



## 2018 World Para Athletics Winter Challenge - Throws 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 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 2018 World Para Athletics Winter Challenge - Throws.

### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1.1 Event Location Ancona, Italy

#### 1.2 Important Dates

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| DATES                    | DESCRIPTION          | LOCATION                    |
| January 1 – Sept 1, 2018 | Qualifying Period    |                             |
| Sept 3, 2018             | Declaration Deadline | <a href="#">Online Form</a> |
| Sept 4, 2018             | Selection Date       |                             |
| October 22, 2018         | Depart Canada        |                             |
| October 23-25, 2018      | Classification       | Ancona, Italy               |
| October 26-28, 2018      | Competition Dates    | Ancona, Italy               |
| October 29, 2018         | Depart Italy         |                             |

#### 1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the 2018 WPA Winter Challenge, 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 WPA Winter Challenge Competition;
- 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 IPC licensed for the 2018 competitive year and minimally hold a "R", "N" or "C" IPC level classification
- be otherwise eligible to participate in the 2018 WPA Winter Challenge; and
- have a Canadian passport valid until at least April 28, 2019.



#### 1.4 Events

See Appendix 1.

#### 1.5 Maximum per Event

There is no set maximum per event for selection.

#### 1.6 Declaration Deadline

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than Sept 3, 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 Sept 4, 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. As this event was not known at the time our budget was originally approved we are still confirming our resources for this event. It is possible that the number of athletes will be restricted to match the available funding.

### 2 TEAM OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to 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 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 as necessary, statistician, legal advisor, as required.

### 3.2 Selection

#### A. Individual Athlete Selection:

- a) All eligible athletes (section 1.3) who have achieved the qualifying standard (section 3.3) during the qualifying period (section 1.2) will be considered.
- b) All athletes ranked in the top 3 of the Combined Rankings (section 3.3) will be selected.
- c) If the team size needs to be capped due to financial restrictions (section 1.8) the NTC will prioritize remaining eligible and qualified athletes in the following order:
  - I. Athletes who achieved a medal at the IPC World Championships 2017\* will be ranked first. Athletes will be prioritized within this group by their Combined Ranking (from 4<sup>th</sup> in the Combined Rankings down to 8<sup>th</sup>).  
\*The medal event must be offered at the 2018 WPA World Throws Challenge Selection Criteria (see section 1.4).
  - II. All other athletes will then be prioritized by their Combined Ranking (from 4<sup>th</sup> in the Combined Rankings down to 8<sup>th</sup>).
  - III. If, after the process above, it is still necessary to differentiate between two or more athletes who have identical prioritization, then the selectors will use their expert knowledge and the following information – in any order that they see fit – to select the athlete who they believe will have the best chance of finishing higher at the World Para Athletics Winter Challenge:
    - a) The athletes’ World and Paralympic competition record.
    - b) The athletes’ 2018 Canadian National Championship results.
    - c) The athletes’ results in other major competitions.
    - d) Each athlete’s demonstrated current form and fitness.



### 3.3 Standards

“Combined Rankings” will be created from the 2018 WPA World Rankings (<https://www.paralympic.org/world-rankings/athletics>) as it is published on September 3, 2018 for the qualification period (section 1.2) and will be combined using the classification groups to be contested at this event (see Appendix 1).

All athletes in the top 8 of the Combined Rankings will be considered to have achieved a standard.

### 3.4 General Selection Regulations (for the purpose of selection eligibility)

- Events in any competition are only considered completed when protests, if filed with the Jury of Appeal in accordance with IAAF Rule 146, have been heard and the Jury decision carried out.
- Both road and track performances will be accepted.
- The achievement of all performances must be substantiated with official documentation and based on official results published and released at the time of the event.

## 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 September 10 to October 22, 2018 to Manager, Athlete Services Corey Dempsey at [cdempsey@athletics.ca](mailto:cdempsey@athletics.ca) on or before September 10, 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 Para Athletics Winter Challenge, 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:

1. 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.
2. 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](mailto:athleticscanadacommissioner@gmail.com).

