

**Athletics Canada Selection Criteria  
2023 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



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### 2. Change History

This is version 4.0 of these Criteria which supersede all previous versions.

#### April 4, 2023:

- **Appendix A:** Corrected typo in Entry Standard for Women's 400mH from 55.90 to 54.90.

#### March 17, 2023

- **Section 12.k, i, ii:** Added clarification on Canadian Championship requirement for the Race Walks.

#### January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- **Section 4:** Separated declaration deadline and selection meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Initial 10,000m
- **Section 12.k, i, ii:** Added clarification on Canadian Championship requirement for the Marathon.

### 3. Overview

- a. These Selection Criteria ("Criteria") set out Athletics Canada's selection processes for the 2023 World Athletics Championships team along with the eligibility and qualification requirements that an athlete must satisfy in order to be considered for selection.
- b. Entries to 2023 World Athletics Championships are limited by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the following Governing Bodies:
  - i. Athletics Canada ("AC");
  - ii. The 2023 World Athletics Championships Local Organizing Committee ("LOC"); and
  - iii. World Athletics ("WA").
- 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		
DATES	EVENTS	NOTES
December 1, 2021 – May 30, 2023	Marathon and 35km Race Walk	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
January 31, 2022 – July 30, 2023	10,000m, 20km Race Walk, Combined Events	

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July 31, 2022 – July 30, 2023	All Other Events	
<b>Important Dates</b>		
<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
October 16, 2022	Canadian Marathon Championships	Toronto, ON
November 26, 2022	Canadian Cross Country Championships	Ottawa, ON
February 5, 2023	Declaration Deadline – Initial Selection Meeting – Marathon, 35km Race Walk and 10,000m	
February 6, 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> AC Initial Team Selection Meeting – Marathon, 35km Race Walk and 10,000m	
February 7, 2023	Team Announcement – Marathon, 10,000m and 35km Race Walk (If athletes selected in 1 <sup>st</sup> Initial Selection Meeting)	Online
February 11, 2023	Deadline to submit appeals for Marathon, 10,000m and 35km Race Walk Initial Selection Meeting decisions	See process <a href="#">here</a>
May 27, 2023	Canadian 10k Championships	Ottawa, ON
May 30, 2023	Declaration Deadline – Final - Marathon and 35km Race Walk	<a href="#">Online</a>
May 31, 2023	World Athletics to publish Tracking List for Marathon and 35km Race Walk	<a href="#">Online</a>
June 1, 2023	AC Final Team Selection Meeting – Marathon and 35km Race Walk	
June 3, 2023	World Athletics to publish list of selected Marathon and 35km Race Walk athletes	
June 5, 2023	Team Announcement – Marathon and 35km Race Walk	Online
June 9, 2023	Deadline to Submit Appeals for Marathon and 35km Race Walk Final Selection Meeting decisions	See process <a href="#">here</a>
Jun 18, 2023	Canadian Half Marathon Championships	Winnipeg, MB
June 23, 2023	Canadian 10,000m Championships and Selection Trials	Burnaby, BC
June 25, 2023	Declaration Deadline – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Initial Selection – 10,000m	<a href="#">Online</a>
June 26, 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> AC Initial Team Selection Meeting – 10,000m	
July 27-30, 2023	Selection Trials (Canadian Championships)	Langley, BC
July 30, 2023	Declaration Deadline – All Other Events	<a href="#">Online</a>
August 2, 2023	World Athletics to publish final Tracking List	<a href="#">Online</a>

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August 2, 2023	AC Team Selection Meeting	
August 3, 2023	Team Announcement (Including Provisional Selections of Additional athletes pending final WA Qualified List)	Online
August 4, 2023 (24 hours after Team Announcement)	Deadline to Submit Appeals	See process <a href="#">here</a>
August 5, 2023 (midnight, Monaco time)	World Athletics to confirm list of athletes qualified as "Next best by World Rankings"	
August 7, 2023 (midnight, Monaco time)	World Athletics Final Entries Deadline	
August 9-24, 2023	Final Preparation Camp	Barcelona, ESP
August 19-27, 2023	Competition	Budapest, HUN

*Each date will be considered to start at midnight (00:00am) and end at 11:59pm in the athlete's local time zone, 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 2023 World Athletics Championships, 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. All other reasonable costs of participation at this event will be covered by AC.

