

Team Canada Refines Roster For 2017 Women's Lacrosse World Cup

OTTAWA, ON (September 16, 2016) - Team Canada is one step closer to determining which athletes will represent their country at next summer's [2017 FIL Women's Lacrosse World Cup](#) in Guildford, England.

A group of 41 women have moved onto the team's next selection camp, which will take place at Tierney Field on the grounds of the newly minted US Lacrosse headquarters in Sparks, Maryland, later this fall.

The [Team USA Fall Classic](#), which will be held during Thanksgiving weekend, will feature a series exhibition games against some of the best teams in the world. The defending world champions from the U.S. will be joined by Australia, 2005 gold medalists, and England, host nation of the 2017 tournament. The 2016 NCAA Division I lacrosse champion University of North Carolina Tar Heels, a powerhouse program in the college lacrosse circuit, will also take part.

"I don't believe we've had a more competitive first tryout in the history of the senior national team," admitted Team Canada veteran **Dana Dobbie**. "The level of talent on this roster, combined with the experience and knowledge from our coaching staff, is going to be a recipe for success."

The team's staff, led by head coach **Scott Teeter** and program director **Gary Gait**, were part of the group that helped filter through the 127 tryout applications that were received when the process started in late 2015. Of those applicants, 79 players were selected to participate in the team's first identification camp, between August 17 and 21 at Syracuse University, after which nearly half of them were eliminated from contention.

"I was very impressed with the overall talent level during the tryouts," stated Teeter, "but it made the selection of just 40 players very difficult. We still have a number of positional battles ongoing, which goes to show the depth of our program and how we've continued to develop as a lacrosse nation."

The chairman of the Canadian national team programs, Dean French, whose has been involved with the high performance side of things for nearly a decade, has a theory as to why female lacrosse athletes from Canada have been getting better in recent years.

"It's not surprising that many of the players selected have a background in both box lacrosse and field lacrosse. In 2015, 16 of the 18 players on Canada's first U19 World Championship team had played both disciplines of lacrosse growing up."

The select few that remain, many of whom are still actively playing NCAA lacrosse, will need to continue to hone their skills in hopes of being named to the final roster in the spring.

"Our women's national team program, led by Gary, Scott, and his staff, are working hard to select the best team possible," added **Stu Aird**, director of high performance and international relations for the Canadian Lacrosse Association. "With so many great players, it is surely an unenviable task, but we believe that the women fortunate enough to be chosen to represent Canada will be prepared to meet the challenge."

Based on those currently on the list of players, the makeup of next year's squad will be a passing of the guard of sorts, with youngster's from last year's gold medal winning U19 team visibly outnumbering those from Canada's last senior women's roster in 2013.

Lydia Sutton, who played for the senior team as a 17 year old in 2013, and **Aurora Cordingley**, who made the U19 team as a 15 year old in 2015, will lead the youth movement for a Canadian group looking to bring home gold from this event for the first time since its inception in 1982.

A few national team veterans are still in the running, including United Women's Lacrosse League (UWLX) members **Dana Dobbie**, **Crysti Foote** and **Kaylin Morissette**, as well as fellow 2013 World Cup alumnae **Katie Guy**, **Emily Boissonneault** and **Katie Donohoe**.

Lacrosse fans may also notice some familiar family names in the list, including Evans, Gait, Merrill, and Stroup.

"I'm looking forward to working with this team as we continue through this process," remarked Teeter. "Our next camp will be another opportunity for us to work with the players to find the right combination for the World Cup."

In addition to competing at the FIL World Cup, the 2017 national team will also have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to showcase their sport to a new global audience when lacrosse makes its multi-sport games debut at the [2017 World Games](#) in Wroclaw, Poland. Canada will compete against the host country, as well as the USA, Australia, Great Britain, and Japan.

