



# 2019 World Para Athletics Junior Championships

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### OVERVIEW

All nominations 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") 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 World Para Athletics Junior Championships.

### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1.1 Event Location

Notwill, Switzerland

#### 1.2 Important Dates

Date	Description	Location
Jan 1, 2019 – June 11, 2019	Qualifying Period	
June 11, 2019	Final Declaration Deadline	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
June 12, 2019	Selection Date	
July 27, 2019	Depart Canada	
July 29-31, 2019	Classification	Notwill, Switzerland
August 1-4, 2019	Competition dates	Notwill, Switzerland
August 5, 2019	Return to Canada	

#### 1.3 Eligibility

- Must be a registered member of an Athletics Canada Branch at the time of qualification and through the WPA Junior Championships;
- Must hold Canadian Citizenship by Jan. 1, 2019;
- Must declare interest as per the dates outlined in section 1.2;
- Must comply with Final Phase Preparation Requirements as outlined in Section 4;
- Must otherwise be eligible to participate in the WPA Junior Championships.
- Must have a Canadian passport valid until at least Feb. 4, 2020;
- Must sign and submit forms as required by AC and WPA;
- Must compete at the 2019 Canadian Track and Field Championships in Montreal;
- Be born in 2000, 2001 or 2002.



- Must hold an active IPC License for the 2019 Season and minimally hold a “R”, “N” or “C” IPC Sport Classification.

#### **1.4 Funding**

This team will be 100% funded.

#### **1.5 Events**

For the 2019 WPA World Junior Championships team Athletics Canada will only consider athletes for:

- U20 events.
- Event/classifications that appear on the 2020 Paralympic Games schedule (even if the classification groupings are different at the 2019 WPA World Junior Championships).

Appendix A lists the events on the 2019 WPA Junior Championships schedule that will be considered for selection.

#### **1.6 Maximum Entries per Event**

National Paralympic Committees (NPC) can enter up to three (3) eligible athletes per medal event (single class).

#### **1.7 Qualifying Period(s)**

Performances must be achieved between Jan. 1, 2019 to June 11, 2019.

#### **1.8 Final Declaration Date**

Athletes are required to declare their interest to participate no later than June 11, 2019.  
**Failure to submit forms by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection.**

#### **1.9 Final Selection Date**

The NTC will make final team selections by **June 12, 2019**. AC will announce the team selection through established communication channels (provincial branches, AC website, bulletins, etc.) athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly.

#### **1.10 Team Size**

The Canadian team competing at the 2019 IPC World Para Athletics Junior Championships will have a team size that is limited by available funding. The maximum team size will be 10 athletes, this total does not include Guides (see section 1.11).

#### **1.11 Guides**

“Guide” refers to a guide who competes on the track with an athlete as allowed by WPA rules 7.6 which applies to the **T11** and **T12** classifications only.



## 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:

- **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 Process

The WPA set a maximum number of athletes (the "Event Quota") that can be entered for each individual event (see section 1.5).

AC has a "Championships Quota" of a maximum of 10 athletes who may be named to the WPA Junior Championships Team. Note that Guides (see section 1.11) are not counted in the "Championships Quota".

There are no minimum performance standards for selection to the WPA Junior Championships.

Eligible athletes (see section 1.3) will be selected in priority order based on their best World Para Athletics Rankings (see below) in each event who have a performance during the Qualifying Period (see section 1.7) and comply with the Final Phase Preparation Requirements (section 4) may be selected until the Championships Quota is filled.

In calculating an athlete's World Para Athletics Rankings AC will:



- Group events and classifications as per the 2019 WPA World Junior Championships schedule;
- Only count a maximum of 3 athletes per nation;
- Only count athletes born in 2000 or later.

#### **Ties:**

If the selectors need to resolve a tie in the World Para Athletics Rankings between two or more athletes then the selectors will prioritize the athlete(s) most likely to place higher at the 2019 WPA World Junior Championships. The selectors decision will be based on any factors that they consider relevant, in any order that they consider relevant, including but not limited to:

- Previous WPA World Junior Championships results in comparable events;
- The 2019 World Para Athletics Ranking lists;
- Each athlete's:
  - competition results in 2019;
  - proven ability to perform on demand;
  - previous international Championships performances; and
  - injuries or illness reported and documented before the selection meeting.

### **3.3 Additional Events**

Once the team has been selected the NTC may enter selected athletes into additional events, including the relay, on the WPA 2019 World Junior Championships program, whether or not the additional event is on the 2020 Paralympic Games program.

