



Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Nomination Criteria

Selection Criteria Amendments

- **June 29, 2021:**
 - **Section 1.3:** “Updated eligibility to allow for athletes with a classification review scheduled in Tokyo prior to competition.”
- **February 18, 2021:**
 - **Section 1.2 and Section 1.8:** Removed Initial Nomination Meeting for Marathon.
 - **Section 1.3:**
 - Adjusted Membership Requirement to “at the time of the final declaration date”
 - Removed requirement to participate in Canadian Championships.
 - Added requirement to comply with COVID-19 countermeasures.
 - **Section 1.4:** Added: “All performances must be achieved in WPA sanctioned competitions.”
 - **Section 3:** Removed Automatic Nomination Step for Trials Winners. Revised Step 2 (“Overall Athlete Ranking”) process.
 - **Section 7:** Added language regarding possible further amendments necessitated by COVID-19.
 - **Appendix A:** “Added WPA High Performance Allocation Standard” column
- **November 18, 2020:**
 - **Section 1.3.1 and Section 3:** Extended Marathon qualification window from May 31, 2021 to July 20, 2021 to be consistent with all other events.
 - **Section 1.6:** Removed “AC will consider the Championships Quota to be final as of the Final Team Nomination Meeting on July 20, 2021. AC will not accept any offer of late reallocation places by the IPC beyond this date.”
 - **Section 3.2, Step 3:** Added clarification that the top-ranked Canadian athlete in each Marathon medal event will be considered to be the Trials Winner.
 - **Section 7:** Updated Amendments section to allow the possibility that additional information may present itself *after* the CPC nomination deadline.
- **July 29, 2020**
 - **Section 1.2 (and throughout document):** Updated Qualifying Periods and other Important Dates to reflect the postponement of the Paralympic Games from 2020 to 2021.
 - **Section 1.3:** Updated minimum age to reflect the postponement of the Games.
 - **Section 1.6:** Added clarification that AC will **not** accept any offer of late reallocation places by the IPC beyond July 20, 2021.
 - **Section 3.3:** Adjusted Additional Relay Nomination section to be consistent with criteria initially published in Appendix B.
 - **Section 4.1:** Clarified that AC Chief Medical Officer, in consultation with medical team will provide clearance to move from Step 1 to Step 2.
 - **Section 6:** Updated reference from “Bylaws” to the “Commissioner’s Office Terms of Reference” to reflect AC recent update to Bylaws and Policies.



- **Appendix A:** Updated Minimum Entry Standards to reflect requirement to be in the top half of the “WPA 2019 World ranking”. Added column with “AC Automatic Selection Standard (for Trials Winners) which is the Top 8 and top half of the “WPA 2019 World ranking”.



OVERVIEW

These Nomination Criteria (“Criteria”) set out the eligibility and qualification requirements that athletes must satisfy in order to be nominated for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team.

All nominations to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada’s (“AC”) “National Team – Selection Rules Book”. AC’s Paralympic entries are limited by the World Para Athletics (“WPA”) and International Paralympic Committee’s (“IPC”) rules and/or regulations that will always take precedence should there be any contradictions between these Criteria and such rules and/or regulations.

Attached to the Criteria, and forming an integral part of it, are two Appendices: Appendix A – Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Events and Minimum Entry Standards and Appendix B – Athletics Canada (AC) National Relay Team Athlete Agreement.

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 for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (“CPC”) up until the first athletics team members entering the Paralympic Village. From that date forwards “On-site Decision Making Authority” will apply (see section 5 below).

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location

- Tokyo, Japan.

1.2 Important Dates

Qualifying Periods		
DATE	EVENTS	NOTES
Jan 1, 2019 – July 20, 2021	Qualifying Period for all events	
Important Dates		
DATES	EVENTS	VENUES
Feb 27, 2021	Accreditation Data Submission Deadline (long list)	
June 24 – 27, 2021	Canadian T&F Championships & Selection Trials (“T&F Trials”)	Montreal, QC
July 19, 2021	Final Declaration Deadline all events.	Online Form
July 21, 2021	Final Team Nomination Meeting	
July 29, 2021	CPC Nomination Deadline	
August 9, 2021	Relay Team Members sign and return National Relay Team Athlete Agreement	Appendix B



