

**Athletics Canada Selection Criteria  
Paris 2024 Paralympic Games**



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# Athletics Canada Selection Criteria

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### 2. Change History

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

#### April 18, 2024:

- **Section 8:** Added “Overview” and “Definitions” along with restructure of selection steps to bring clarity to the process.

#### April 11, 2024:

- **Section 8.e.ii:** Amended text to clarify the qualification period for achieving the “AC Trials Standard”.

#### February 28, 2024:

- **Section 12.m:** Added Canadian Championships requirement.
- **Section 14.d.viii:** Clarified circumstances where Road Running Events are accepted.

### 3. Overview

- a. These Selection Criteria (“Criteria”) set out Athletics Canada’s nomination processes for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games team along with the eligibility and qualification requirements that an athlete must satisfy in order to be considered for nomination. Nomination does not guarantee selection. Selection is subject to approval of the Canadian Paralympic Committee ([Section 10](#)).
- b. Entries to Paris 2024 Paralympic Games are limited by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the following Governing Bodies:
  - i. Athletics Canada (“AC”);
  - ii. The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”);
  - iii. World Para Athletics (“WPA”) and
  - iv. Canadian Paralympic Committee (“CPC”)
- 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. The WPA Qualification Regulations can be found [here](#).
- 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 nomination of athletes based on these criteria. The Selection Panel is covered in Section 10, below.

### 4. Key Dates

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Important Dates		
DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
October 1, 2022 – July 21, 2024	Qualifying Period	
June 27-30, 2024	Selection Trials (Bell Canadian Track & Field Championships)	Montreal, QC
July 21, 2024	Final Declaration Deadline all events	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
July 24, 2024	Final Team Nomination Meeting and submission of nominated list to CPC	
On or before July 25, 2024, 11amEST	Publication of Nominated Team List	
July 26, 2024 (24 hours from Publication of Team List)	Deadline to submit appeals to AC Commissioner’s Office. See <a href="#">Section 17</a> for full summary of Appeals timelines.	See process <a href="#">here</a>
August 5, 2024	Paris 2024 Final Sport Entries Deadline	
August 18 – September 5, 2024	Pre-Games Training Camp	Barcelona, ESP
August 30 – September 8, 2024	Athletics Competition	Paris, FRA

*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 nomination process is designed to align with AC’s Strategic Plan 2028. As such, it seeks to prioritize the nomination of athletes who have demonstrated an ability to contribute to the following performance targets at the Paris 2024 Paralympic 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. All other reasonable costs of participation at this event will be covered by CPC/AC.

### 7. Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Events

- a. **Events**  
AC may nominate athletes for the Events listed in Appendix A.

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### b. **Maximum Team Size Quota**

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

### c. **Maximum Entries per Event**

- i. **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.
- ii. **All other Individual Events:** A maximum of three (3) athletes may be selected per Event.
- iii. **Relay Events:** Athletics Canada may enter up to one (1) team. The team must be comprised of athletes who have already been selected to the 2024 Paralympic Games team in individual events.

### d. **Maximum Events per Athlete**

- i. **LOC restrictions:** There are no restrictions on the number of events for which an athlete may be nominated, 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 nominate the impacted athlete(s).

## 8. **Nomination 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. A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete (Section 12) who has achieved one or more Eligible Performances (Section 14) that meet or exceed the WPA Minimum Entry Standard (“MES”) as listed in Appendix A.
- c. The Selection Panel will only consider Qualified Athletes (see above).
- d. **Discretionary Nomination 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 nominate the athlete(s) who, in their sole opinion, are most likely to contribute to the Team Objectives (Section 5) at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. 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).

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### **i. 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

### **ii. 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 2024 season in individual events;
- Head-to-head results during the 2024 season in individual events;
- Placing at the National Championships in his/her individual event.
- 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.

### **e. Individual Event Nomination Process**

#### **i. Overview:**

Step 1 - Overall Athlete Ranking: Eligible Athletes will be ranked in priority order.

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Step 2 - Provisional Selection: Athletes will be provisionally selected in Overall Athlete Ranking until the Championships Quota is full (ignoring any Event Quota limitations).