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 1**

## Ancona 2018 World Para Athletics Winter Challenge

### Preliminary Medal Event Programme

| Medal Events - Men |                   |                         |        |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| No                 | Event Name        | Eligible Classes        | Points |
| 1                  | Club Throw F32    | F31/32                  | No     |
| 2                  | Club Throw F51    | F51                     | No     |
| 3                  | Discus Throw F11  | F11                     | No     |
| 4                  | Discus Throw F37  | F37                     | No     |
| 5                  | Discus Throw F52  | F51/52                  | No     |
| 6                  | Discus Throw F56  | F54/55/56               | No     |
| 7                  | Discus Throw F64  | F43/44, F62/64          | No     |
| 8                  | Javelin Throw F13 | F12/13                  | No     |
| 9                  | Javelin Throw F34 | F33/34                  | No     |
| 10                 | Javelin Throw F38 | F38                     | No     |
| 11                 | Javelin Throw F41 | F40/41                  | No     |
| 12                 | Javelin Throw F46 | F45/46                  | No     |
| 13                 | Javelin Throw F54 | F53/54                  | No     |
| 14                 | Javelin Throw F57 | F56/57                  | No     |
| 15                 | Javelin Throw F64 | F42/43/44, F61/62/63/64 | No     |
| 16                 | Shot Put F11      | F11                     | No     |
| 17                 | Shot Put F12      | F12                     | No     |
| 18                 | Shot Put F20      | F20                     | No     |
| 19                 | Shot Put F32      | F32                     | No     |
| 20                 | Shot Put F33      | F33                     | No     |
| 21                 | Shot Put F34      | F34                     | No     |
| 22                 | Shot Put F35      | F35                     | No     |
| 23                 | Shot Put F36      | F36                     | No     |
| 24                 | Shot Put F37      | F37                     | No     |
| 25                 | Shot Put F40      | F40                     | No     |
| 26                 | Shot Put F41      | F41                     | No     |
| 27                 | Shot Put F46      | F45/46                  | No     |



| 28                          | Shot Put F53      | F53                     | No            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 29                          | Shot Put F55      | F54/55                  | No            |
| 30                          | Shot Put F57      | F56/57                  | No            |
| 31                          | Shot Put F63      | F42, F61/63             | No            |
| <b>Medal Events - Women</b> |                   |                         |               |
| <b>No</b>                   | <b>Event Name</b> | <b>Eligible Classes</b> | <b>Points</b> |
| 1                           | Club Throw F32    | F31/32                  | No            |
| 2                           | Club Throw F51    | F51                     | No            |
| 3                           | Discus Throw F11  | F11                     | No            |
| 4                           | Discus Throw F38  | F37/38                  | No            |
| 5                           | Discus Throw F41  | F40/41                  | No            |
| 6                           | Discus Throw F53  | F51/52/53               | No            |
| 7                           | Discus Throw F55  | F54/55                  | No            |
| 8                           | Discus Throw F57  | F56/57                  | No            |
| 9                           | Discus Throw F64  | F43/44, F62/64          | No            |
| 10                          | Javelin Throw F13 | F12/13                  | No            |
| 11                          | Javelin Throw F34 | F33/34                  | No            |
| 12                          | Javelin Throw F46 | F45/46                  | No            |
| 13                          | Javelin Throw F54 | F53/54                  | No            |
| 14                          | Javelin Throw F56 | F55/56                  | No            |
| 15                          | Shot Put F12      | F11/12                  | No            |
| 16                          | Shot Put F20      | F20                     | No            |
| 17                          | Shot Put F32      | F32                     | No            |
| 18                          | Shot Put F33      | F33                     | No            |
| 19                          | Shot Put F34      | F34                     | No            |
| 20                          | Shot Put F35      | F35                     | No            |
| 21                          | Shot Put F36      | F36                     | No            |
| 22                          | Shot Put F37      | F37                     | No            |
| 23                          | Shot Put F40      | F40                     | No            |
| 24                          | Shot Put F41      | F41                     | No            |
| 25                          | Shot Put F54      | F54                     | No            |
| 26                          | Shot Put F57      | F56/57                  | No            |