TBC	Depart Canada	
August 16 – August 23, 2021 (TBC)	Final Preparation Camp	Gifu, Japan
August 23, 2021 (TBC)	On-site Decision Making Authority begins (see section 5)	Tokyo, Japan
August 27 – September 5, 2021	Athletics Competition	Tokyo, Japan
24-48 hours after competition	Depart Japan	

1.3 Eligible Athletes

To be eligible to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, an Athlete must meet all of the following requirements:

- be a registered member of an AC Branch at the time of final declaration date and through the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games;
- hold Canadian Citizenship, as per the IPC Handbook;
- declare interest to seek nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team via the Online Form in accordance with the dates outlined in section 1.2 above;
- comply with the Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in section 4 below;
- have a Canadian passport that will remain valid until at least March 6, 2022;
- hold an active World Para Athletics License for the 2021 season (note: any performances achieved without a World Para Athletic License, will not be considered for selection);
- be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after December 31, 2021 or review scheduled in Tokyo prior to competition;
- sign, submit and comply with the CPC Athlete Agreement and IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement;
- No athlete younger than 16 years of age on December 31, 2021 (born in 2006 or later) may compete at the Paralympic Games;
- be otherwise eligible to participate for Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games as outlined in the IPC, WPA, CPC and AC rules and bylaws and AC's "National Team – Selection Rules Book";
- have a valid Minimum Entry standard ("MES" – see Appendix A), achieved within the Qualifying Period (see section 1.2) which:
 1. appears on the "WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking" (see section 1.3.1) on the date of the team nomination (see section 1.2) **and**
 2. which would have ranked in the top half of the "WPA 2019 World ranking" (see Appendix A).
- Must comply with all COVID-19 countermeasures implemented by AC, CPC, IPC, Tokyo 2020 or other relevant governing bodies.

In addition, Guide-Runners must hold an active World Para Athletics License for the 2021 season.

Relays: To be nominated for a Relay Team (see section 3.3) athletes must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement (see Appendix B) by the specified date (see section 1.2). Note that if circumstances dictate that an athletics team member who is not part of a



nominated Relay Team is selected to run a relay at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games (as allowed by IPC/WPA rules) then the athlete must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement before competing. In these circumstances, AC's Para Performance Lead can waive the deadline in section 1.2.

1.3.1 The "WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking" means the world ranking lists that can be found at <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings> by setting "Ranking Type" to "Minimum Entry Standard Rankings" and setting "Ranking List" to "Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking". These rankings will be from January 1, 2019 through to 9am EST on July 20, 2021.

1.3.2 "WPA 2019 World ranking" means the world ranking lists that can be found at <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings> by setting "Ranking Type" to "World Ranking" and setting "Ranking List" to "2019". Rankings will be combined based on the combination of classes to be contested at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. A maximum of three athletes per country will be counted. The "top half" were calculated as the number of athletes ranked on these combined lists divided by two and rounded down to the nearest whole number. See appendix A for the complete list of "top half" performances.

1.4 Eligible Performances

For an athlete's performance to be considered eligible for qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games it must be set under the following conditions:

General

All performances must be achieved during the qualification period as outlined in section 1.2. All performances must be achieved in WPA sanctioned competitions.

Special conditions for validity of performances:

- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with WPA Rule 4.8, performances achieved in events of 5000m and field events may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
- Performances which are wind-assisted or for which a wind reading is not available shall not be accepted for Qualification Standard purposes.
- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
- For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

1.5 Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Events and Minimum Entry Standards ("MES")

See list of events and MES in Appendix A.





1.6 Quotas

Overall team

The total number of athletes slots (including gender allocation) allocated to AC will be determined by the IPC and will form the “**Championships Quota**”.

Marathon events

A maximum of six (6) athletes can be entered in each marathon event, of which a maximum of three (3) can be entered with the marathon as their only event.

All other events

The WPA sets a maximum number of athletes (the “**Event Quota**”) that can be entered for each individual event (see section 1.5)

Please Note: AC nominates athletes to the CPC and so, regardless of Quotas, no individual is a confirmed participant of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games until AC receives a letter indicating that the participant has become an approved Team Canada Member by the CPC. CPC will confirm the Canadian Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games based upon the nominations of AC, Provided that:

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

1.7 Declaration Dates

Athletes are required to declare their interest to seek nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team by completing the online form by the deadlines stated in section 1.2.