Step 3 - Confirming Selection: Selections will be confirmed taking account of the Event Quota, using Discretionary decisions in cases where the Event Quota is exceeded.

ii. **Definitions:**

- A. "Trials Qualifiers": The first placed Canadian athlete at the Selection Trials in each Paris 2024 Paralympic event/classification combination (see Appendix A) who have an eligible performance at or above the "AC Trials Standard" (see Appendix A) between the start of the Qualification Period ([Section 4](#)) and end of the relevant final at the Trials,
- B. "AC MES Qualifiers": athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the AC MES (see appendix A) will be considered as "AC MES Qualifiers".
- C. "WPA MES Qualifiers": athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the WPA MES (see appendix A) will be considered as "WPA MES Qualifiers".

iii. **Step 1 – Overall Athlete Ranking**

- D. Qualified and eligible athletes (see section 8.b) will be given an "Overall Athlete Ranking" based on the WPA Minimum Entry Standard ("WPA MES") Ranking List which can be found at <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rankings> by setting "Ranking Type" to "Minimum Entry Standard Rankings" and setting "Ranking List" to "Paris 2024 – MES ranking".
- E. These rankings will be from October 1, 2022 through to July 21, 2024.
- F. The top-ranked athlete in each event will have an "Overall Athlete Ranking" of 1, next best 2, etc.
- G. To calculate each athlete's "Overall Athlete Ranking":
  - Rankings for events which include multiple classifications (see Appendix A) will be combined;
  - Only three (3) athletes per nation will be counted;
  - Athletes will be ranked in each event for which they are eligible (athletes may appear multiple times in the "Overall Athlete Ranking").
- H. "Overall Athlete Ranking" will then be ordered as follows:
  - First, "Trials Qualifiers" will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking in order of their World Ranking.

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- Second, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the AC MES (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking.
- Finally, athletes who have an eligible performance(s) at or above the WPA MES (see appendix A) will be added to the Overall Athlete Ranking.

### **iv. Step 2 – Provisional Selection**

- A. Athletes will be Provisionally Selected in the order they appear in the “Overall Athlete Ranking”, until all of the “Championships Quota” ([section 7.b](#)) is filled.
- B. At this stage the Maximum Quota per Event ([section 7.c](#)) will be ignored and so more than three athletes may be Provisionally Selected for an event.
- C. If required, ties in the Overall Athlete Ranking will be resolved based on the process outlined in 8.d, above.

### **v. Step 3 – Confirming Selection**

- A. In all of the event/classification combinations in which the Maximum Quota per Event ([section 7.c](#)) was not exceeded in Step 2, the Provisionally Selected athletes will be confirmed.
- B. For each event/classification combination where the Maximum Quota per Event ([section 7.c](#)) is exceeded after Step 2, the Selection Panel will select the athletes based on the process outlined in 8.d, above.
- C. Point B (above) may reduce the team size below the “Championships Quota” ([section 7.b](#)). If that happens then Steps 2 and 3 of the selection process will be repeated, in order, until the “Championships Quota” is reached and no event exceeds the Maximum Quota per Event.

### **vi. Step 4 - Additional Events for Confirmed Athletes**

- A. At this step of the selection process, the team members are already Confirmed.
- B. Some of the Confirmed athletes may be qualified to compete in additional individual events that have not yet exceeded the Maximum Quota per Event. 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 the Selection Panel will select the additional athletes based on the process outlined in 8.d, above.
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes Confirmed in Step 3 cannot be removed by Step 4.

### **f. Relay Event Nomination Process**

Athletics Canada may enter one (1) team in the Universal 4x100m Relay. The team must be comprised of athletes who have already been selected to the 2024 Paralympic Games team

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in individual events. Based on the individual athlete selections the Selection Panel will determine if a relay team should be entered to the 2024 Paralympic Games.

### **g. 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 Games will depend on the number, quality and final phase preparation of eligible athletes. A relay team will only be confirmed to compete (at the Games) if the AC's Para Performance Lead determines, in consultation with the High Performance Director, that the team will have a realistic chance of contributing to the overall team objectives ([Section 5](#)).

## **9. Nomination Meeting(s)**

- a. The Selection Panel (Section 10) will make decisions on the date(s) as indicated in Section 4 to nominate 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 Nomination Meeting and its outcomes.
- d. The outcome will be published via an Official Team Announcement (Section 10.c).
- e. The CPC Paralympic Performance and Games Committee will review and approve nominations by July 26, 2024.

## **10. Selection Panel**

- a. The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the nomination of athletes for the Paris 2024 Paralympic 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).
- c. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the members of the NTC.

## **11. Official Team Announcement**

- a. The composition of the nominated team will be announced by AC in conjunction with the CPC, on the AC website, as soon as practical after the Nomination Meeting (Section 4).