Please see below the full list of players, in alphabetical order of last name, invited to the next selection camp:

First Name	Last Name	Hometown	Position	Club	School
Jacqueline	Boissonneault	Brooklin, ON	Midfield	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Virginia Tech '15
Emily	Boissonneault	Brooklin, ON	Midfield	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Detroit Mercy '12
Ashley	Bull	Langley, BC	Defense	Maple Ridge Burrards	Canisius '16
Geneva	Calder	Toronto, ON	Midfield	Toronto Beaches	William Smith '16
Tessa	Chad	Orono, ON	Attack	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Canisius '19
Bianca	Chevarie	Brantford, ON	Attack	Six Nations	Syracuse '23
Samantha	Cock	Terra Cotta, ON	Defense	Brampton Excelsiors	Limestone '14
Bailey	Collins	Guelph, ON	Defense	Orangeville Northmen	Niagara '19
Aurora	Cordingley	Oakville, ON	Midfield	Oakville Lady Hawks	Johns Hopkins '21
Julie	Cryderman	Bowmanville, ON	Attack	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Albany '16
Cian	Dabrowski	Amaranth, ON	Attack	Orangeville Northmen	Ohio State '16
Allison	Daley	Peterborough, ON	Goalie	Kawartha Lacrosse Club	Canisius '11
Dana	Dobbie	Fergus, ON	Attack	Orangeville Northmen	Maryland '08
Katie	Donohoe	Peterborough, ON	Goalie	Kawartha Lacrosse Club	Monmouth '15
Erica	Evans	Peterborough, ON	Midfield	Kawartha Lacrosse Club	Canisius '18
Caitlin	Fifield	North Babylon, NY	Attack	Long Island Yellow Jackets	Richmond '13
Crysti	Foote	Mimico, ON	Attack	Mimico Mountaineers	Notre Dame '06
Taylor	Gait	Fayetteville, NY	Midfield	Christian Brothers Academy	Syracuse '16
Katie	Guy	Whitby, ON	Defense	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Penn State '13

Kameron	Halsall	Caledon, ON	Goalie	Orangeville Northmen	Rutgers '21
Eleanor	Hilling	Rochester, NY	Goalie	Lady Roc	Notre Dame '13
Quintin	Hochbullen	Longford Mills, ON	Midfield	Orillia Lady Knights	Denver '21
Avery	Hogarth	Mississauga, ON	Defense	Mimico Mountaineers	Southern California '19
Allie	Jimerson	Irving, NY	Attack	Lady Roc	Syracuse '18
Megan	Kinna	Maple Ridge, BC	Midfield	Maple Ridge Burrards	Northwestern '20
Selena	Lasota	Campbell River, BC	Midfield	Campbell Rivers Raven	Northwestern '18
Holly	Lloyd	Glen Ridge, NJ	Attack	Building Blocks Lacrosse Club	Loyola '20
Kennedy	Lynch	Barrie, ON	Midfield	Skywalkers Lacrosse Club	Maryland '22
Casey	Lyons	Georgetown, ON	Attack	Halton Hills Bulldogs	Delaware '16
Nicole	Martindale	Brooklin, ON	Attack	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Denver '17
Tory	Merrill	Orangeville, ON	Defense	Orangeville Northmen	Toronto '10
Claire	Mills	Oakville, ON	Midfield	Oakville Lady Hawks	N/A
Victoria	Moore	Ottawa, ON	Defense	Revolution Lacrosse Club	Yale '17
Kay	Morissette	Bowmanville, ON	Midfield	Oshawa Lady Blue Knights	Louisville '16
Carly	Quinn	Orangeville, ON	Attack	Orangeville Northmen	Canisius '12
Tori	Quinn	Orangeville, ON	Defense	Orangeville Northmen	Canisius '15
Harlowe	Steele	Coquitlam, BC	Defense	Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse	San Diego State '19
Danita	Stroup	Port Coquitlam, BC	Attack	Port Coquitlam Saints	Northwestern '17
Lydia	Sutton	Minneapolis, MN	Defense	Minnesota Elite	Southern California '18
Brynne	Yarranton	Toronto, ON	Defense	Brampton Excelsiors	Vermont '17
Thalia	Zolis	Oakville, ON	Defense	Oakville Lady Hawks	Robert Morris '20

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