Failure to complete this declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for nomination.

1.9 Final Nomination Meetings and Team Announcements

The NTC will hold a Final Nomination Meeting for all events (see section 1.2).

AC will announce the final Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, HP Newsletter); athletes nominated to the team will be contacted directly by AC.

1.10 Funding

This team will be 100% funded.

2 TEAM OBJECTIVES

This nomination process is designed to prioritize the nomination of Athletes to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Team who have demonstrated an ability to achieve AC’s 2020 Paralympic Games performance objectives, which are to improve upon Canadian performances from the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games as measured by:

- 1) Medal table ranking;



- 2) number of medals;
- 3) number of top 8 finishes;
- 4) number of athletes finishing in the top half of their field;
- 5) number of athletes beating their pre-event ranking;
- 6) number of athletes setting personal bests; and
- 7) number of athletes setting season's bests.

3 NOMINATION PROCESS

All nominations will be made in accordance with AC's "National Teams – Selection Rule Book" (see <http://athletics.ca/national-team/criteria/>) and the National Team Committee's Terms of Reference (see Section 126 of AC's "Rules and Bylaws" at <http://athletics.ca/federation/governance/policies-rules-laws/>).

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that their performances are listed in the "WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking" see section 1.3.1 before the selection dates listed in Section 1.2.

A Minimum Entry Standard (MES) will not be considered retroactively from the issue date of the WPA athlete's Licence renewal, therefore the athlete must hold a current WPA athlete licence prior to the start of the event where the MES is met.

3.1 The National Team Committee (NTC)

The composition of the NTC will be composed as specified in the "National Teams – Selection Rule Book".

3.2 Nomination for all Individual Events

The IPC sets the maximum number of athletes (the "**Event Quota**") that can be entered for each individual event (see section 1.6).

The total number of athletes slots allocated to AC will be determined by the IPC and will form the "**Championships Quota**". Note that the IPC is likely to set separate quotas for male and female athletes. The "Championships Quota" for the purposes of selection Steps 1-6 is as of July 20, 2021. Should the Championships Quota be expanded by the IPC after this date, these additional quota places will be filled using Step 7.

Step 1 – Athlete Pool

The "**Athlete Pool**" will consist of all athletes who have met the eligibility requirements (see section 1.3).



Step 2 – Overall Athlete Ranking

Athletes within the “Athlete Pool” will be given an “Overall Athlete Ranking” based on their “Medal Event Ranking” and the highest standard that they have achieved as follows:

- 1) Athletes will be allocated a “Medal Event Ranking” based on the “WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking” (see section 1.3.1). The “Medal Event Ranking” will be calculated per Tokyo 2020 medal event as follows:
 - Only three athletes per nation will be counted;
 - Athletes will be ranked by performance regardless of the date on which they set their best performance;
 - The athlete with the best performance will have a “Medal Event Ranking” of 1, the next best 2, etc.
- 2) The “Overall Athlete Ranking” will then be calculated as follows:
 - a. First, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the AC-Top 8 Standards (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking in order of their “Medal Event Ranking”.
 - b. Next, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the WPA High Performance Allocation Standard (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking in order of their “Medal Event Ranking”.
 - c. Next, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the AC MES set in 2021 (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking in order of their “Medal Event Ranking”.
 - d. Finally, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the AC MES set in 2019 or 2020 (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking in order of their “Medal Event Ranking”.

Athletes may appear multiple times in the “Athlete Pool”, once per Tokyo 2020 medal event.

Step 3 – Provisional selection of athletes

Athletes will be Provisionally Selected from the “Athlete Pool”, in the order they appear in the “Overall Ranking Order”, until all the “Championships Quota” is filled (if the IPC set separate male and female “Championships Quotas”, they will be filled separately).

For the avoidance of doubt, *at this stage* “Event Quotas” will be ignored and so more than three athletes may be Provisionally Selected for an event.

