



2017 IPC World Para-Athletics Championships

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria Amendments

- **May 29, 2017** – Section 1.3 Canadian Championship requirement
Athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships, unless they receive a medical exemption from the AC Medical Lead, Paddy McCluskey.
- **April 26, 2017** – Section 1.10 team quota update
Team Size
The maximum team size will be 25 athletes which will include competition guides and sport assistants.



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OVERVIEW

All nominations will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada’s (AC) [National Team – Selection Rules Book](#). AC is also limited in entries by International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules and regulations that will always take precedence should there be any contradictions contained within the Selection Criteria (the “Criteria”). The National Team Committee (NTC) is responsible for the implementation of the Criteria and has the sole authority and discretion to make all decisions relating to the selection of the team for the IPC World Para-Athletics Championships.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location

London, United Kingdom

1.2 Important Dates

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
January 1, 2016 – June 5, 2017	Qualifying Period	
June 5, 2017	Declaration Deadline	
June 5, 2017	Team Selection Date	
July 4 – 5, 2017	Canadian Championships	Ottawa, ON
July 7, 2017	Depart Canada	
July 8 – 12, 2017	Final Preparation Camp	Nottwil, Switzerland
July 14 – 23, 2017	Competition dates	London, UK

1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the 2017 IPC World Para-Athletics Championships, an athlete must meet the following requirements:

-  be a registered member of an Athletics Canada Branch at time of qualification and through the 2017 IPC World Para-Athletics Championships;
-  hold Canadian Citizenship by the Team Selection Date;
-  declare interest via the [Online Form](#) as per the dates outlined in section 1.9;
-  comply with Final Phase Preparation Requirements outlined in section 4;
-  be otherwise eligible to participate in the 2017 IPC World Para-Athletics Championships;
-  have a Canadian passport valid for at least 6 months after the IPC World Para-Athletics Championships;
-  compete at the 2017 Canadian Championships in Ottawa; and
Note: athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships, unless they receive a medical exemption from the AC Medical Lead, Paddy McCluskey.
-  be IPC licensed for the 2017 summer season and minimally hold a “R”, “N” or “C” IPC level classification.



1.4 Funding

This team will be 100% funded including the final preparation camp in Switzerland.

1.5 Events and Qualifying Standards

Click here: http://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/administrator@athletics.ca_20170223_082202.pdf

Note: performances must be achieved at IPC sanctioned events – see AC website for a list of domestic competitions that are sanctioned by the IPC.

1.6 Maximum Entries per Event

National Paralympic Committees (NPC) can enter up to three (3) eligible athletes per medal event (single class).

NPCs can enter a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes in medal events where two (2) or more sport classes are combined (e.g. Shot Put F54/55/56). However, per each sports class, up to three (3) eligible athletes can be entered if all have met a valid Qualifying Standard.

NPCs can enter up to one (1) team in each relay event comprising up to six (6) eligible athletes. NPC may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of medal events as long as the athlete has achieved the Qualifying Standard in the event for which the athlete is entered.

1.7 Qualifying Period(s)

Standards must be achieved from January 1, 2016 to June 5, 2017.

1.8 Team Selection Date and Team Announcement

The NTC will make final team selections on June 5, 2017. AC will announce the team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, bulletin); athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly.

1.9 Declaration Deadline

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than June 5, 2017. **Failure to complete declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

1.10 Team Size

The maximum team size will be 25 athletes which will include competition guides and sport assistants.

2 TEAM OBJECTIVE

- To improve upon our country ranking and the number of medals and top 8 finishes from the most recent IPC World Para-Athletics Championships.
 - 2015 country ranking = 15th, medals = 11, top 8 = 38



3 SELECTION PROCESS

All selections will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada's (AC) [National Team – Selection Rules Book](#).

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit eligible performances to Athletics Canada at results@athletics.ca in order to be considered for selection.

3.1 The National Team Committee (NTC)

The NTC is comprised of the following:

- **Chair**
- **Voting Members** - Athletics Canada Technical Staff (two), Event Specialists (two), Branch Representatives (two, as designated by Branch Council), and Athlete Representatives (two, as designated by the Athlete Directors). In the case of a tie, the Chair of the NTC has the tie-breaking vote.
- **Non-Voting** – Can be asked to be present at parts of an NTC selection meeting depending on expertise and input required, but might include: Athletics Canada coaching and Integrated Support Team (“IST”) staff as necessary, statistician, legal advisor, as required.

3.2 Eligibility Pool (except Relays)

The Eligibility Pool is defined as all eligible athletes (see section 1.3) who have minimally achieved a Qualifying Standard (see section 1.5) during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2); are ranked top 16* AND top half of the field, and who comply with the Final Phase Preparation Requirements (see section 4). Additional athletes may be placed in the eligibility pool at the sole discretion of the NTC based on the probability of a podium performance in London.

***NOTE:** rankings will include all classes for combined class events.

Only athletes from the Eligibility Pool can be selected to the team. **Being in the Eligibility Pool does not guarantee selection.**

3.3 Eligibility Pool – Relay Teams

Only relay teams that have qualified as per IPC regulations will be eligible for selection. Relay teams must be comprised of 100% eligible athletes (as per section 1.3) who are already considered part of the National Relay Pool.

Notwithstanding this selection process, whether AC will enter a specific relay team will depend on the number, quality, and final phase preparation of eligible and nominated athletes. If there are insufficient numbers of high level athletes to form a relay team that will be competitive as per team objectives or if none of the relay team athletes are individually qualified, the NTC reserves the right not to nominate a relay team.



