

**Athletics Canada Selection Criteria
2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**



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2. Change History

This is version 2.0 of these Criteria.

April 6, 2022:

- **Section 7.b:** Updated quota of able bodied athletes from 31 to 33
- **Throughout document:** Changed terminology from “AC Entry Standards” to “AC Ranking Standards” to add clarity.
- **Appendix A:** Added text for clarity: “The following standards are not minimum entry standards. Athletes will be ranked according to their *proximity* to the following Standards (see Section 8.e. for details).”
- **Appendix A:** Corrected WA Points equivalents for: 10km RW – Men, 4x400m Relay – Men, Hammer Throw – Men, Marathon – Men, 10km RW – Women. Note: the standards themselves have not changed (only corrections to the WA points).

3. Overview

- a. These Selection Criteria (“Criteria”) set out Athletics Canada’s selection processes for the 2022 Commonwealth Games team along with the eligibility and qualification requirements that an athlete must satisfy in order to be considered for selection.
- b. Entries to 2022 Commonwealth Games are limited by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the following Governing Bodies:
 - i. Athletics Canada (“AC”);
 - ii. The 2022 Commonwealth Games Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”);
 - iii. World Athletics (“WA”).
 - iv. World Para Athletics (“WPA”).
 - v. Commonwealth Games Federation (“CGF”)
 - vi. Commonwealth Sport Canada (“CSC”).
- c. If there are contradictions between any of the Governing Bodies’ bylaws, rules and/or regulations and these Criteria, then the more restrictive will take precedence. Note that this clause is notwithstanding any qualification standards set by a Governing Body, AC reserves its right to set standards that are stricter than those set by any Governing Body.
- d. AC’s National Team Committee (“NTC”) is responsible for the contents of this Criteria and has the sole authority and discretion to make changes to its contents. The Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the selection of athletes based on these criteria. The Selection Panel is covered in Section 10, below.

4. Key Dates

Qualifying Periods – Able Bodied		
DATES	EVENTS	NOTES

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January 1, 2021 – June 19, 2022	Marathon, 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
April 1, 2021 – June 19, 2022	Qualifying Period for all other events	
Qualifying Period - Para		
December 31, 2020 – April 25, 2022	Qualifying Period for all events	
Important Dates		
DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
June 19, 2022	Final Declaration Deadline all events	Online Form
June 20, 2022	Final Team Selection Meeting	
June 27, 2022	Final Team Nomination to CSC	
July 24, 2022	Depart Canada	
July 30 – August 7, 2022	Athletics Competition	Birmingham, GBR

- a. Each date will be considered to start at midnight (00:00am) and end at 11:59pm in the athlete's local timezone, unless stated otherwise above.

5. Team Objectives

- a. This selection process is designed to align with AC's Strategic Plan 2028. As such, it seeks to prioritize the selection of athletes who have demonstrated an ability to contribute to the following performance targets at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, presented in priority order:
 - i. Total number of medals;
 - ii. Total number of top 8 finishes;
 - iii. Total number of athletes finishing in the top half of their field;
 - iv. Total number of athletes beating their pre-event ranking;
 - v. Total number of athletes setting personal bests; and
 - vi. Total number of athletes setting season's bests.

6. Funding

- a. Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with transport to and from their approved local airport.
- b. **Competition Levy:** The final cost of participation as dictated by CSC has yet to be finalized. Subject to this information, combined with finalized AC approved budget figures for 2022-

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2023, there is a possibility athletes will be asked to pay a Competition Levy in order to compete. The Competition Levy must be paid in full to an AC account before they travel to the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Failure to pay the Competition Levy on time will result in the athlete being removed from all events at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

7. 2022 Commonwealth Games Events

a. Events

AC may select athletes for the Events listed immediately below. Each Event is contested separately by men and by women, unless stated otherwise:

i. Able Bodied:

1. Individual Events:

Sprints:	100m, 200m, 400m,
Endurance:	800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10,000m, Marathon, 3000m S/C,
Hurdles:	100mH (women), 110mH (men), 400mH,
Jumps:	HJ, PV, LJ, TJ,
Throws:	SP, DT, HT, JT,
Combined Events:	Heptathlon (women), Decathlon (men),
Walks:	10km RW