If required, ties in the Overall Ranking Order will be resolved as follows:

The selectors will prioritize athletes in the order that they consider, in their sole opinion, the athletes will finish at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. 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:



- Each athlete's 2021 world ranking according to the "WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking" (see section 1.3.1);
- The results of the 2021 Selection Trials;
- Each athlete's proven ability to perform on demand;
- Each athlete's previous international Championships performances; and
- Any injuries or illness reported and documented before the selection meeting.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- the selectors must fill the "Championships Quota" at this stage and not leave "spaces" to be filled at a later stage of selection.

Step 4 – Confirming selection

In all of the event/classification combinations in which the "Event Quota" was not exceeded in Step 3 the Provisionally Selected athletes will be Confirmed.

For each event/classification combination where the "Event Quota" is exceeded after Step 3 the selectors will confirm athletes from the pool of athletes for that event/classification. The selectors will prioritize athletes in the order that they consider, in their sole opinion, will finish at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. 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:

- Each athlete's 2021 world rankings according to the "WPA Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MES ranking" (see section 1.3.1);
- The results of the 2021 Selection Trials;
- Each athlete's proven ability to perform on demand;
- Each athlete's previous international Championships performances; and
- Any injuries or illness reported and documented before the selection meeting.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- the selectors DO NOT need to use the "Overall Athlete Ranking" when deciding how to confirm athletes to fill the "Event Quota"; and
- the selectors must fill the "Event Quota" at this stage and not leave "spaces" to be filled at a later stage of selection.

This step may reduce the team size below the "Championships Quota". If that happens then steps 3 and 4 of the selection process will be repeated, in order, until the "Championships Quota" is reached and no event exceeds the "Event Quota".

Step 5 – Additional Events for Confirmed athletes

At this step of the selection process, the team members are Confirmed. Some of the Confirmed athletes may be qualified to compete in additional individual events that have not yet exceeded the "Event Quota".



If this is the case athletes will be added to all of the additional individual events for which they are eligible. If that causes the “Event Quota” to be exceeded then Step 4 will be repeated to choose between the additional athletes, however athlete Confirmed before this step (step 5) cannot be removed by this Step 5, the selectors must decide between the athletes added in this Step.

3.3 Relay Team Qualification – General Requirements

4x100m Universal Relay Team: Athletics Canada may enter one (1) team. Teams must be comprised 100% of athletes who have already been selected to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games team in individual events.

Based on the individual athlete selections the NTC will confirm if a relay team should be entered to the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Final Relay Team Selection (at the Games)

Notwithstanding the Criteria or the provisions of the Relay Team Athlete Agreement, whether AC will enter a specific relay team at the Championships will depend on the number, quality and final phase preparation of eligible athletes. If AC’s Para Performance Lead determines that entry in a relay event will not contribute to the achievement of the overall team objectives (section 2) AC’s Para Performance Lead reserves the right not to enter a given relay team. This decision will be taken in consultation with the High Performance Director.

Team Qualification – General Requirements

The Top four (4) ranked NPCs in the Universal Relay event at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships each obtain one (1) team entry.

World Para Athletics will establish a Universal Relay Qualification Ranking from October 1, 2018 to August 1, 2021 for the Universal Relay medal event. The twelve (12) highest ranked teams in the Universal Relay ranking (not yet eligible) at the end of the period to achieve performances will each obtain one (1) team entry.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- Teams must be entirely comprised of athletes who have already been selected to the 2020 Paralympic Games in individual events;
- Being nominated for a relay squad does not guarantee competing at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games; and
- Based on the individual athlete selections the NTC will confirm if a relay team should be entered to the 2020 Paralympic Games.

Additional Relay Nominations

For the qualified relay team AC’s Para Performance Lead will nominate “Additional Relay Athletes” to the NTC. AC’s Para Performance Lead will nominate athletes to complete the most competitive relay squads based on any factors considered relevant including, but not limited to:



- 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 2021 WPA world rankings according to the WPA top lists.
- 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.
- For the avoidance of doubt:
 - ranking in an individual event (e.g. the 100m for the 4x100m relay) is important but is not the only factor in making relay squad nominations; and
 - only eligible athletes (see section 1.3) may be nominated by AC's Para Performance Lead.

3.4 Canadian Championships Requirement

Travel restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19 are likely to make it impossible and/or unreasonable for athletes who live outside of Canada to travel across the border to compete at the Canadian T&F Championships. For this reason, there is no requirement that athletes must compete at the Canadian T&F Championships to be nominated for the Tokyo Paralympic team.

