



2018 IAAF WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria Amendments

- **March 30, 2017** – Section 1.2 extension of the qualifying period

April 23, 2017 – January 31, 2018 – Qualifying Period

- **August 31, 2017** – Section 2 update to the team objectives

2016: Women – 6th, Men – 12th.

- **October 4, 2017** – Section 3.2 addition of 5k Championships - Toronto



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OVERVIEW

All selections will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada’s (AC) [National Team – Selection Rules Book](#). AC is limited in entries by IAAF 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 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location

- Valencia, Spain

1.2 Important Dates

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DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
April 23, 2017 – Jan 31, 2018	Qualifying Period	
May 28, 2017	Canadian Half Marathon Championships	Calgary, AB
January 31, 2018	Declaration Deadline	Online Form
February 1, 2018	Selection Date	
TBD	Depart Canada	
March 24, 2018	Competition Date	Valencia, Spain
TBD	Depart Spain	

1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, an athlete must meet the following requirements:

- be a registered member of an Athletics Canada Branch at the time of qualification and through the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships;
- hold Canadian Citizenship by the Selection Date;
- declare interest via the Online Form as per the dates outlined in section 1.2;
- comply with the Final Phase Preparation Requirements as outlined in section 4;
- be otherwise eligible to participate in the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships;
- have a Canadian passport valid for at least 6 months after the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships; and
- compete at a Canadian Championships during the qualifying period.



1.4 Maximum per Event

AC will select a maximum of four (4) athletes per event, provided they have achieved the qualifying standard (section 3.3) during the qualifying period (section 1.2).

1.5 Declaration Deadline

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than January 31, 2018. **Failure to complete declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

1.6 Selection Date and Team Announcement

The NTC will make team selections on February 1, 2018. AC will announce the team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, bulletin); athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly.

1.7 Funding

This team will be 100% funded by Athletics Canada.

2 TEAM OBJECTIVES

- To improve upon our country ranking from the most recent IAAF World Half Marathon Championships.
- 2016: Women – 6th, Men – 12th.

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 Selection Process

Step 1 - Automatic Qualification:

The top finishing eligible Canadian athlete (see section 1.3) at the 2017 Half Marathon Championships in Calgary, will be automatically selected; provided they achieve the Qualifying Standard (see section 3.3) within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) and



meet the final phase preparation requirements outlined in section 4.

NOTE: For selection purposes ties will be broken in the following priority order:

- 1) Best performance within the Qualifying Period
- 2) Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period
- 3) Most recently achieved standard

If athletes remain in a tie, the NTC will apply its discretion to break the tie.

Step 2 - Additional Qualification:

The top 3 eligible athletes (see section 1.3) as per AC rankings during the qualifying period will be selected, provided they have achieved the Qualifying Standard (see section 3.3) within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) and meet the final phase preparation requirements outlined in section 4. Should the athlete in Step 1 decline their spot, or fail to achieve the Qualifying Standard, or is one of the top 3 athletes in step 2, an additional athlete may be selected in Step 2.

NOTE: ties will be broken in the following priority order:

- 1) Second best performance within the Qualifying Period
- 2) Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period
- 3) Most recently achieved standard

If athletes remain in a tie, the NTC will apply its discretion to break the tie.

Canadian Championships Requirement:

Athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2). Eligible events include the following:

- Marathon Championships – Toronto
- Cross Country Championships – Kingston
- Half Marathon Championships – Calgary
- 10k championships – Ottawa
- 10,000m Championships – Guelph
- 5,000m at the Track and Field Championships – Ottawa
- 5k Championships – Toronto

3.3 Qualifying Standards

Event	Standard
Men Half Marathon	1:06:00
Women Half Marathon	1:16:00

**Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Regulations outlined in section 2 of the National Team Selection – Rules Book*

All road results must be achieved in conformity with the following rules: (1) the course must be certified, and (2) the race must be sanctioned by a National Governing Body, under IAAF/IPC structure.

For Road Running events, IAAF Rule 260.21 (b) and (c) will be applied to all National Team Selections.

RULE 260.21

World Records in Road Running events:

(b) The start and finish points of a course, measured along a theoretical straight line between them, shall not be further apart than 50% of the race distance.

(c) The overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km.



4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Training and Competition Plan

Selected athletes (and/or their coaches) are required to present a training and competition plan for the period February 8 to March 24, 2018 to Manager, Athlete Services Corey Dempsey at cdempsey@athletics.ca on or before February 8, 2018.

All plans must address the following:

1. The schedule and list of planned competitions, travel and training locations.
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 Half Marathon 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 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 of 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 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 3.3) 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.

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 Olympic Committee, IAAF, 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.