2. Relay Events:

Single gender: 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay

ii. Para

1. Individual Events:

Sprints:	100m T37/38, 100m T11/12 (men), 100m T33/34 (women), 100m T45-47 (men)
Endurance:	1500m T53/54, Marathon T53/54
Throws:	DT F42-44/F61-64, SP F55/56/57 (women)

2. Relay Events:

Mixed gender: 4x100m Universal Relay

b. Maximum Team Size Quota

The maximum team size is restricted by CSC and is subject to change. The current quota as allocated by CSC is thirty-three (33) able-bodied athletes. There are no restrictions on the number of para athletes who make up the team, as this number is determined by the CGF.

c. Maximum Entries per Event

i. **Individual Events:** up to three (3) athletes may be selected per Event.

ii. **Relay Events:**

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1. **Relay Squad:** For each qualified relay team four (4) or five (5) athletes may be selected, forming the Relay Squad;
2. The Relay Squad may include athletes also selected for individual events;
3. Athletes entered into the individual 100m must be selected in the 4x100m Relay Squad;
4. Athletes entered into the individual 400m must be selected into the 4x400m Relay Squad and/or the mixed 4x400m Relay Squad.
5. Athletes only entered into an individual event may contest the relays, even if they were not specifically selected as Relay Squad members.

d. Maximum Events per Athlete

- i. **LOC restrictions:** There are no restrictions on the number of events for which an athlete may be selected, although Scheduling Conflicts (see below) may make some “doubles” impractical.
- ii. **Scheduling conflicts:** Where the Selection Panel believe that a likely scheduling conflict will impact an individual athlete’s and/or the overall team’s ability to meet the Team Objectives (Section 5) they may limit the number of events for which they select the impacted athlete(s).

8. Selection Process

- a. The Selection Panel (Section 8.e.iii.3) will make decisions in person or electronically, guided by these Criteria, on the Selection Meeting Date[s] (Section 4).
- b. A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete (Section 13) who has achieved one or more Eligible Performances (Section 14) which place them on the AC Rankings List as of the Selection Meeting Date (Section 4).
- c. The Selection Panel will only consider Qualified Athletes (see above).
- d. **Discretionary Selection Decisions**
 - i. Whenever these Criteria give the Selection Panel a choice between two or more Qualified Athletes then the Selection Panel will use its joint experience and expertise to select the athlete(s) who, in their sole opinion, are most likely to contribute to the Team Objectives (Section 5) at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
 - ii. **Individual Events**

In making these decisions related to Individual Events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

 - Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
 - Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
 - Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;

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- Competition evidence of the ability to performance on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events and/or one or more rounds

iii. Relay Events

In making these decisions related to Relay Events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the 2022 season in individual events;
- Head-to-head results during the 2022 season in individual events;
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.
- 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.
- The impact of the likely competition program for athletes competing in one or more events and/or one or more rounds

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.

iv. Individual Events vs. Relay Events

If the final selection for the very last Maximum Team Size Quota place is a tie between an individual athlete and a relay event, the individual athlete will be selected.

- v. For the avoidance of doubt: in order to distinguish between two or more Qualified Athletes (Section 8.b8.c) for any event the Selection Panel may, at their sole discretion, consider additional official competition performances that don't fully otherwise meet the Eligible Performances criteria (Section 14). For example windy sprint results or downhill Marathon performances.

e. Able Bodied Selection Process

i. Individual Athlete Selection Process

1. Eligible athletes and relay teams will be given an "Overall Ranking" based on their proximity to the AC Ranking Standard (Appendix 1), calculated as a percentage of World Athletics Points. The AC Ranking Standards are calculated using the average top-3 performance among Commonwealth nations (limited to 3 per country) over the 2018, 2019 and 2021 competition

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seasons (COVID-disrupted 2020 season excluded). Note that athletes who compete in more than one event may appear on the “Overall Athlete Ranking” list multiple times.