4 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. An athlete's nomination will not be confirmed until they complete the process outlined below and they will be deselected if the process is not completed.

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 nominated 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 nominated, and until the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic 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:

- 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, jump, wheel 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 AC Chief Medical Officer in consultation with 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 AC's Para Performance Lead, the event Team Coach, and the athlete's 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.

If the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, or does not meet the Performance Test standard, the athlete will 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 AC's Para Performance Lead, AC National IST leads, the athlete's personal IST, and any other performance related information (i.e. 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 the eligibility criteria detailed in Section 1.3 and all event specific requirements in relation to qualifying standards and



timelines. The NTC will determine the “next eligible athlete” by using the Additional Athlete or Additional Relay Athlete processes (as appropriate) outlined in Section 3 above.

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 to, during and after the event. Athletes who need to take medications that contain substances that are on the applicable version of World Anti-Doping Agency’s Prohibited List **must** ensure they have a completed and approved CCES and/or IAAF Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), if required, prior to the use of such medications and prior to nomination. Athletes are also responsible for ensuring that their TUE is recognized by either the IAAF or the IPC, as applicable and required. **Note:** It is not the responsibility of the AC team physicians to complete and submit TUE applications on behalf of the athlete. This should be done by the physician who prescribed the medication. AC team physicians are available, however, for questions related to whether or not a TUE is required.

Information regarding the TUEs can be found here:

<http://athletics.ca/national-team/anti-doping-programs/therapeutic-use-exemptions/>

and here

<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/anti-doping>.

5 ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

To ensure at-Games decisions may be made quickly and decisively in the best interest of performance, the following delegation of authority and processes for making final confirmation of entries onsite at the Games will apply. This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, injuries and /or use of alternates, starting orders, relay team make up, etc.

Once the first athletics team members arrive in the Paralympic village on August 23, 2021 (TBC) all final decision making authority (“DMA”) will reside with the High Performance Director (“HPD”) or AC’s Para Performance Lead in the absence of the HPD.

As per competition regulations, the athletes competing in individual events will be confirmed daily during the Games. The timing is to be confirmed by the organizing committee but typically confirmations will be made before noon two days before the first day of competition and before 9am the day before each remain day of competition. Any final changes of the team will be made by the HPD (or whomever has the DMA).

The deadline for confirming the composition of relay teams, including the running order, will be one hour before the published first call time for each relay event. The composition of the relay teams, including the running order, shall be at the sole discretion of AC’s Para Performance Lead or the HPD in the absence of the AC’s Para Performance Lead.



6 APPEALS

Please refer to the “National Team – Selection Rule Book” and the “Commissioner’s Office Terms of Reference” for full information on the AC appeals process. The process is also summarised at <http://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Process-for-Submitting-Appeals-EN.pdf>

Appeals must be submitted to the following e-mail address: Commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca

Contact appeals@athletics.ca for payment options of the \$250 appeal fee. The appeal will not be reviewed until the appeal fee has been paid.

Appealing decisions made at the Final Selection Meeting:

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for nomination (see sections 1.3 and 3) and who have achieved a Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualification Period (see section 1.2) may submit an appeal for nomination.

For decisions made at one of the Final Selection Meetings the external timelines, set by the IPC/WPA, are very tight and therefore appeals must be filed with the AC’s Commissioner’s Office within **24 hours** of the publication of the team list.

7 AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA

AC reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria. If amendments are made, they will be communicated as soon as possible through the AC website.

Athletics Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact this competition. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Athletics Canada will respect this selection criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the criteria (including Athletics Canada’s decision whether or not to send a team). In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this criteria in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Athletics Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.



In addition to the above, the NTC may amend the Criteria under the following circumstances:

1. When additional (or new) 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 CPC, IPC, or any other relevant organization; and
2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Criteria.

Any changes 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

Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games AC Minimum Entry Standards ("MES") and Selection Standards

See section 1.4 for details of eligible performances including which competitions are eligible and other special conditions.

