



2017 IAAF WORLD 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.
- **February 21, 2017** – Section 3.3 the Canadian Championship requirement for marathon athletes

Marathon athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships between October 16, 2016 and July 9, 2017 (eligible events include the Marathon Championships in Toronto, the Cross Country Championships in Kingston, the Half Marathon Championships in Calgary, the 10k championships in Ottawa, the 10,000m Championships in Guelph or the 5,000m at the Track and Field Championships in Ottawa).



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OVERVIEW

All nominations 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”). Attached to the Criteria, and forming an integral part of it, are two Appendices. 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 Championships in Athletics.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location

- London, United Kingdom

1.2 Important Dates

Qualifying Periods		
DATES	EVENTS	NOTES
January 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017	Marathon and 50km Race Walk	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
January 1, 2016 – July 16, 2017	20km Race Walk, Combined Events and 10,000m	
October 1, 2016 – July 16, 2017	Qualifying Period for all other events	
Important Dates		
DATES**	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
May 31, 2017	Athlete Declaration Deadline for Marathon & 50 km RW	Online Form
July 6 – 9, 2017	Selection Trials (Canadian Championships)	Ottawa, ON
July 9, 2017	Athlete Declaration Deadline (all other events)	Online Form
July 17, 2017	Team Selection*	
July 22, 2017	Depart Canada	
TBD	Final Preparation Camp	Guadalajara, Spain
Aug 5 – Aug 13, 2017	Athletics Competition	London, UK

***Exceptions – 50km Race Walk and Marathon** (see section 1.6 and 1.7)

**TBD Dates – any dates that are to be determined, will be announced on the AC website as soon as possible after the determination.

1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the 2017 World 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 2017 IAAF World Championships;
- hold Canadian Citizenship by the Final Selection Date;

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- 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 eligible to participate in the 2017 IAAF World Championships;
- have a Canadian passport valid for at least 6 months after the 2017 IAAF World Championships;
- compete at the Canadian Championships in a selection event; and
Note: athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships, unless they receive a medical exemption from the AC Medical Lead, Paddy McCluskey.
- have IAAF World Championships as their focus event for the summer of 2017 - the NTC will consider requests to compete on any other National Team events on a case-by-case basis.

1.4 Events

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10,000m, Marathon, 3000m S/C, 100mH (women), 110mH (men), 400mH, HJ, PV, LJ, TJ, SP, DT, HT, JT, HEP/DEC, 20km RW, 50km RW, 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m.

1.5 Maximum per Event

The IAAF allows a maximum of three (3) athletes per country per individual event, provided they have achieved the IAAF standard during the Qualifying Period. The IAAF allows a maximum of 6 athletes per relay team.

1.6 Final Declaration Date

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than July 9, 2017*. **Failure to submit forms by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

***Exceptions** – 50km Race Walk and Marathon – May 31, 2017.

1.7 Final Selection Date and Team Announcement

The NTC will make final team selections immediately following the end of the Qualifying Period on July 17, 2017*. AC will announce the final team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, bulletin); athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly. ***Exceptions** – 50km Race Walk and Marathon – Athletes will be selected following the end of their respective qualifying period (see section 1.2) and contacted directly.

1.8 Funding

This team will be 100% funded by Athletics Canada.

2 TEAM OBJECTIVES

- To improve upon our country ranking and the number of medals, top 8, top 12, and top 16 finishes from the most recent World Championships.
- 2015 country ranking = 9th, medals = 8, top 8 = 12, top 12 = 19, top 16 = 25

3 SELECTION PROCESS

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The fundamental principles of high performance will be rooted in the process of selection to the World Championship team. The athlete's ability to perform on demand (the ability to consistently and repeatedly achieve performances at critical selection races and other major competitions such as the National Championships and World Championships) will be of utmost importance when being considered for selection.

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 for all events except Relay, Marathon, Race Walks, 10,000m, Combined Events

The following steps will be followed for selection up to a maximum of 3 athletes per event by the NTC. There is no minimum number of athletes that must be selected per event.