2. Athletes will be selected in order of their “Overall Ranking” until the Maximum Team Size Quota (Section 7. b) is filled. Note that Maximum Team Size Quota is subject to the qualification status of Relay Events (section 8.f.i).
3. If a selected athlete has declared for other individual events, they may be “back filled” into those event(s) provided it does not displace any other Canadian athlete selected above. Athletes will be backfilled into these events if the Selection Panel believes that contesting these additional event(s) is aligned with the overall team objectives (Section 5). If the back-filling of events would result in exceeding the Maximum Entries Per Event (Section 7.c.), ties will be broken based on the athletes’ “Overall Athlete Ranking” in the tied event(s).

ii. Relay Event Selection Process

1. Team Qualification

- In order to be considered for selection, a relay team must be ranked in the top-3 in the Commonwealth (by time, within the qualification period). If a relay team is ranked lower than 3rd in the Commonwealth, it may only be selected by 8.e.ii.5 below (“Back filling” of relay squads).
- If a top-3 ranked relay team has an “Overall Ranking” that is within the Maximum Team Size Quota (Section 7. b), a squad of five (5) athletes will nominated except in these specific circumstances:
 - i. If the remaining Maximum Team Size Quota means that the maximum relay squad that can be nominated is exactly four (4) athletes then a squad of four will be nominated; or
 - ii. If the remaining Maximum Team Size Quota means three or less athletes can be nominated, then the Relay Squad will not be selected and the slot will be given to the next ranked individual athlete(s). To provide a worked example: If the Maximum Team Size Quota is 35 and the men’s 4x100m is ranked 34th:
 1. If four relay squad members have already been selected via the Individual Athlete Selection Process: the 34th place on the team will be taken by an additional relay squad member (to make a squad of five). There is one slot left for the next ranked individual athlete.
 2. If three relay squad members have already been selected via the Individual Athlete Selection Process: the 34th & 35th places on the team will be

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taken by additional relay squad members (to make a squad of five). There are no slots left for additional individual nominations.

3. If two relay squad members have already been selected via the Individual Athlete Selection Process: the 34th & 35th place on the team will be taken by additional relay squad members (to make a squad of four). There are no slots left for additional individual nominations. NB in these specific circumstances the relay squad will only consist of four (4) athletes.
4. If one or zero relay squad members have already been nominated, there are insufficient quota places available to select the Relay Squad and the 34th and 35th places on the team will be filled with the next ranked individual athletes.

2. Selections of Squad Members

- **Automatic Selections**

All athletes selection to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team for the individual 100m (4x100m) or individual 400m (4x400m) will be automatically nominated for the relevant relay squad.

- **Discretionary Selections**

For each qualified relay team the Athletics Canada Head Coach will nominate “Additional Relay Athletes” to the Selection Panel to complete the most competitive relay squads based on the process described in Section 8.d.iii.

The Selection Panel will consider each “Additional Relay Athlete” on the same basis as the Head Coach and, at their sole discretion, either:

- Accept the athlete and select them for the 2022 Commonwealth Games squad; or
- Reject the Head Coach’s nomination and ask the Head Coach for their next eligible nomination.

3. “Back filling” of relay squads and/or relay squad athletes.

- If a nominated relay squad contains athletes who were not nominated for an individual event by 8.d.ii, they may be “back filled” into an individual event if that does not displace any other Canadian athlete and the Selection Panel believes that contesting an individual event will not reduce the relay squad’s competitiveness.

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- If a relay squad does not qualify through the process described above, but sufficient individual athletes were nominated to form a relay squad (of four or five athletes) then the Selection Panel may nominate them as a relay squad provided that the Selection Panel believes that contesting the relay will not reduce the athlete's competitiveness in their individual events. This is the only other circumstance in which a relay squad of four may be nominated.