Paralympic Event	Classes	AC MES	WPA High Performance Allocation Standard	AC Top-8 Standard
Men's 100m T11	T11	11.90	11.52	11.45
Men's 100m T12	T12	11.50	11.10	11.01
Men's 100m T13	T13	11.50	11.13	11.13
Men's 100m T33	T33	19.44	20.90*	19.44
Men's 100m T34	T34	16.60	16.38	16.00
Men's 100m T35	T35	13.64	13.52	12.77
Men's 100m T36	T36	13.30	12.51	12.35
Men's 100m T37	T37	12.80	11.93	11.70
Men's 100m T38	T38	12.19	11.58	11.44
Men's 100m T47	T45/46/47	11.60	11.06	11.04
Men's 100m T51	T51	23.18	22.74	23.05
Men's 100m T52	T52	18.11	17.96	17.69
Men's 100m T53	T53	15.94	15.30	15.03
Men's 100m T54	T54	14.70	14.31	14.22
Men's 100m T63	T42,T63	13.67	13.09	13.09
Men's 100m T64	T44,T62/64	12.00	11.47	11.22
Men's 200m T35	T35	28.46	28.29	28.27
Men's 200m T37	T37	25.85	24.22	23.54
Men's 200m T51	T51	43.36	42.84	43.36
Men's 200m T61	T61	23.62	28.00*	23.62
Men's 200m T64	T44, T64	24.70	23.65	23.49
Men's 400m T11	T11	55.03	54.34	52.47
Men's 400m T12	T12	52.71	50.40	50.20
Men's 400m T13	T13	52.91	51.00	50.79
Men's 400m T20	T20	51.90	49.87	49.71
Men's 400m T36	T36	01:03.57	59.36	58.19
Men's 400m T37	T37	58.72	55.12	54.18
Men's 400m T38	T38	56.57	54.36	53.28
Men's 400m T47	T45/46/47	53.24	50.15	50.33
Men's 400m T52	T51/52	01:05.69	01:03.27	01:02.74
Men's 400m T53	T53	53.20	50.74	50.24
Men's 400m T54	T54	48.50	46.75	46.83



Paralympic Event	Classes	AC MES	WPA High Performance Allocation Standard	AC Top-8 Standard
Men's 400m T62	T62	55.15	55.15	55.15
Men's 800m T34	T33/34	01:53.27	01:47.49	01:44.61
Men's 800m T53	T53	01:43.97	01:40.69	01:40.11
Men's 800m T54	T54	01:37.00	01:33.00	01:32.50
Men's 1,500m T11	T11	04:26.64	04:21.42	04:16.20
Men's 1,500m T13	T12*/13	04:08.00	03:58.32	03:55.47
Men's 1,500m T20	T20	04:10.08	03:59.93	03:58.66
Men's 1,500m T38	T37/38	04:35.77	04:23.86	04:14.70
Men's 1,500m T46	T45/46	04:11.00	04:05.39	04:03.87
Men's 1,500m T52	T51/52	04:02.02	03:56.52	04:01.80
Men's 1,500m T54	T53/54	03:07.00	02:55.21	02:54.36
Men's 5,000m T11	T11	16:21.24	16:04.27	15:54.81
Men's 5,000m T13	T12/13	15:54.62	15:11.47	14:54.30
Men's 5,000m T54	T53/54	10:17.41	10:00.27	09:46.78
Men's Marathon T12	T11/12	2:43:48	2:33:49	2:32:44
Men's Marathon T46	T45/46	2:30:44	2:47:39*	2:30:44
Men's Marathon T54	T52/53/54	1:29:37	1:24:02	1:24:00
Men's Long Jump T11	T11	5.60	5.99	6.13
Men's Long Jump T12	T12	6.00	6.65	6.80
Men's Long Jump T13	T13	6.17	6.30	6.71
Men's Long Jump T20	T20	6.43	6.65	6.76
Men's Long Jump T36	T36	4.86	5.02	5.37
Men's Long Jump T37	T37	5.07	5.80	5.80
Men's Long Jump T38	T38	5.57	5.61	5.97
Men's Long Jump T47	T45/46/47	6.10	6.65	6.84
Men's Long Jump T63	T42,T61/63	5.35	5.42	5.64
Men's Long Jump T64	T44,T62/64	6.01	6.50	6.80
Men's High Jump T47	T45/46/47	1.83	1.86	1.88
Men's High Jump T63	T42,T63	1.62	1.59	1.76
Men's High Jump T64	T44,T64	1.92	1.86*	1.92
Men's Club Throw F32	F31/32	25.82	30.72	31.16
Men's Club Throw F51	F51	26.02	27.49	28.19
Men's Discus Throw F11	F11	30.98	36.41	37.01
Men's Discus Throw F37	F37	39.00	45.46	47.34
Men's Discus Throw F52	F51/52	12.27	17.19	17.19
Men's Discus Throw F56	F54/55/56	33.00	37.26	39.47
Men's Discus Throw F64	F43/44,F62/64	44.53	48.30	51.23