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- b. Athletes may be contacted directly by AC prior to the Official Team Announcement to confirm their nomination or non-nomination.

### **12. Eligible Athletes**

To be considered for nomination 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:**
  - i. Athletes must hold Canadian Citizenship.
  - ii. At the time of the Final Team Selection Meeting (Section 4) athletes must have submitted a scan of a Canadian passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- c. **Membership Requirements:**

Athletes must be a registered athlete member of an AC Branch at the time of qualification and through the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- d. **Age Restrictions**

Athletes aged 16 on 31 December, 2024 may be nominated for any event at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 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**

Athletes must hold an active World Para Athletics License for the 2024 season (note: any performances achieved without a World Para Athletic License, will not be considered for nomination).
- h. **Classification**

Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review'

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sport class status with a review date of 2025 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 nominated to run a relay at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (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.

### **j. Inclusion on Multiple Teams**

Nomination for this team will not affect any athlete's eligibility to be nominated and/or nominated for any other AC event, unless specifically note within the other event's Nomination 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. CPC Athlete Agreement
- iii. Paris 2024 Eligibility Conditions Form
- iv. Relay Agreement
- v. Travel Waiver

### **l. 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.

### **m. Canadian Championships Requirement**

- i. Athletes must compete in at least one "Para Trials Event" at the 2024 Selection Trials (Bell Canadian Track & Field Championships) to be eligible for selection to the Paralympic Team. It is expected that the Para Trials Event is an event for which the athlete is seeking selection. Permission must be granted in advance by the High Performance Director (HPD) if an athlete wishes to count a different Para Trials Event towards this requirement. For example, permission must be given in advance to only contest the Para Shot Put if an athlete is only seeking selection for the Para Discus Throw. For the avoidance of doubt, competing in an able-bodied only event, (one that has no Para Trials Event status), will not meet this requirement.
- ii. Para athletes are only eligible for automatic nomination (through 'Step 2 – Selection Trials') in the Para Trials Events that they contest.
- iii. Athletes can be excused this requirement if they receive a written medical exemption from the AC Chief Medical Officer (CMO). The AC CMO will only grant

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medical exemptions from competing at the Canadian Championships on the basis that the athlete has sustained an injury or illness which prevents them from competing at the Championships.

### **13. Final Phase Preparation Requirements**

- a. Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the Paris 2024 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.

- b. **Injury or Illness**

Athletes who arrive at an international competition injured or ill consume a disproportionate amount of Integrated Support Team (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 Selection Panel 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 Paris 2024 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 [nationalteams@athletics.ca](mailto:nationalteams@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

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movement pattern, for example, during a run, hurdle, jump, walk, 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:

- c) Determination of the Performance Test will involve the AC Head Coach, the event Team Coach, and the athlete’s Personal Coach.
- d) The Performance Test will vary according to the event, injury or illness.
- e) 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 Selection Panel for a decision.

The Selection Panel will use all available information at their disposal including performance results and progress in the final phase, suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other final phase indicators, consultation with the AC Head Coach, 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 Selection Panel 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 12 and all event specific requirements in relation to qualifying standards and timelines. The Selection Panel will determine the “next eligible athlete” by using the process described in [Section 8](#).

## **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 12); 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 9); and
  - v. Otherwise met all of the Performance Conditions (Section 14.d).
  
- b. **Eligible Competitions**

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- 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 nomination 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 WPA World Rankings Lists are published on the WPA website.
- iii. 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 Nomination Meeting (see Section 9).

### **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 nominations.

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3. In accordance with World Para Athletics Rule 4.7 and 4.8 (available here), as amended from time to time, performances achieved in events of 5000m and above 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**  
Individual wind-assisted performances will not 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.
  - iv. **Converted times**  
Converted times, for example a mile time converted to a 1,500m time, **will not** be allowed.
  - 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.
  - vii. **Indoor performances**  
Indoor performances **will** be accepted.
  - viii. **Road Running Events**
    1. Both road and track performance results **will** be accepted as qualification times for Road Running Events.
    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. 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

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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.

### **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**

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### **a. Who Can Appeal**

Athletes who are directly affected by a nomination 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 17.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 (see Section 10.c). The timelines for the Appeals Period are as follows:

- i. **On or before July 25, 2024, 11:00amEST:** Official Team Announcement
- ii. **July 27, 2024, 11:00amEST:** Deadline to submit appeal to AC Commissioner's Office.
- iii. **July 29, 2024, 11:00amEST:** Deadline for AC Commissioner's operative decision on appeal.
- iv. **July 30, 2024, 11:00amEST:** Deadline for submission of secondary appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC") if athlete is dissatisfied with AC Commissioner's Decision.
- v. **July 31, 2024, 11:00amEST:** Deadline for SDRCC operative decision on appeal.

