



ATHLETICS CANADA - ATHLÉTISME CANADA

HOSTING POLICY: MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS MEETS

Preamble:

Athletics Canada wishes to establish an appropriate policy to aid the successful bidding for and ultimate hosting of major international Athletics Meets, and to avoid problems, which may arise from the launching of premature and unapproved initiatives.

Policy Statements:

1. Athletics Canada, as the national federation recognized by the I.A.A.F. to govern the sport of Athletics in Canada, is the body which gives official sanction to the holding of major international Athletics meets in Canada and the participation of Canadian athletes in such meets.
2. Major international meets are defined as World Championships, International Association Championships (Commonwealth/Pan-Am/JDLF, etc.), Regional or other multi-national Championships, multi-national team competitions and other similar meets which fall within this same general categorization.
3. Athletics Canada welcomes initiatives by cities/communities interested in seeking to host a major international Athletics Meet in any area of the sport recognized by the I.A.A.F. (track & field, cross-country, marathon/half-marathon, race walking, etc.)
4. Any major international Athletics Meet for which hosting is to be sought must fit within the developmental framework and resources for the sport as outlined in the Athletics Canada Strategic Plan.
5. Athletics Canada, by reference to the I.A.A.F. and other calendar sources, will ensure that Provincial/Territorial Branches are advised of any future meets which are scheduled and for which hosting bids are being sought. Branches are encouraged to advise those cities/communities capable of hosting such Meets of these opportunities.
6. When Athletics Canada is informed of the desire of a city/community to be included in the bidding process, it will take the necessary steps to supply all relevant initial or preliminary bidding information, including the establishing of a timetable by which bids may be accepted for consideration.
7. Upon receipt of bids for a particular Meet, including a statement of support by the appropriate Provincial/Territorial Branch, Athletics Canada will establish a Bid Committee and appropriate criteria for the evaluation of such bids. This Committee will make its recommendations on the most

suitable bid and, after Board approval, would forward additional bidding information to the nominated applicant.

8. In addition to assessing the adequacy of the facilities and the financial viability of the proposed Host Community bid, the Bid Committee would also review any proposals for the establishing of a potential legacy fund, including its implications for the longer term development of athletes, coaches and officials in the area.