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Men's Javelin Throw F13	F12*/13	46.46	54.06	56.94
Men's Javelin Throw F34	F33/34	20.45	26.38	28.32
Men's Javelin Throw F38	F38	42.86	45.87	46.27
Men's Javelin Throw F41	F40/41	27.00	34.83	36.95
Men's Javelin Throw F46	F45/46	47.25	49.43	57.20
Men's Javelin Throw F54	F53/54	19.70	24.00	26.75
Men's Javelin Throw F57	F56/57	31.00	39.75	41.00
Men's Javelin Throw F64	F42/43/44,F61/62/63/64	44.00	55.20	55.42
Men's Shot Put F11	F11	10.29	11.63	12.74
Men's Shot Put F12	F12	12.43	13.38	13.59
Men's Shot Put F20	F20	13.40	14.22	15.43
Men's Shot Put F32	F32	7.37	8.47	9.01
Men's Shot Put F33	F33	7.65	8.88	9.67
Men's Shot Put F34	F34	7.91	10.24	10.54
Men's Shot Put F35	F35	13.06	13.45	13.06
Men's Shot Put F36	F36	12.55	12.69	12.69
Men's Shot Put F37	F37	11.00	12.69	13.43
Men's Shot Put F40	F40	8.19	9.02	9.28
Men's Shot Put F41	F41	9.38	10.65	11.15
Men's Shot Put F46	F45/F46	12.55	14.29	14.67
Men's Shot Put F53	F53	6.98	7.12	6.98
Men's Shot Put F55	F54/55	9.50	10.66	10.95
Men's Shot Put F57	F56/57	11.00	12.49	13.57
Men's Shot Put F63	F42,F61/63	11.73	12.99	13.26
Women's 100m T11	T11	14.01	13.26	13.18
Women's 100m T12	T12	13.23	12.51	12.25
Women's 100m T13	T13	13.77	13.07	12.58
Women's 100m T34	T33/34	20.84	20.15	19.52
Women's 100m T35	T35	17.14	16.14	16.33
Women's 100m T36	T36	15.72	15.29	14.83
Women's 100m T37	T37	15.15	14.43	13.83
Women's 100m T38	T38	14.33	13.88	13.40
Women's 100m T47	T45/46/47	13.33	12.92	12.76
Women's 100m T53	T53	17.93	17.59	17.18
Women's 100m T54	T54	17.90	17.33	16.73
Women's 100m T63	T42,T63	16.66	16.62	16.39