### **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 nomination decision was based on an error of fact; or
- iii. The nomination 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



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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 shall be available, pursuant to The Commissioner's Office – Terms of Reference (see <http://athletics.ca/federation/governance/policies-rules-laws/>) to the 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 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 nomination 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 Paralympic Committee, World Para 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.

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**19. Unforeseen Circumstances**

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the process for nomination 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 nomination.

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**Appendix A: Paralympic Games Entry Standards**

Event Name	Eligible Sport Classes	WPA MES	AC MES	AC Trials Standard
Men's 100m T11	T11	11.90	11.39	11.12
Men's 100m T12	T12	11.50	11.04	10.85
Men's 100m T13	T13	11.50	10.89	10.73
Men's 100m T34	T33, T34	17.30	15.57	15.26
Men's 100m T35	T35	15.00	12.54	11.91
Men's 100m T36	T36	13.30	12.24	11.99
Men's 100m T37	T37	12.80	12.03	11.38
Men's 100m T38	T38	12.50	11.25	11.03
Men's 100m T44	T43, T44	12.50	12.14	12.04
Men's 100m T47	T45, T46, T47	11.60	10.93	10.83
Men's 100m T51	T51	28.00	21.53	21.08
Men's 100m T52	T52	20.00	17.56	17.40
Men's 100m T53	T53	16.20	15.32	14.86
Men's 100m T54	T54	14.70	14.06	13.87
Men's 100m T63	T42, T63	15.20	12.68	12.26
Men's 100m T64	T62, T64	11.80	11.29	10.79
Men's 200m T35	T35	30.00	26.86	25.37
Men's 200m T37	T37	25.80	24.41	23.62
Men's 200m T51	T51	51.00	40.84	40.72
Men's 200m T64	T44, T64	25.00	23.70	23.10
Men's 400m T11	T11	57.00	52.79	51.48
Men's 400m T12	T12	54.00	50.86	49.24
Men's 400m T13	T13	54.00	50.18	49.21
Men's 400m T20	T20	51.60	48.61	47.59
Men's 400m T36	T36	01:06.00	58.44	54.57
Men's 400m T37	T37	01:00.00	56.11	53.04
Men's 400m T38	T35, T38	57.50	52.14	50.61
Men's 400m T47	T45, T46, T47	52.50	50.09	49.08
Men's 400m T52	T51, T52	01:25.00	01:03.21	01:00.96
Men's 400m T53	T53	55.60	49.90	48.35
Men's 400m T54	T54	49.00	46.48	45.62
Men's 400m T62	T43, T62	01:00.00	52.35	49.06
Men's 800m T34	T33, T34	02:03.00	01:41.08	01:39.01

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Men's 800m T53	T51, T52, T53	01:51.00	01:39.94	01:34.64
Men's 800m T54	T54	01:37.00	01:29.99	01:28.22
Men's 1,500m T11	T11	04:28.00	04:13.95	04:08.26
Men's 1,500m T13	T12*, T13	04:08.00	03:55.41	03:50.80
Men's 1,500m T20	T20	04:09.00	03:55.92	03:52.84
Men's 1,500m T38	T37, T38	04:42.00	04:07.93	04:02.91
Men's 1,500m T46	T45, T46	04:20.00	04:01.56	03:53.88
Men's 1,500m T54	T53, T54	03:05.00	02:49.78	02:44.64
Men's 5,000m T11	T11	16:55.00	15:52.80	15:13.10
Men's 5,000m T13	T12*, T13	15:57.00	15:06.68	14:47.56
Men's 5,000m T54	T53, T54	10:45.00	09:25.69	09:22.96
Men's Marathon T12	T11, T12	3:00:00	2:27:22	n/a
Men's Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	1:35:00	1:30:23	n/a
Men's Long Jump T11	T11	5.30	6.01	6.24
Men's Long Jump T12	T12	6.10	6.65	6.96
Men's Long Jump T13	T13	5.60	6.76	6.95
Men's Long Jump T20	T20	6.20	6.73	7.05
Men's Long Jump T36	T36	4.50	5.60	5.75
Men's Long Jump T37	T37	5.00	5.73	5.95
Men's Long Jump T38	T35, T38	5.00	6.31	6.57
Men's Long Jump T47	T45,T46,T47	6.25	6.92	7.06
Men's Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	4.40	6.16	6.64
Men's Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	5.70	6.80	7.48
Men's High Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	1.50	1.92	1.96
Men's High Jump T63	T42, T63	1.55	1.80	1.80
Men's High Jump T64	T44, T64	1.50	1.88	1.97
Men's Club Throw F32	F31, F32	25.00	34.82	40.12
Men's Club Throw F51	F51	20.00	31.88	33.05
Men's Discus Throw F11	F11	29.00	35.18	39.20
Men's Discus Throw F37	F37	39.00	49.70	52.32
Men's Discus Throw F52	F51, F52	10.00	17.91	20.15
Men's Discus Throw F56	F54, F55, F56	34.00	40.37	42.08
Men's Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	40.00	52.75	58.15
Men's Javelin Throw F13	F12*, F13	43.00	58.60	60.03
Men's Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	21.00	30.14	35.74
Men's Javelin Throw F38	F38	30.00	43.25	49.79