Step 1 - Automatic Qualification:

Canadian athletes who finish 1st and 2nd place at the selection trials (see section 1.2) will automatically be selected, provided they achieve the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) and meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 1.3.

NOTE: For the purposes of selection, ties at the selection trials 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 the tie is still not broken, the NTC will use its discretion to do so considering the factors outlined in Step 2

Step 2 - Additional Qualification:

Eligible athletes (see section 1.3) who do not automatically qualify in Step 1, but achieve the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2); **may be selected** at the discretion of the NTC.

Factors considered by the NTC (but not necessarily in order):

- 2017 Selection Trials placing in order of finish – minimum Top 8.

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- Athlete progression in their focus event during the 2016 & 2017 seasons with more emphasis placed on the 2017 season.
- IAAF World Ranking (maximum 3 athletes per country) in the athlete's event for both the 2016 and 2017 seasons with more emphasis placed on the athlete's World Ranking in the 2017 season.
- Other relevant competition results during the 2016 & 2017 seasons if applicable
- Other factors as may be deemed relevant by the NTC.

3.3 Selection for Combined Events, Race Walks, 10,000m and Marathon

The top 3 eligible athletes (see section 1.3) will be selected, provided they have achieved the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2).

Canadian Championships Requirement:

Combined events athletes must compete at the Canadian Championships in either the combined events or specific events as outlined in an agreement with the World Championships Combined Events Coach.

Race Walk athletes must compete at the Canadian Championships.

10,000m athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships in a track event (either the 10,000m championships in Guelph or the 5,000m in Ottawa).

Marathon athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships between October 16, 2016 and July 9, 2017 (eligible events include the Marathon Championships in Toronto, the Cross Country Championships in Kingston, the Half Marathon Championships in Calgary, the 10k championships in Ottawa, the 10,000m Championships in Guelph or the 5,000m at the Track and Field Championships in Ottawa).

3.4 Selection for Relays

Team Qualification – General Requirements

The Top 8 placing teams at the 2017 IAAF World Relays and the next 8 teams from the IAAF rankings list (Average of the teams 2 best times during the Qualifying Period) will be invited to compete at the 2017 IAAF World Championships. Teams must be comprised 100% of eligible athletes (as per section 1.3).

NOTE: At least 2 athletes on each relay team must meet an individual Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) in a 2017 World Championship event, in order for the NTC to select the relay team for the 2017 World Championships.

Relay Eligibility Pool

Athletes will be selected to the AC National Team relay eligibility pool (the "Eligibility Pool") based upon nomination by the AC Relay Coach (using his/her discretion) after considering the principles and criteria set out in Appendix B.

All athletes who have been named to the Eligibility Pool will be eligible for selection to the relay team. Athletes must sign the Relay Team Athlete Agreement (Appendix B) to be

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eligible for selection to the team for the event. Being named to the Eligibility Pool does not guarantee selection to a relay team.

NOTE: The list of athletes in the Eligibility Pool will be published prior to the Selection Trials.

Canadian Championships Automatic Qualifier

The top 3 finishers in the 100m and 400m finals at the Canadian Championships, who are listed in the relay eligibility pool and have signed the Relay Team Athlete Agreement (Appendix B), will be automatically selected – qualified relay teams only.

Final Relay Team Selection

Notwithstanding the Criteria or the provisions of the Relay Team Athlete Agreement, whether AC will enter a specific relay team will depend on the number, quality and final phase preparation of eligible athletes. If the Relay Coach determines that there are insufficient numbers of high level athletes to form a relay team that will be capable of making the final at the 2017 IAAF World Championships, or if there are not at least 2 athletes from the relay team that are individually qualified in an event, the NTC reserves the right not to enter a given relay team.

Selection of athletes from the Eligibility Pool to the Relay Team will be made by the NTC based upon the recommendation of the AC Relay Coach and an assessment of the principles and criteria set out in Appendix B. A maximum of 6 athletes may be selected.

Relay Position Assignments

Once a Relay Team is selected, individual athlete selection and running position for the actual event will be at the discretion of the Event Relay Coach.

4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the IAAF World 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 July 19 – August 13, 2017* to Manager, Athlete Services Corey Dempsey at cdempsey@athletics.ca on or before July 19, 2017.

***Exceptions:** 50km Race Walk and Marathon – training and competition plans for these events must cover the time period starting 1 week after the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) ends, until August 13, 2017. The plans must be sent to Corey Dempsey within 1 week of being notified of selection to the IAAF World Championship team.

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).

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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 Manager, 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 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, hurdle, jump, walk, 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:

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- 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 standard (see Appendix A) 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 start date of the Training Camp, appeals must be submitted to the Commissioner's office within 48 hours of the publication of the team list.

6 AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA

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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.





APPENDIX A
2017 IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
AC SELECTION STANDARDS (OUTDOOR ONLY)

Women's A	Events	Men's A
11.26	100m	10.12
23.10	200m	20.44
52.10	400m	45.50
2:01.00	800m	1:45.90
4:07.50 (4:26.70)	1,500 (mile)	3:36.00 (3:53.40)
15:22.00	5,000m	13:22.60
32:15.00	10,000m	27:45.00
2:45:00	Marathon	2:19:00
12.98	100m /110m H	13.48
56.10	400m H	49.35
9:42.00	3,000m S/C	8:32.00
1:36:00	20km RW	1:24:00
4:06:00	50km RW	4:06:00
1.94	High Jump	2.30
6.75	Long Jump	8.15
14.10	Triple Jump	16.80
4.55	Pole Vault	5.70
17.75	Shot Put	20.50
71.00	Hammer	76.00
61.20	Discus	65.00
61.40	Javelin	83.00
6200	Heptathlon/Decathlon	8100
Top 8 at IWR plus 8		Top 8 at IWR plus 8
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**Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Regulations outlined in section 2 of the National Team Selection – Rules Book*

In the case of Race Walks, performances achieved at Race Walk Events staged at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (j) are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards providing the following conditions (where applicable) are respected:

- *The course is (or will be) measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer*
- *A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges are on duty*

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Appendix B

Athletics Canada (AC) National Relay Team Athlete Agreement

Overview

In order to be successful in London we must continue the momentum we built with the AC National Relay Program since Beijing in 2008. Again, the relay program's fundamental principles are identified below. Athletes who are part of the National Relay Program are expected to adhere to these principles. Athletes selected for the national relay program must sign and return this agreement by July 9, 2017.

Fundamental Principles

1. The relay is a team event and all members are equal.
2. A common vision among team members is critical for success.
3. Open communication is encouraged among athletes and coaches.
4. Full cooperation on and off the track is expected; team cohesiveness is essential.
5. Athletes must have an open mind and a willingness to learn and adapt to relay ideas.
6. Selection of the team will be at the sole discretion of AC coaching staff with approval by the NTC.
7. Versatility as it pertains to relay running position is a must.
8. The goal is to assemble the best possible group of athletes in an order that will best benefit the team. Running order will be determined by the designated event Relay Coach and athletes will be advised of the order in a timely manner.
9. Athletes who are placed in an alternate position are expected to fully participate in team practices and competitions, including dressing and warming up with the team on the day of competition, and to be prepared to contribute if needed. Alternates are expected to accompany the four selected athletes to the call room area or as far as Officials will allow.
10. Members will attend all National Relay Program mandatory events.
11. Punctuality is expected at all relay events; tardiness will not be tolerated.

Relay Team Athlete Selection

All of the following factors (not listed in priority order) will be considered in relay team selection:

- Placing at the Selection Trials in his/her individual event.
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.
- Individual performance ranking as determined by 2017 Athletics Canada rankings.
- Commitment to the National Relay program as determined by attitude, attendance, participation, and performance at national team camps, competitions, and events.
- Performance on previous relay teams.
- Assessment of relay skills and position suitability.

The designated event Relay Coach will make decisions in regards to relay team selection and positioning of relay team members.

Athlete Agreement

I have read, understand and accept the National Relay Team's principles and criteria for selection. I understand that my failure to comply with this Agreement may render me ineligible for National Team relay assignments.

Athlete Signature:	Coach Signature:
Print name:	Date:

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