iii. Late Athlete Replacement

1. Substitutions after June 29, 2022 are subject to the CGF Late Athlete Replacement Policy. Should a selected athlete, at any time between nomination to CSC (June 27, 2022) and the sport technical meeting for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete may be replaced, subject to the approval of the CSC, CGF Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and WA regulations, by the highest ranked athlete (or athletes) in the Overall Ranking (subject to Maximum Entries Per Event (Section 7)). Note that CSC and/or CFG may require the replacement to be in the same event (e.g. 100m – Men). If this is the case, the Overall Rankings list within the same event will be used to select the replacement athlete.”
 2. No additional Relay *Teams* not already qualified will be considered for Late Athlete Replacement.
- f. In the case of a Late Athlete Replacement of Relay Squad Athlete(s), the athlete(s) will be replaced using the “Additional Relay Athlete” process described above. **Para Selection Process**

i. Individual Athlete Selection Process:

Para Athletes will be invited by the CGF, according to the Athlete Allocation System, available here. AC will accept the invitations for athletes who meet the eligibility requirements (Section 13).

ii. Relay Event Selection Process

Athletics Canada may enter one (1) team. Teams must be comprised completely of athletes who have already been selected to the 2022 Commonwealth Games team in individual events.

Based on the individual athlete selections the Selection Panel will confirm if a relay team should be entered to the 2022 Commonwealth Games team on the recommendation of the AC Para Performance Lead. This recommendation will be based on an assessment of 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 5) 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.

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9. Selection Meeting(s)

- a. The Selection Panel (Section 10) will make decisions on the date(s) as indicated in Section 4 to select the team according to these Criteria.
- b. The Chair of the Selection Panel will decide if the meeting will be held in person or electronically, for example by voice or video conferencing or by email.
- c. AC will keep a written record of the proceedings of the Selection Meeting and its outcomes.
- d. The outcome will be published via an Official Team Announcement (Section 11).

10. Selection Panel

- a. The 2022 Commonwealth Games Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the selection of athletes for the 2022 Commonwealth Games up until the Team Travel Date (Section 4).
- b. From the Team Travel Date (Section 4) forwards “On-site Decision Making Authority” will apply (Section 16).

11. The Selection Panel Members

The Selection Panel will be comprised of the members of the NTC.

12. Official Team Announcement

- a. The composition of the selected team will be announced by AC, on the AC website, as soon as practical after the Selection Meeting (Section 4).
- b. Athletes may be contacted directly by AC prior to the Official Team Announcement to confirm their selection or non-selection.

13. Eligible Athletes

To be considered for selection for this team:

- a. **Declaration:**
Athletes must declare their interest to compete by submitting the electronic declaration form, published on the AC website, by the Final Declaration Deadline (Section 4). Note that by declaring interest for this team, the athlete agrees to be bound by AC Bylaws and Technical Rules and obligations specific within this Selection Criteria which include Team Travel Obligations (Section 15) and the Appeals process (Section 16).
- b. **Eligibility to Represent Canada:**

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- i. Athletes must hold Canadian Citizenship.
 - ii. Athletes must hold a Canadian passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- c. **Membership Requirements:**
Athletes must be a registered member of an AC Branch at the time of qualification and through the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- d. **Age Restrictions**
 - i. Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2003 or 2004), may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.
 - ii. Under 18 Athletes – Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2005 or 2006), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.
 - iii. Athletes younger than 16 – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2022 (born in 2007 or later) may be entered.
- e. **Anti-doping Compliance**
 - i. Athletes must comply with the anti-doping rules of WA, AC, CCES, WADA and any other anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete.
 - ii. Athletes must complete any anti-doping eLearning courses as required.
- f. **Good Standing**
Athletes must be in good standing with AC, AC Branches, CCES, WA, WPA and all other Governing Bodies listed in Section 3.b .
- g. **WPA License**
Para Athletes must hold an active World Para Athletics License for the 2022 season (note: any performances achieved without a World Para Athletic License, will not be considered for selection).
- h. **Classification**
Para Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date of 2023 or later.
- i. **Relays**
To be nominated for a Relay Team, athletes must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement by the Final Declaration Deadline (Section 4).

