



NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION – RULES BOOK

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National Team Committee (NTC)

The NTC is responsible for the implementation of all team selection criteria and carding criteria and will exercise its authority to make all decisions relating to those selections as per the [Terms of Reference within the Athletics Canada Rules and Bylaws Section 126](#). The NTC is comprised of:

- **Chair** – Chief Technical Officer (CTO)/Head Coach
- **Voting Members** –
 - Chief Technical Officer/Head Coach
 - Athletics Canada Technical Staff (one appointed by the CTO/Head Coach),
 - Event Area Experts (two, one in each of endurance and speed/power event areas – as appointed by the CTO/Head Coach),
 - Branch Representatives (two, as designated by Branch Council),
 - Athlete Representatives (up to two, as designated by the Athlete Directors).
 - A quorum for the Committee is five voting members, which must include at least one Event Area Expert, at least one Athlete Representative, and at least one Branch Representative.
 - In the case of a tie, the Chair of the NTC has the tie-breaking vote.
- **Non-Voting** – Present at NTC Selection Meeting – Athletics Canada coaching and Integrated Support Team (“IST”) staff as necessary, statistician, legal advisor, as required.

1.0 SELECTION REGULATIONS

General

1. This Rules Book serves as a general guide for Athletics Canada (AC)’s National Team nomination and selection process. It establishes general principles that are applicable to selection to all National Team events.¹
2. For each specific National Team event, a “Selection Criteria Document” will be approved and published by the AC National Team Committee (NTC). The Selection Criteria Document outlines the selection process for each team, including team objectives, high performance principles, eligibility for selection, selection processes, selection criteria, deadlines, qualifying periods and standards, exceptions, and performance readiness.
3. All athlete selections will be made by the NTC in accordance with this Rules Book and the Selection Criteria Document. In the event that there is a conflict between this Rules Book and the Selection Criteria Document, the Selection Criteria Document will prevail.
4. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, the most restrictive criteria of the IAAF, IPC, AC, local organizing committee or other relevant international governing body rule(s) will prevail.
5. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, all athletes must achieve the required selection standard during the qualifying period as outlined in the Selection Criteria document.

¹ AC usually selects national teams, but sometimes AC nominates national teams, leaving final selection to another entity such as the Canadian Olympic Committee. In this document the team ‘selection’ refers to decisions made by AC to select or nominate teams.



6. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, all athletes must compete at the identified Qualifying Trials to be eligible for selection.
7. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, no performances in events that occur before or after the end of the applicable Qualifying Period will be valid for the purpose of selection to the team.

1.2 Team List Announcement

The composition of teams will be announced by AC through established communication channels (notification to Provincial Branches, posting on the AC web-site, and publication in the AC newsletter). Athletes who are selected may be contacted directly by AC prior to the public announcement.

1.3 Amendments

AC reserves the right to amend the Selection Criteria Document. If amendments are made they will be communicated as soon as possible through the established communication channels referenced in Section 1.2.

1.4 Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the process for selection as contemplated in the Selection Criteria Document to be implemented, the NTC reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of an alternate process for team selection.

1.5 Team Travel Obligations

1. Athletes who wish to participate on all AC National Teams are required to comply with AC travel plans (including participation in pre-competition and pre-target-event training camps and competitions), as they pertain to training schedules, travel and accommodation schedules.
2. Upon accepting a position on a Team, athletes agree to fully participate in both the final preparation camp and the full duration of the event as identified in Section 1.0 of the Selection Criteria.
3. Upon accepting a position on a Team, athletes also agree to travel on the official traveling dates.
4. In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to these Team Travel Obligations may be granted at AC's sole discretion. The request for an exemption must be made in writing well in advance of travel dates.
5. Failure to comply with Team travel obligations may result in de-selection from a team and may affect current Carding status and/or future Carding eligibility.

2.0 PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS

1. Performance results must be achieved at competitions organized or authorized by the IAAF/IPC, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, and must be conducted under IAAF/IPC rules. Thus, results achieved at university, college or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organized.
2. Performance results must have been achieved at competitions listed on the AC, IPC or IAAF Member Federation fixtures lists, and must be recognized on the official AC performance ranking lists. Canadian competitions must appear on Provincial Fixtures lists a minimum of 30 days prior to the competition.



