



2019 Lima Parapan American Games 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 World Para Athletics ("WPA") and International Paralympic Committee ("IPC") 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 nomination of the team, while the CPC has the final and sole authority to make the final selection of athletes for the team for the 2019 Lima Parapan American Games.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location

Lima, Peru

1.2 Important Dates

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DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
February 24, 2019	Declaration Deadline	Online Form
January 1 – July 20, 2019	Qualifying Period	
July 21, 2019	Selection Date	
TBD	Depart Canada	
August 24 – 28, 2019	Competition Dates	Lima, Peru
Sept. 2, 2019	Depart Peru	

1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the 2019 Lima Parapan American Games, an athlete must meet the following requirements:

- be a registered member of an Athletics Canada Branch at the time of qualification and through to the end of the 2019 Lima Parapan American Games;
- 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 WPA licensed for the 2019 competitive year and minimally hold a "R", "N" or "C" IPC level classification;
- have achieved a Minimum Entry Standard (MES) at a World Para Athletics Recognized Competition in a Tokyo 2020 Medal Event(s);
- have a Canadian passport valid for at least 6 months after the 2019 Lima Parapan American Games;



- must compete at AC's National Championships (special circumstances to not compete must be approved by Para Performance Lead and High Performance Director; and
- be otherwise eligible to participate in the 2019 Lima Parapan American Games. For additional information click here: <https://www.paralympic.org/americas-paralympic-committee/lima-2019>

1.4 Events

See Appendix A for the list of events.

NOTE: an athlete's primary event must be a Tokyo Medal Event. Secondary event may be a non-Tokyo Medal Event.

1.5 Quotas

The total number of athlete slots allocated to AC will be determined by the WPA and will form the "Championships Quota".

The number of athletes who may be selected in any event, up to a maximum of three (3), will be determined by the CPC and AC through a slot allocation process and will form the "Event Quota".

One (1) team may be entered in the in the relay event.

Please note: AC nominates athletes to the CPC and so, regardless of Quotas, no individual is a confirmed participant of Lima 2019 until AC receives a letter indicating that the participant has become an approved Team Canada Member by the CPC. CPC will confirm the Canadian Parapan American Team based upon the nominations of AC, provided that:

- The minimum eligibility requirements, Event Quotas and Championships Quota established by the WPA, CPC and AC are met; and
- There are no outstanding selection appeals.

1.6 Declarations

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate by completing the online form no later than February 24, 2019. **Failure to complete declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

Declaring for More Than One Event:

Athletics Canada ("AC") believes that athletes and coaches should carefully consider contesting more than one event (not including the relay) at the Lima Parapan American Games. If an athlete is likely to qualify for more than one event, the athlete and their coach should carefully consider whether it is wise to attempt competing in more than one even (i.e. "double), as the case may be. In making a determination, the athlete and their coach should consider the following factors:

- 1) the Lima Parapan American Games timetable;
- 2) the likely local weather and other environmental considerations;
- 3) the likely opposition (i.e. the level of competition and depth of field in the



- particular events);
- 4) the maturity of the athlete; and
- 5) experience of the athlete
- 6) Athletes will be considered for more than one event, but the primary selection event must be a Tokyo 2020 Medal Event

1.7 Selection Date and Team Announcement

There will be no selection trials for this Event. The NTC will make team selections on July 21, 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

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 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

1. Individual Athlete Nomination:

a) Athletes who have met the eligibility requirements of section 1.3 and achieved the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) will be known as "Qualified Athletes".

b) All Qualified Athletes will be ranked using the WPA World Ranking list



(<https://www.paralympic.org/world-rankings/athletics>) on the last day of the Qualification Period. For the purposes of this ranking only three athletes per nation will be counted and the Qualified Athlete's best performance on the official AC ranking list will be used (regardless of the performance on the WPA World Ranking list).

c) Qualified Athletes will be nominated in this ranking order until the individual Event Quotas are filled and the overall Championship Quota is filled (see section 1.5) or until no more Qualified Athletes remain.

d) If, using this ranking order, a number of Qualified Athletes tie for the remaining Event Quota or Competition Quota then the NTC will rank those in the order that, in their sole opinion, they consider the athletes are likely to finish at the 2019 **IPC World Championships** in the corresponding event. Athletes will be selected in this ranking order until the relevant Quota is full. The NTC may consider any factors that they consider relevant, in any order that they consider relevant, to rank athletes. These factors will include, but may not be limited to:

- i. World and domestic ranking;
- ii. Current form and fitness;
- iii. Proven ability to perform on demand

e) Once the process above is complete (the Championship Quota is filled), nominated athletes who are qualified for additional events that have remaining Event Quota can be nominated for those events provided that the NTC believes that competing in the additional event will not negatively impact the athlete's ability to compete in their main event. If more athletes qualify for additional nominations than there are remaining Event Quota slots then the process outlined in 3.2.1.d) above will be used to rank athletes.

2. Relay team nominations:

- a) Members of the relay team must be made up of athletes who are already selected to the Lima Parapan American Games Team to represent Canada.
- b) AC may enter one (1) team in each relay event.
- c) The AC Para Performance Lead, in consultation with the appointed Team Relay Coach, will make the final determination of who will compete in the relay and in what order at the Lima Parapan American Games.

4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 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 2019 Lima Parapan American Games, 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 Kristine Deacon at kdeacon@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.

4.2 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 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 CPC Team Nomination deadline, appeals must be received within 48 hours of the publication of the team list. As the final submission to CPC for entry to the Lima Parapan American Games is July 26th, appeals must be completed by the 26th in order for athletes to be eligible for the Lima 2019 Parapan American Games. Athletics Canada reserves the right to conduct an expedited appeal process through the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), superseding the appeal for selection process in the National Team Selection – Rule Book, if appeals are in jeopardy of not being completed before the July 26th deadline.



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 Paralympic Committee, WPA, IPC, 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

<http://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/IPC-Standards-Americas-Paralympic-Committee.pdf>