:

The first place team in each division following the Provincial Championships will be named Team Manitoba for the 2026 CUC season provided they meet and continue to meet the following criteria:

- 1) All players must be residents of Manitoba for at least three months (Note: resident is defined as one with a current Manitoba health card, or utility bill in their name for at least three months).
- 2) All players must be current members of MODS
- 3) All players for CUC must have been on the roster for Provincials **replacements will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Medical documentation if asking for an injury replacement is required. Other extenuating circumstances may require documentation.

Junior:

- a. MODS will run at least 2 tryouts for the Junior Team Manitoba (male and female matching). These dates will be posted on the MODS website.
- b. Team selection will be made by an independent panel.
- c. The maximum number of players for each team is 24. The team size will be determined by the coaching staff and will be no fewer than 16.
- d. Evaluators will be evaluating the following criteria:
 1. Disc skills
 2. Physical preparedness
 3. Evidence of being a team player and team cohesion
 4. Position
 5. Spirit of the Game
 6. Overall performance
- e. Following this selection, MODS may run two or more additional tryouts for 1 additional male matching and 1 additional female matching teams. At the discretion of the coaches, these additional teams may or may not attend CUC in 2026.

Junior/Senior C4UC:

- 1) MODS will run a qualification tournament in Dec 2025
- 2) Teams must meet all C4UC requirements and UC requirements
- 3) The team which finishes in first place will be offered the bid. Should they decline, the bid will be offered to the second-place team.
- 4) This team shall be considered a private club team. No administrative or financial support will be provided by MODS.