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 2022 Commonwealth Games (if allowed by competition rules) then the athlete must sign the National Relay Team Athlete

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Agreement before competing. In these circumstances, the Head Coach can waive the deadline above.

j. Inclusion on Multiple Teams

Selection for this team will not affect any athlete's eligibility to be selected and/or nominated for any other AC event, unless specifically note within the other event's Selection Criteria.

k. Forms and Agreements

Athletes must sign, submit and comply with all required forms and agreements, including:

- i. Health Questionnaire (Electronic Pre-Participation Questionnaire)
- ii. Athlete Agreement
- iii. Relay Agreement
- iv. COVID-19 International Travel Waiver

l. COVID-19

- i. Must be fully vaccinated against COVID, or have an approved medical exemption. AC's Chief Medical Officer will determine what constitutes "fully vaccinated" and will approve any medical exemptions – which must be provided in advance.
- ii. If the competition's COVID vaccination and/or proof of vaccination requirements differ from AC's then the stricter requirement will be applied.
- iii. If relevant border agencies' COVID vaccination and/or proof of vaccination requirements differ from AC's then the stricter requirement will be applied.
- iv. If AC books travel on behalf of any athlete and the travel companies' COVID vaccination and/or proof of vaccination requirements differ from AC's then the stricter requirement will be applied.
- v. If official team accommodation* COVID vaccination requirements differ from AC's then the strictest requirement will be applied (*for example at an official altitude camp or holding camp).
- vi. By accepting team membership all team members accept that they will comply with COVID mitigation measures, such as social distancing, hand washing and wearing mask, or risk removal from the team.

14. Eligible Performances

- a. An Eligible Performance will be a competition result that:
 - i. Was achieved within the Qualification Period (Section 4); and
 - ii. Was achieved by an Eligible Athlete (Section 13); and
 - iii. Was achieved at an Eligible Competition (Section 14.b); and
 - iv. Is listed on an Official Ranking List (Section 14.c) prior to the relevant Selection Meeting (Section 8.e.iii.3); and
 - v. Otherwise met all of the Performance Conditions (Section 14.d).

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b. Eligible Competitions

- i. Performance results must be achieved at competitions organized or authorized by the WA or WPA, their Area Associations or National Member Federations, and must be conducted under WA or WPA rules. Thus, results achieved at university, college or school competitions must be certified by the National Member Federation of the country in which the competition was organized in order to be considered an eligible competition.
- ii. Performance results must have been achieved at competitions listed on an AC Branch Provincial Fixtures Lists or on a WA or WPA National Member Federation fixture list.
- iii. Canadian competitions must appear on Provincial Fixtures lists a minimum of 30 days prior to the competition. A Provincial Branch may request that this period be reduced where COVID pandemic related issues have made it unrealistic to list the competition earlier. The NTC will decide on a case-by-case basis if they will allow the performance to stand for selection purposes, provided the following requirements are met:
 1. The competition must appear on the Provincial Fixtures lists a minimum of 3 working days prior to the competition; and
 2. The Province must request an exemption, in writing, a minimum of 3 working days prior to the competition which includes how COVID related restrictions made it unrealistic to list the competition earlier. (The request should be addressed initially to the chair of the NTC, the High Performance Director.)

c. Official Ranking Lists

- i. The AC Performance Ranking Lists are published on the AC website.
- ii. The WA World Rankings Points Lists are published on the WA website.
- iii. An athlete's performance is considered to be on the Official Ranking Lists if:
 1. It is listed in the AC Performance Ranking Lists (which requires the athlete be an AC member in good standing at the time of the performance); or
 2. If these Criteria allow qualification by WA World Ranking points, then an athlete's overall World Ranking points score (which may include individual results that are not on the AC Performance Ranking Lists) must be listed on the WA World Rankings Points Lists.