### 7. 2023 World Athletics Championships 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. **Individual Events:**  
Sprints: 100m, 200m, 400m,

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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:	20km RW, 35km RW

ii. **Relay Events:**

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

Mixed gender: Mixed 4 x 400m relay

b. **Maximum Entries per Event**

- i. **Individual Events:** up to three (3) athletes may be selected per Event. In the case of a Wild Card (see section 8), up to four (4) athletes may be selected per Event.

ii. **Relay Events:**

1. **Relay Squad:** For each qualified relay team up to six (6) 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.

c. **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 9) will make decisions in person or electronically, guided by these Criteria, on the Selection Meeting Date[s] (Section 4).
- b. The “WA Tracking List” refers to the “Road to Budapest 23” list maintained by World Athletics, which includes the World Rankings List and current qualification status of all athletes. The WA Tracking List can be found at: <https://www.worldathletics.org/stats->

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[zone/road-to/7138987](https://www.athleticscanada.ca/zone/road-to/7138987)

- c. The “Final WA Tracking List” refers to the final WA Tracking List published on May 31, 2023 for the Marathon and 35k Walks and the final WA Tracking List published on August 2, 2023 for all other events.
- d. Athletes are included on the WA Tracking List by virtue of:
  - i. Achieving an Entry Standard (see Appendix A);
  - ii. Achieving Wild Card status by being:
    - 1. Defending World Champion from 2022, or;
    - 2. Winner of the 2022:
      - 1. Diamond League
      - 2. World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km OR 35km)
      - 3. World Combined Events Tour
      - 4. Leading hammer performers on the Continental Tour
  - iii. Achieving one of following at a Designated Competition:
    - 1. A top five (5) finish at a Platinum Label Marathon held during the qualification period.
    - 2. Winner of a Gold Label Marathon held in 2023.
    - 3. For the 10,000m, a quota of 8 athletes will be assigned to the top positioned athletes, not otherwise qualified through entry standards or other way, in the senior Men’s and Women’s World Ranking for Cross Country at the end of the qualification period.
    - 4. Winner of an Area Championships: (eg NACAC Senior Championships). Note that AC will not select any athlete *only* qualified by winning the Area Championships.
- e. Their WA World Ranking score.
- f. A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete (Section 12) who has achieved one or more of the following criteria:
  - i. An Eligible Performances (Section 13) listed on the WA Tracking List as:
    - 1. “Qualified By Entry Standard”,
    - 2. “Qualified by Wild Card”,
    - 3. “Qualified by Designated Competition”, or
    - 4. “Next best by World Rankings”, under the circumstances outlined in 8.g.
- g. **Additional Places**
  - i. WA may offer AC Additional Places at the World Championships, typically when one or more athletes or relay teams decline their place at the Championships. In these cases, WA offers the place to the next eligible athlete or relay team on the WA Final Tracking List shown as “Next best by World Rankings”.

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- ii. AC will accept Additional Places offered within the timelines published by WA ([Section 4](#)). AC will decline any Additional Places offered after the published WA timeline.
  - iii. An athlete qualified via an “Additional Place” cannot displace an athlete on the team who is qualified by any other means. For athletes qualified in more than one event, Section 7.c will apply. Depending upon the Selection Panel’s decisions about athlete entries in multiple events, an athlete qualified via an “Additional Place” *could* be selected for an event in which there is a vacant quota position.
- h. The Selection Panel will only consider Qualified Athletes (see above).

i. **Discretionary Selection Decisions**

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 2023 World Athletics Championships. In order to distinguish between two or more Qualified Athletes 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 13).

**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;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- 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

**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 2023 season in individual events;
- Head-to-head results during the 2023 season in individual events;
- Placing at the National Championships in his/her individual event.
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.

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- 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.

#### **j. Individual Event Selection Process**

##### **i. Automatic Selections**

Athletes will be automatically selected under the following two scenarios, provided they achieve the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualifying Period (see section 4) and meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 12:

1. National Champions: The top eligible Canadian finisher at the selection trials (see section 1.2) will automatically be selected.

NOTE: For the purposes of selection, ties at the selection trials will be broken in the following priority order:

1. Best performance within the Qualifying Period
2. Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period
3. Most recently achieved standard

If the tie is still not broken, the NTC will use its discretion to do so considering the additional factors outlined in Section 8.d (above).

2. Wild Cards: Canadian athletes who achieve any of the following will be automatically selected: by “Wild Card” as:
  1. Defending World Champion from 2022, or;
  2. Winner of the 2022:
    - 1) Diamond League
    - 2) World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km OR 35km)
    - 3) World Combined Events Tour
    - 4) Leading hammer performers on the Continental Tour



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### **ii. Discretionary Selections**

Athletes who do not achieve Automatic Selection to the World Athletics Championships team but who are Eligible (section 12) and qualified (section 8. B) will be considered for selection to the Team as “Additional Athletes”.