3.4 Step-by-Step Selection Process

The following steps identify the priorities for athlete selection. Step 1 is the first priority and all athletes meeting this standard will be selected. When these selections are exhausted, athletes meeting the standard in Step 2 will be the 2nd priority for selection, and so on. In all cases, selections will be exhausted within each step before considering athletes in each subsequent step:

STEP 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medalists from the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games
STEP 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletes ranked top 5 on IPC Rankings within the Qualifying Period
STEP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any remaining athletes from the Eligibility Pool

Ranking within Steps

Athletes will be ranked in priority order within each step. The order will be based on their proximity to the 3rd ranked performance on the IPC rankings within the qualifying period calculated as a percentage.

4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the IPC World Para-Athletics Championships. An athlete's selection will not be confirmed until they complete the process outlined below and they will be deselected if the process is not completed.

4.1 Training and Competition Plan

Selected athletes (and/or their coaches) are required to present a training and competition plan for the time period between June 12 - July 23, 2017 to Manger, Athlete Services Corey Dempsey at cdempsey@athletics.ca on or before June 12, 2017.

All plans must address the following:

1. The schedule and list of planned competitions, travel and training locations. (NOTE: plans must follow AC published event specific time frames for the final preparation camp).
2. Present a training cycle for the final phase showing patterns of training load and recovery on a weekly basis.
3. Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies if applicable.

Athletes must notify AC in **WRITING** of any changes to their plans.

4.2 Injury or Illness

Athletes who arrive at an international competition injured or ill consume a disproportionate amount of IST time and resources that should be spent on preparing healthy athletes to compete at their best. It is therefore AC's intention to work with the selected athletes that have been injured or ill to help them recover in time for the competition with a minimal impact to training, or (in the event that full recovery is not



possible for this competition) to ensure full recovery so that full training can resume and long-term potential is optimized. With this in mind, the NTC reserves the right to deselect injured/ill athletes who are not sufficiently healthy/fit to perform at their best at the competition.

Once selected, and ongoing until the World Championships, athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected and held financially responsible for all the athlete's costs associated with the event. Notification must be sent immediately to Manger, Athlete Services Corey Dempsey at cdempsey@athletics.ca.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, AC team staff will work with the athlete, coach and local/national team IST resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best. This determination will comprise two steps:

STEP 1: Medical Clearance

Generally done by local IST in collaboration with AC's national IST and consists of 2 phases:

- a) An initial medical evaluation and paramedical assessment(s) to confirm the diagnosis and determine if/when the athlete is fit to return to full training or competition.
- b) A functional evaluation by IST with experience specific to the event demands (and injury or illness if applicable). This may include assessment of the athlete's movement pattern, for example, during a run, jump, wheel, or throw to identify dysfunctional movement patterns that may be contributing to the injury and potentially increase the risk of re-injury or undermine their competition performance.

STEP 2: Specific Evaluation

Following medical clearance by the medical team, a more comprehensive physical readiness test (the "Performance Test") to compete will be established as follows:

- Determination of the Performance Test will involve the AC national event group coach, the event head coach, and the personal coach.
- The Performance Test will vary according to the event, injury or illness.
- The Performance Test will be objective, measurable, fair, realistic, specific to the event, and challenging.



In the case that the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, or does not meet the Performance Test standard, the athlete would be declared unready for competition and the results of the two steps will be forwarded to the NTC for a decision.

The NTC will use all available information at their disposal including performance results and progress in the final phase, suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other final phase indicators, consultation with the AC national event group coach, AC national IST leads, the athlete's personal IST, and any other performance related information (ie Performance Test results when applicable) to determine if the injured/ill athlete will be deselected and will not travel with the team.

The NTC may nominate the next eligible athlete, provided that the alternate athlete has proven their preparation during the final phase and meets all event specific requirements in regards to qualifying standards and timelines.

4.3 Health Questionnaire and Anti-Doping

Upon selection, all athletes will be required to complete a Medical Information Form. These questionnaires will ask athletes to declare all supplements and medications that are being used prior, during and after the event. Athletes who need to take medications while competing **must** ensure they have a completed and approved IAAF Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), if required, prior to selection. **Note:** It is not the responsibility of the AC team physicians to complete the documents for TUEs on behalf of the athlete. This should be done by the physician who prescribed the medication that requires the TUE. AC team physicians are available, however, for questions related to whether or not a TUE is required. Information regarding the TUEs for IAAF events can be found here:

<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/anti-doping>

5 APPEALS

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for selection (see sections 1.3 and 3) and who have achieved the Qualifying Standard (see section 1.5) during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) may submit an appeal for selection to the Commissioner's Office. Please refer to the National Team Selection – Rule Book and the AC Rules and By-laws Section 140.06 & 140.07 for further information. An appeal has to be submitted to the following e-mail address athleticscanadacommissioner@gmail.com.

Contact the Chief Financial Officer Sylvie King (sylvie.king@athletics.ca) for payment options of the \$250 appeal fee. The appeal will not be reviewed until the appeal fee has been paid.

Due to the IPC Entry deadline (June 8, 2017), appeals must be submitted to the Commissioner's office within 48 hours of the publication of the team list.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA

The NTC reserves the right to amend the Criteria prior to the Selection Date. The NTC may amend the Criteria under the following circumstances:



1. When additional (or altered) information that is deemed relevant by the NTC to the Criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, IPC, or any other relevant organization; and
2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Criteria.

Any amendments made by the NTC are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on the AC website. The NTC will publish the amended Criteria by whatever means and wherever the original Criteria were published.