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- iv. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to ensure that all of their relevant performances are included in the AC Performance Ranking Lists and/or WA World Rankings Points Lists prior to the relevant Selection Meeting (see Section 8.e.iii.3).

d. Performance Conditions

i. Mixed Events

1. Performance results achieved in mixed track events under 5000m involving both male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, **will not** be accepted.
2. However, mixed relay team results **will be** accepted in the context of mixed relay event selections.
3. In accordance with World Athletics Rule 147 (available [here](#)), as amended from time to time, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m **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. Athletes are asked to highlight such results to the Selection Panel as early as possible so that their validity can be confirmed in advance.

ii. Wind-assistance

1. Individual wind-assisted performances **will not** be accepted.
2. For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:
 - The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
 - The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.
3. Where qualification is allowed by WA World Ranking points and wind assisted results are allowed by the WA World Ranking system, an athlete's overall World Ranking points score (that may include wind assisted results) **will** be accepted.

iii. Hand-timed performances

Hand-timed performances in individual and relay events up to and including the 800m **will not** be accepted. For all other timed events, hand-timed results will be accepted as long as the result is properly documented and signed by the chief track referee. Note that where qualification is allowed by WA World Ranking points and hand timed times are allowed with the WA World Ranking system, the overall World Ranking points score (including hand timed results) will be accepted.

iv. Converted times

Converted times, for example a mile time converted to a 1,500m time, **will not** be

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allowed. Note that where qualification is allowed by WA World Ranking points and a combination of distances is allowed by the WA World Ranking system, an athlete's overall World Ranking points score (that may include converted times) will be accepted.

v. **Split times**

Official split times, for example an official electronic 1,500m time within a mile race, **will** be accepted.

vi. **Downhill performances**

Downhill performances **will not** be allowed. Note that where qualification is allowed by WA World Ranking points and downhill performances are allowed by the WA World Ranking system, an athlete's overall World Ranking points score (that may include downhill performances) will be accepted.

vii. **Indoor performances**

Indoor performances **will** be accepted.

viii. **Racewalk and Road Running performances**

1. Both road and track performance results **will** be accepted.
2. All road results must be achieved in conformity with the following rules:
 - the course must be certified and sanctioned by a National Governing Body (Section 3.b).

15. Team Travel Obligations

- a. If there is a Competition Levy associated with this event it must be paid before the athlete can travel. No travel tickets will be issued until the Competition Levy is paid.
- b. Athletes who wish to participate on a National Team are required to comply with AC travel plans (including participation in pre-competition and pre-target-event training camps and competitions) as they pertain to training schedules, travel and accommodation schedules.
- c. By declaring interest for consideration for this team, athletes agree to fully participate in both the final preparation camp and the full duration of the event specified in Section 4 of this Criteria.
- d. By accepting a position on this team, athletes also agree to travel on the official traveling dates.
- e. In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to these Team Travel Obligations may be granted at AC's sole discretion. The request for an exemption must be made in writing to the AC HPD in advance of travel dates, requests must be made on or before the Final Declaration

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Deadline (Section 4).

- f. Failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations may result in de-selection from this team and may affect current high performance support status (for example CAPP or AAP support) and/or future high performance support eligibility. Any additional costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations will be the sole responsibility of the athlete.

16. On-Site Decision Making Authority

- a. To ensure at-competition 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 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.
- b. Starting on the Team Travel Date (Section 4) all final Decision Making Authority (“DMA”) will reside with the High Performance Director (“HPD”) or the team’s appointed Head Coach in the absence of the HPD.
- c. As per competition regulations, the athletes entered to compete in individual events will be confirmed during the competition. The timing is to be confirmed by the LOC 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).
- d. The deadline for confirming the composition of relay teams, including the running order, will be confirmed during the competition. The timing is to be confirmed by the LOC but typically confirmations will be made 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 the team’s Head Coach or the HPD in the absence of the Head Coach.

17. Appeals

a. Who Can Appeal

Athletes who are directly affected by a selection decision have the right to appeal.

b. Filing a First Appeal

- i. Athletes should refer to the Commissioner’s Office – Terms of Reference for the full procedure for filing an appeal (see <https://athletics.ca/about-ac/governance/>).
- ii. In the first instance, Appeals must be sent to the AC Commissioners’ Office via e-mail (to Commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca) within the Appeals Period (Section 17.c below).