#### **1. Initial Selection Meetings (Marathon, 35km Race Walk and 10,000m only)**

The Selection Panel may select Additional Athletes in the relevant event(s). If athletes need to be ranked for selection the process outlined in the Final Selection Meeting section (below) will be used.

The Selection Panel may select up to two (2) athletes per event at the Initial Selection Meetings, leaving a minimum of one (1) Event Quota space to be filled in the Final Selection Meetings.

Reasons for the Selection Panel to not select all possible Additional Athletes in the Initial Selection Meeting include, but are not limited to, the Selection Panel considering it reasonable that by the Final Selection Meeting:

- Qualified but currently ill or injured athlete(s) can return to a demonstrated fitness level that would rank them above other Additional Athletes or
- As yet unqualified athlete(s) can qualify and rank higher than other athletes under consideration.

Any appeals against selections at an Initial Selection Meeting must be made immediately after that meeting and not after the Final selection meeting.

#### **2. Final Selection Meeting (all other events)**

If the number of Additional Athletes is within the remaining Event Quota, all of the Additional Athletes will be nominated. If the number of Additional Athletes exceeds the remaining Event Quota, the Selection Panel will rank the Additional Athletes in the order that, based on the factors listed in Section 8.d, they consider the athletes are likely to finish at the World Athletics Championships in the relevant event. Athletes will be selected in this ranking order until the Event Quota is full.

### **k. Relay Event Selection Process**

#### **i. Team Qualification**

Relay teams can qualify in one of two ways:

1. First eight (8) placed teams at the 2022 World Athletics Championships.
2. Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the eight remaining places. For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races will be valid only on the condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with World Athletics Rules and that at least two different international teams, representing at least two countries,

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compete in the race.

**ii. Selections of Squad Members**

**1. Automatic Selections**

All athletes selected to the World Athletics Championships Team for the individual 100m (4x100m) or individual 400m (4x400m) will be automatically nominated for the relevant relay squad [World Athletics rule].

1. Note, there will be no automatic nominations for the Mixed 4x400m team. Nominations will be based on Step 2 – Discretionary Selections, below.

**2. Discretionary Selections**

For each qualified relay team the 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.i. Typically each squad will consist of five (5) athletes, but in circumstances where a sixth squad member is likely to be required, for example due to known timetable challenges, the Head Coach may nominate an additional sixth (6th) squad member who will be accepted at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

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

1. Accept the athlete and select them for the World Athletics Championships squad; or
2. Reject the Head Coach’s nomination and ask the Head Coach for their next eligible nomination.

**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 2023 World Athletics Championships Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the selection of athletes for the 2023 World

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Athletics Championships 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 15).
- c. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the members of the NTC.

**11. 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.

**12. 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 14) and the Appeals process (Section 15).
- b. **Eligibility to Represent Canada:**
  - i. Athletes must hold Canadian Citizenship.
  - ii. Athletes must hold a Canadian passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of 2023 World Athletics Championships.
- c. **Membership Requirements:**  
Athletes must be a registered athlete member of an AC Branch at the time of qualification and through the 2023 World Athletics Championships.
- d. **Age Restrictions**
  - i. Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2004 or 2005) 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 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.

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- iii. Athletes younger than 16 – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born in 2008 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. 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 2023 World Athletics Championships (if allowed by competition rules) then the athlete must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement before competing. In these circumstances, the Head Coach can waive the deadline above.

**h. 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.

**i. 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. International Travel Waiver

**j. COVID-19**

- i. Athletics Canada will follow host location and LOC public health restrictions, and as such, vaccination may be a requirement for some national team activities.
- ii. 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.

**k. Canadian Championships Requirement**

- i. Athletes must compete at a Canadian Championships (CC) or Trials in the event for which they are seeking selection, or in a related event (see below). The relevant Canadian Championships and Trials events are listed in Section 4.

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For the Marathon and 35k Race Walk only, since there is no Trial event for these distances, as an alternate athletes can also agree with the AC Head Coach another appropriate competition to be contested no later than July 30, 2023. Athletes who have not completed their Canadian Championships Requirement may still be selected at an earlier Selection Meeting (see Section 4 for dates), with their final selection subject to completion of a valid Canadian Championships. The alternate competition will be of, at least, the following distance: Marathon 10,000m (track) or half-Marathon (road); or Racewalk 10,000m (track) or 10k (road). Note that an athlete selected for the Marathon or 35kRW who has met these National Championships requirements will also be considered as having met the National Championships requirements for any second event (for example the 10,000m or 20kRW).