Paralympic Event	Classes	AC MES	WPA High Performance Allocation Standard	AC Top-8 Standard
Women's 100m T64	T44,T62/64	13.69	13.56	13.17
Women's 200m T11	T11	29.03	27.11	26.69
Women's 200m T12	T12	27.64	25.96	25.36
Women's 200m T35	T35	35.21	34.15	34.49
Women's 200m T36	T36	33.24	32.93	31.77
Women's 200m T37	T37	31.48	29.83	29.25
Women's 200m T47	T45/46/47	27.78	26.59	26.14
Women's 200m T64	T44,T64	28.59	28.11	28.59
Women's 400m T11	T11	01:03.77	01:02.19	01:02.19
Women's 400m T12	T12	01:02.45	01:01.89	59.90
Women's 400m T13	T13	01:05.99	01:02.73	59.53
Women's 400m T20	T20	01:02.98	01:00.06	59.81
Women's 400m T37	T37	01:08.89	01:07.84	01:08.44
Women's 400m T38	T38	01:09.19	01:06.11	01:06.11
Women's 400m T47	T45/46/47	01:03.65	01:01.99	59.25
Women's 400m T53	T53	01:00.60	57.32	56.78
Women's 400m T54	T54	59.90	57.53	55.02
Women's 800m T34	T33/34	02:20.40	02:36.74	02:18.70
Women's 800m T53	T53	01:53.56	01:52.50	01:52.89
Women's 800m T54	T54	01:53.48	01:51.21	01:50.33
Women's 1,500m T11	T11	05:15.32	04:56.28	04:57.99
Women's 1,500m T13	T12*/13	05:06.42	04:56.57	04:46.17
Women's 1,500m T20	T20	05:04.11	04:57.48	04:52.35
Women's 1,500m T54	T53/54	03:30.51	03:28.72	03:25.28
Women's 5,000m T54	T53/54	11:46.86	11:45.61	11:32.58
Women's Marathon T12	T11/12	3:15:28	3:15:29*	3:15:28
Women's Marathon T54	T52/53/54	1:44:43	1:44:43	1:41:36
Women's Long Jump T11	T11	4.46	4.60	4.60
Women's Long Jump T12	T12	4.78	4.93	5.21
Women's Long Jump T20	T20	4.97	5.17	5.24
Women's Long Jump T37	T37	3.80	4.06	4.15
Women's Long Jump T38	T38	4.36	4.56	4.56
Women's Long Jump T47	T45/46/47	4.90	5.05	5.27
Women's Long Jump T63	T42,T61/63	3.88	3.93	3.94
Women's Long Jump T64	T44,T62/64	4.64	5.14	4.83
Women's Club Throw F32	F31/32	16.38	17.44	17.44
Women's Club Throw F51	F51	20.06	11.92*	20.06



Paralympic Event	Classes	AC MES	WPA High Performance Allocation Standard	AC Top-8 Standard
Women's Discus Throw F11	F11	23.78	26.35	29.41
Women's Discus Throw F38	F37/38	23.45	26.05	27.86
Women's Discus Throw F41	F40/41	19.25	22.60	25.80
Women's Discus Throw F53	F51/52/53	10.95	11.62	11.43
Women's Discus Throw F55	F54/55	15.99	19.45	20.56
Women's Discus Throw F57	F56/57	21.35	26.68	27.45
Women's Discus Throw F64	F43/44,F62/64	26.92	28.90	30.71
Women's Javelin Throw F13	F12*/13	31.05	33.04	33.04
Women's Javelin Throw F34	F33/34	11.66	13.80	15.31
Women's Javelin Throw F46	F45/46	31.73	32.89	35.54
Women's Javelin Throw F54	F53/54	12.99	13.71	15.03
Women's Javelin Throw F56	F55/56	13.95	16.98	18.43
Women's Shot Put F12	F11*/12	9.67	11.02	11.39
Women's Shot Put F20	F20	10.91	11.92	12.26
Women's Shot Put F32	F32	5.15	5.35	5.15
Women's Shot Put F33	F33	5.33	5.59	5.59
Women's Shot Put F34	F34	5.82	6.20	6.77
Women's Shot Put F35	F35	8.44	6.57*	8.44
Women's Shot Put F36	F36	8.66	7.14*	8.66
Women's Shot Put F37	F37	8.21	8.88	9.50
Women's Shot Put F40	F40	6.04	6.17	7.01
Women's Shot Put F41	F41	7.23	7.85	7.85
Women's Shot Put F54	F54	5.77	6.30	6.88
Women's Shot Put F57	F56/57	7.00	9.35	9.75

**where the WPA High Performance Standard is worse than the AC MES, it will be disregarded for the purposes of the "Overall Athlete Ranking" (Section 3, Step – 2.2).*



Appendix B

Athletics Canada (AC) National Relay Team Athlete Agreement

Overview

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 nominated for the national relay program must sign and return this agreement by **August 9, 2021**.

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. Nomination of the team will be at the sole discretion of AC coaching staff with approval by the NTC.
7. Versatility in relation 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 performance. Running order will be determined by AC's Para Performance Lead, in consultation with the Team 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. 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 Canadian T&F Championships in his/her individual event.
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.
- Individual performance ranking as determined by 2021 WPA world rankings according to the WPA top lists.
- 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.

AC's Para Performance Lead, in consultation with 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: