



## 2018 WORLD PARA ATHLETICS MARATHON WORLD CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

### OVERVIEW

All selections will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada's (AC) [National Team – Selection Rules Book](#). AC is limited in entries by IPC 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, is an appendix. 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 2018 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup.

### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

**1.1 Event Location**  
London, Great Britain

**1.2 Important Dates**

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DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
January 1, 2016 – January 14, 2018	Qualifying Period	
January 14, 2018	Declaration Deadline	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
January 15, 2018	Selection Date	
TBD, 2018	Arrival in London	
April 22, 2018	Competition Date	London
April 23, 2018	Depart London	

**1.3 Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in the 2018 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup, 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 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup;
- 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 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup;
- have a Canadian passport valid until at least October 22, 2018;
- hold an active IPC Athletics License for the 2018 Season and minimally hold a "R" or "C" IPC level classification.



**1.4 Marathon Event Classes**

Men's T12 (T11/12), T13, T46 (T45/46), T52 (T51/52), T54 (T53/54) and T64 (T42/43/44/61/62/63/64).

Women's T12 (T11/12) and T54 (T53/54).

**1.5 Maximum per Event**

NPCs can enter up to Six (6) eligible Athletes per marathon event (single class), provided they have achieved the Qualifying Standard (Appendix A) during the Qualifying Period (section 1.2).

**1.6 Declaration Deadline**

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than January 14, 2018. **Failure to complete declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

**1.7 Selection Date and Team Announcement**

The NTC will make team selections on January 15, 2018. AC will announce the team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, bulletin); athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly.

**1.8 Funding**

This team will be 100% funded by Athletics Canada.

**2 TEAM OBJECTIVES**

- To align with AC's High Performance Plan, the objectives of the team will be to maximize the number of athletes who finish in the top half of their field, finish in the top eight, and who win medals.

**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](mailto: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, statistician, legal advisor, as required.



### 3.2 Selection Process

The top 6 eligible athletes (section 1.3) having minimally achieved the Qualifying Standard (Appendix A) during the qualifying period (section 1.2) and complying with the Final Phase Preparation Requirements (section 4) may be selected.

Should more than the maximum number of eligible athletes be selectable for any particular event the selection panel will prioritize the athletes who, in their opinion and at their absolute discretion, are the most likely to achieve team objectives (section 2) based on the following factors, in any order that they see fit, and any other factors that they consider relevant:

- i. Eligible performances within the Qualifying Period;
- ii. Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period;
- iii. Recent form and fitness;
- iv. The most recent National Championships results (where relevant); and
- v. The athletes' international championships results.

## 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 January 22 – April 22, 2018 to the Manager, Athlete Services, Corey Dempsey at [cdempsey@athletics.ca](mailto:cdempsey@athletics.ca) on or before January 22, 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 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 Para Athletics Marathon World Cup, 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](mailto: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 training session, 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) 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](mailto:athleticscanadacommissioner@gmail.com).

Due to the Entry Deadline of January 22, 2018, appeals must be received within 48 hours of the publication of the Team List.

Contact the Chief Financial Officer Sylvie King ([sylvie.king@athletics.ca](mailto: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.



## APPENDIX A

### ATHLETICS CANADA QUALIFYING STANDARDS

EVENT	CLASS	STANDARD
Men's Marathon T12	T11/12	3h00min
Men's Marathon T13	T13	3h00min
Men's Marathon T46	T45/46	3h00min
Men's Marathon T52	T51/52	2h30min
Men's Marathon T54	T53/54	1h35min
Men's Marathon T64	T42/43/44 T61/62/63/64	3h00min
Women's Marathon T12	T11/12	3h30min
Women's Marathon T54	T53/54	2h00min

*\*Standards must be achieved on a recognized legal road course in accordance with the Performance Regulations outlined in section 2 of the [National Team Selection – Rules Book](#).*