### ii. Related Events:

<b>World Championships Event</b>	<b>Related events at Selection Trials or Canadian Championships (section 4)</b>
100m	100m, 200m, 400m
200m	100m, 200m, 400m
400m	100m, 200m, 400m, 400mH, 800m
800m	400m, 800m, 1,500m
1,500m	800m, 1,500m, 3,000mSC, 5,000m
3,000mSC	1,500m, 3,000mSC, 5,000m
5,000m	1,500m, 3,000mSC, 5,000m, 10,000m, 10k road (2023 CC)
10,000m	5,000m, 10,000m, Cross Country (2022 CC), 10k road (2023 CC), Half Marathon (2023 CC)
Marathon	5,000m, 10,000m, Marathon (2022 CC), Cross Country (2022 CC), 10k road (2023 CC), Half Marathon (2023 CC)
High Jump	Agree an alternate with the AC Head Coach in advance
Pole Vault	Agree an alternate with the AC Head Coach in advance
Long Jump	LJ , TJ

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Triple Jump	LJ , TJ
Shot Put	SP, DT
Discus Throw	SP, DT
Hammer Throw	Agree an alternate with the AC Head Coach in advance
Javelin Throw	Agree an alternate with the AC Head Coach in advance
Heptathlon	Heptathlon or at least two from: 100mH, HJ, SP, 200m, LJ, JT
Decathlon	Decathlon or at least two from: 100m, LJ, SP, HJ, 400m, 110mH, DT, PV, JT
4x100m	100m, 200m, 400m, 100/110mH
4x400m	200m, 400m, 400mH, 800m
20k Race Walk	20kRW
35k Race Walk	20kRW

- iii. If an athlete wishes to count a “related event” outside of the table above, then they must agree an alternate with the AC Head Coach in advance.
- iv. Athletes can be excused this requirement if they receive a written medical exemption from the AC Chief Medical Officer.

### **13. 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 12); and
  - iii. Was achieved at an Eligible Competition (Section 13.b); and
  - iv. Is listed on an Official Ranking List (Section 13.c) prior to the relevant Selection Meeting (Section 9); and
  - v. Otherwise met all of the Performance Conditions (Section 13.d).
- b. **Eligible Competitions**
  - i. Performance results must be achieved at competitions organized or authorized by the WA, their Area Associations or National Member Federations, and must be conducted under WA rules. Thus, results achieved at university, college or school

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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 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.
- 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 9).

#### **d. Performance Conditions**

##### **i. Mixed Events**

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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:
  1. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
  2. 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 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 1,500m time within a mile race, **will** be



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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.

All road results must be achieved in conformity with the following rules:

1. the course must be certified and sanctioned by a National Governing Body (Section 3.b).

**14. Team Travel Obligations**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. By accepting a position on this team, athletes also agree to travel on the official traveling dates.
- d. 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 Deadline (Section 4).
- e. 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.

**15. 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

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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.

### **16. 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](mailto:Commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca)) within the Appeals Period (Section 16.c below).
- 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](mailto:appeals@athletics.ca) for payment options.

#### **c. Appeals Period**

The Appeals Period starts when the Official Team Announcement is made (Section 4) and ends as follows:

- i. **Initial Selection Meeting: Five (5)** calendar days later.
- ii. **Final Selection Meeting:** Twenty-four (24) hours later.

#### **d. Grounds for an Appeal**

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

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- 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).

**17. 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 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

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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.

**18. 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: World Athletics Championships Entry Standards**

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.08
20.16	200m	22.60
45.00	400m	51.00
1:44.70	800m	1:59.80
3:34.20 (3:51.00/3:51)	1500m (mile standard)	4:03.50 (4:22.00/4:22)
13:07.00 / 13:07	5000m / 5km road	14:57.00 / 14:57
27:10.00 / 27:10	10,000m / 10km road	30:40.00 / 30:40
2:09:40	Marathon	2:28:00
8:15.00	3000m SC	9:23.00
13.28	110m H / 100m H	12.78
48.70	400m H	54.90
2.32	High Jump	1.97
5.81	Pole Vault	4.71
8.25	Long Jump	6.85
17.20	Triple Jump	14.52
21.40	Shot Put	18.80
67.00	Discus Throw	64.20
78.00	Hammer Throw	73.60
85.20	Javelin Throw	63.80
	Heptathlon	6480
8460	Decathlon	
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:29:40	35km Race Walk	2:51:30
Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists	4x100m	Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists
Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists	4x400m	Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists
Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists	4x400m Mixed	Top 8 at WA World Championships + 8 from Top Lists