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- iii. All appeals must be accompanied by a fee of \$250 (payable to Athletics Canada). This amount will be returned if the appeal is successful. Contact appeals@athletics.ca for payment options.

c. Appeals Period

The Appeals Period starts when the Official Team Announcement is made (see Section 11) and ends **five (5)** calendar days later. (So if the Official Team Announcement is made on Monday the Appeals Period ends at midnight on the following Saturday.)

d. Grounds for an Appeal

The Commissioners' Office will determine whether an appeal will be considered, based on the following factors:

- i. The Selection Panel failed to follow the processes outlined in this Selection Criteria;
- ii. The selection decision was based on an error of fact; or
- iii. The selection decision was influenced by bias, bias being defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the Selection Panel was unable to consider other views.

e. Affected Parties

If it is determined by the Commissioner that a first Appeal, if successful, would displace another athlete nominated to the team as per this Selection Criteria, then that athlete will be consulted as part of the Commissioner's deliberations, and will be bound by the Commissioner's decision.

f. Injury or illness

Where an Appeal relates to injury or illness, the athlete must supply documentation from a medical practitioner diagnosing the injury or illness. In deciding such appeals, AC's Commissioners' Office may obtain input from the AC Chief Medical Officer, or designate. Any decision by the Commissioner on an appeal relating to illness or injury must take into consideration the athlete's ability to fulfill the Competitive Readiness Requirements contained in this Selection Criteria.

g. Right to a Second Appeal

If an athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, a formal second appeal may be available, timelines permitting, pursuant to The Commissioner's Office – Terms of Reference (see <http://athletics.ca/federation/governance/policies-rules-laws/>) to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

18. Amendments

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

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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 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, World Athletics, 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.

19. Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the process for selection as contemplated in this Selection Criteria to be implemented, the NTC reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of an alternate process for selection.

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Appendix A – AC Ranking Standards

The following standards are **not** minimum entry standards. Athletes will be ranked according to their *proximity* to the following Standards (see [Section 8.e.](#) for details). The AC Ranking Standards are calculated using the average top-3 performance among Commonwealth nations (limited to 3 per country) over the 2018, 2019 and 2021 competition seasons (COVID-disrupted 2020 season excluded). World Athletics Points (in parentheses) are based on the 2022 Revised Edition of the WA Scoring Table of Athletics (available [here](#)). For the avoidance of doubt, the **outdoor** scoring table will be used regardless of whether the performance was achieved indoors or outdoors.

Men	Event	Women
9.92 (1234)	<i>100m</i>	10.84 (1235)
19.92 (1233)	<i>200m</i>	21.95 (1243)
44.32 (1228)	<i>400m</i>	49.99 (1206)
1:43.16 (1231)	<i>800m</i>	1:57.60 (1206)
3:30.75 (1234)	<i>1500m</i>	3:58.11 (1221)
12:59.36 (1212)	<i>5000m</i>	14:33.33 (1216)
27:06.31 (1217)	<i>10,000m</i>	30:57.18 (1196)
39:51.77 (1134)	<i>10km Race Walk</i>	45:20.00 (1074)
13.18 (1219)	<i>110m/100m Hurdles</i>	12.55 (1211)
48.63 (1199)	<i>400m Hurdles</i>	54.42 (1191)
8:08.85 (1218)	<i>3000m SC</i>	9:02.29 (1239)
2:04:32.33 (1253)	<i>Marathon</i>	2:18:42.33 (1247)
2.31 (1188)	<i>High Jump</i>	1.93 (1150)
5.66 (1173)	<i>Pole Vault</i>	4.72 (1183)
8.35 (1214)	<i>Long Jump</i>	6.91 (1198)
16.96 (1160)	<i>Triple Jump</i>	14.38 (1156)
21.35 (1202)	<i>Shot Put</i>	18.73 (1128)
66.27 (1176)	<i>Discus</i>	62.84 (1124)
75.10 (1127)	<i>Hammer</i>	71.58 (1119)
85.88 (1185)	<i>Javelin</i>	62.86 (1131)

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8453.33 (1197)	<i>Decathlon/Heptathlon</i>	6145.67 (1104)
38.03 (1224)	<i>4x100m Relay</i>	42.81 (1186)
3:00.86 (1184)	<i>4x400m Relay</i>	3:24.98 (1181)