Entering athletes into additional events will be at the NTC's sole discretion and they will not take this option if, in their opinion, contesting the additional events may impair an athlete's prospects in their main (2020 Paralympic Games program) event. In coming to these decisions the NTC will take into account all available information including any requests from athletes or their coaches and the published WPA 2019 World Junior Championships timetable.

## **4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Injury or Illness**

Athletes who arrive at the competition injured consume a disproportionate amount of IST time and resources that should be spent on preparing healthy athletes to compete at their best. Those whose fitness has suffered due to injuries or illness are not ready to perform at their best, nor are they able to help attain the team's high performance goals. It is therefore AC's intention to work with injured or ill athletes 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, athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training 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 financially responsible for all the athlete's costs associated with the event. Notification must be sent immediately to the event head coach.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training that could affect their performance, AC team staff will work with the athlete, coach and local/national team IST resources to ensure that a recovery plan is in place. The plan will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best. This determination will follow and be made in two steps:

#### **STEP 1: Medical Clearance**

Generally done by local IST in collaboration with National IST and consists of 2 phases:

- a) An initial medical evaluation and paramedical assessment(s) to determine if the athlete is fit to return to full training or competition. This would occur once stabilization of health has been achieved and may include a functional evaluation of movement patterns; and,
- b) A dynamic functional evaluation will be carried out by IST that would be specific to the event (and injury or illness if applicable). This would assess the athlete's movement pattern during a wheel, for example, to better identify dysfunctional movement patterns that could increase the risk of re-injury or undermine a competition performance.

#### **STEP 2: Specific Evaluation**

Following functional 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 Lead of Para Performance, 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 that dysfunctional movement patterns are identified in either steps, 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 Lead of Para Performance, AC National IST leads, the athlete's personal IST, and any other performance related information to determine if the 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 nomination, 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 that are on the WADA Prohibited List **must** have a completed and approved IPC Therapeutic Use Exemption prior to nomination.

### **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 Rules 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 [commissioner@athletics.ca](mailto:commissioner@athletics.ca)

Contact the AC Appeals email address ([appeals@athletics.ca](mailto:appeals@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 final team submission date, appeals must be received within 48 hours from when the team is announced.

### **6 AMENDMENTS TO THIS 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, or any other relevant organization; and
2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in these Criteria.



Any change 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.

## **7 EVENT VIABILITY CRITERIA**

A minimum of four (4) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the programme.

World Para Athletics shall review the event viability following the close of the final entry by name on June 20, 2019. World Para Athletics also reserve the right to either cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.



## Appendix A

### 2019 WPA World Junior Championships Events

Note that Athletics Canada will only consider athletes for:

- U20 events;
- Event/classifications that appear on the 2020 Paralympic Games schedule (even if the classification groupings are different at the 2019 WPA World Junior Championships).

Therefore the event/classification combinations that AC will consider are show below.

<b>2019 WPA WORLD JUNIOR EVENTS (Tokyo Medal Events)</b>		
<b>MEN</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
T11-13 T35-38 T42/T45-47/T62-64 T33/T34 T51-54	<b>100M</b>	T11-13 T35-38 T42/T45-47/T62-64 T33/T34 T51-54
T35/T37 T51 T44/T61/T64 T51	<b>200m</b>	T11/T12 T35-37 T44-47/T64
T11-13 T20 T44-47/T62 T51-54	<b>400m</b>	T11-13 T20 T45-47 T53/T54
T53/T54	<b>800m</b>	T53/T54
T11-13 T20 T45/T46 T53/T54	<b>1500m</b>	T11-13 T20 T53/T54
T20 T36-38 T42/T44-47/T61-64	<b>Long Jump</b>	T20 T37/T38 T42-47/T61-64
T42/T44-47/T63/T64	<b>High Jump</b>	No Tokyo Event



MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
F11/F12 F20 F35-37 F40/41 F42/F46/F61/F63 F53-57	<b>Shot Put</b>	F11/F12 F20 F35-37 F40/41 F54-57
F11 F37 F42-44/F62/F64 F51/F52/F54/F55	<b>Discus Throw</b>	F11 F37/F38 F40/41 F43/F44/F62/F64 F51-57
F12/F13 F38 F40/F41 F42-46/F61-64 F33/F34 F52-57	<b>Javelin</b>	F12/F13 F45/F46 F33/F34 F53/F56
F31/F32/F51	<b>Club</b>	F31/F32/F51