3. Performance results must be substantiated with official documentation and must be based on official results published and released at the time of the event. Wind readings and implement certification must always be recorded on results to guarantee their validity. In addition, the signature and contact details of the certified AC Official, or international equivalent, are required on the documentation.
4. Performance results achieved in mixed track events under 5000m involving both male and female participants, held completely in a Stadium, shall not be accepted for the purposes of team selection, pursuant to IAAF Rule 147.
5. Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection.
6. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection. For all other timed events, hand-timed results will be accepted for national team selection purposes as long as it is properly documented and signed by the chief track referee. For the 800m, hand times will be converted to 'electronic' equivalencies by adding 0.14' to the hand-timed result.
7. Where allowed by the Selection Criteria and relevant Games and/or international event organizer, for the 1500m event, converted mile performances to 1500m, based on IAAF Scoring Tables equivalencies, will be accepted for the purpose of achieving repeated "A" or "B" standards. Converted standard performances are acceptable regardless of any electronic performance which may be recorded at the 1500m mark.
8. Indoor performances will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection for outdoor events.
9. Events in any competition are only considered completed, and the performance results final, when protests, if filed with the Jury of Appeal in accordance with IAAF Rule 146, have been heard and the Jury decision carried out.
10. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to submit performance results to AC prior to the Athlete Declaration deadline.
11. For the purpose of satisfying any required repeat performances, performances must be achieved in separate and distinct competitions. Therefore, repeated performances from within the same competition (whether achieved in a single round in the case of field events; or during multiple qualifying rounds in the case of track events) will not be considered repeat performances for the purposes of team selection. Only one performance for a given event will be accepted for the purpose of team selection from any single competition/meet. Results achieved at competitions conducted with multiple "runs" or back-to-back series (whether conducted in the same day or over multiple days) will only count once for the purpose of achieving repeat performance standards.

EXCEPTIONS – Performances achieved in the finals of the Canadian National Championships or any International Event at which a National Team is competing, in addition to a performance in Qualifying rounds or heats, may be accepted for the purpose of satisfying repeat performances.

12. For the purpose of team selection that requires repeat performances, only one such performance can have been achieved at a non-Canadian altitude competition. Where team selection requires only one performance, such performance cannot have been achieved at a non-Canadian altitude competition. For the purposes of this document, altitude is defined as greater than 1000m. (NOTE: This rule only applies to events under 1500m.)
13. For the purposes of team selection that requires repeat performances, only one such performance can have been achieved at a competition featuring only single events or event groupings.



Racewalk and Road Running Results

14. For marathon, Half Marathon and Race Walk, both road and track performance results will be accepted for the purposes of team selection. 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.
15. For Road Running events, IAAF Rule 260.21 (b) and (c) (see box) 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.

3.0 APPEALS FOR SELECTION

1. Appeals of team selection decisions may only be submitted by athletes deemed eligible to submit appeals as specified in the Selection Criteria Document.
2. Appeals may be submitted for circumstances related to athlete illness or injury or other reasonable technical circumstance deemed appropriate by the Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner will decide all first level appeals, bearing in mind the team objectives and high performance principles as specified in the Selection Criteria Document.
3. Athletes who wish to submit a first level appeal must submit such appeal to the Commissioner's Office within 7 days following the announcement of the team list. Athletes should refer to the [Rules and Bylaws Section 140.06 and 140.07](#) for the full procedure on filing an appeal.
4. Once the form below is completed it should be sent to the Commissioner's Office via e-mail (athleticscanadacommissioner@gmail.com) for an appeal to be officially reviewed.
5. All appeals must be accompanied by a fee of \$250 (payable to Athletics Canada). This amount will be returned if the appeal is successful. Contact the Director of Finance Sylvie King (Sylvie.king@athletics.ca) for payment options.
6. If it is determined by the Commissioner that a first level appeal, if successful, would displace another athlete nominated to the team as per the Selection Criteria, that athlete will be consulted as part of the Commissioner's deliberations, and will be bound by the Commissioner's decision.
7. Where the appeal relates to injury or illness, the athlete must supply documentation from a medical practitioner diagnosing the injury or illness. In deciding such appeals, the Commissioner's Office may obtain input from the AC Coordinating Physician, or designate. Any decision by the Commissioner on an appeal relating to illness or injury must take into consideration the athlete's ability to fulfill the Competitive Readiness Requirements contained in the Selection Criteria Document.
8. If an athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, a formal second appeal may be available, timelines permitting, pursuant to [Rules and Bylaws Section 140](#)



National Team Appeal for Selection

(If the appeal relates to injury or illness, please include a medical diagnosis from a medical practitioner)

I, (name) _____ wish to submit an Appeal for Selection based on the information provided below. **Please write neatly.**

I declare that the statements made above accurate and truthful.

Athlete's Name:	Coach's Name:
Athlete Signature:	Coach's Signature:
Date:	Date:

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