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Men's Javelin Throw F41	F40, F41	29.00	37.13	42.09
Men's Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	43.00	58.04	64.67
Men's Javelin Throw F54	F52, F53, F54	19.70	27.41	29.50
Men's Javelin Throw F57	F55, F56, F57	36.00	43.01	49.39
Men's Javelin Throw F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	44.00	58.46	62.50
Men's Shot Put F11	F11	9.50	12.54	13.17
Men's Shot Put F12	F12	11.50	14.30	15.45
Men's Shot Put F20	F20	12.00	15.16	16.01
Men's Shot Put F32	F32	6.50	10.07	11.60
Men's Shot Put F33	F33	6.90	10.54	11.42
Men's Shot Put F34	F34	8.30	10.65	10.96
Men's Shot Put F35	F35	8.50	13.64	15.37
Men's Shot Put F36	F36	9.00	14.03	15.82
Men's Shot Put F37	F37	11.00	13.87	14.44
Men's Shot Put F40	F40	7.10	9.11	10.65
Men's Shot Put F41	F41	8.20	10.19	12.67
Men's Shot Put F46	F45, F46	11.50	14.60	15.41
Men's Shot Put F53	F53	6.00	8.12	8.27
Men's Shot Put F55	F54, F55	9.50	11.40	11.93
Men's Shot Put F57	F56, F57	11.60	13.59	14.76
Men's Shot Put F63	F42, F61, F63	11.20	12.87	13.29
Women's 100m T11	T11	14.50	12.43	12.19
Women's 100m T12	T12	14.30	12.52	12.25
Women's 100m T13	T13	14.70	12.89	12.14
Women's 100m T34	T33, T34	24.50	19.95	18.70
Women's 100m T35	T35	19.50	15.80	14.93
Women's 100m T36	T36	17.30	14.80	14.63
Women's 100m T37	T37	15.10	14.10	13.47
Women's 100m T38	T38	15.20	13.08	12.91
Women's 100m T47	T45, T46, T47	13.40	12.63	12.33
Women's 100m T53	T51, T52, T53	20.00	18.19	16.47
Women's 100m T54	T54	18.25	16.43	16.03
Women's 100m T63	T42, T63	19.60	16.06	14.76
Women's 100m T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	15.10	13.13	12.78

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Women's 200m T11	T11	30.70	26.55	24.98
Women's 200m T12	T12	29.70	25.84	25.31
Women's 200m T35	T35	42.00	33.52	31.44
Women's 200m T36	T36	37.00	31.63	30.45
Women's 200m T37	T37	32.80	28.86	27.34
Women's 200m T47	T45, T46, T47	28.30	26.38	25.95
Women's 200m T64	T44, T64	33.00	28.79	27.17
Women's 400m T11	T11	01:12.00	01:01.60	59.44
Women's 400m T12	T12	01:08.00	59.47	58.33
Women's 400m T13	T13	01:09.00	59.12	57.90
Women's 400m T20	T20	01:05.50	58.57	57.93
Women's 400m T37	T37	01:20.00	01:08.31	01:03.38
Women's 400m T38	T36, T38	01:17.00	01:08.04	01:02.58
Women's 400m T47	T45, T46, T47	01:10.00	01:00.77	58.83
Women's 400m T53	T51, T52, T53	01:10.00	58.83	53.88
Women's 400m T54	T54	01:01.00	53.86	53.15
Women's 800m T34	T33, T34	02:50.00	02:15.77	02:08.01
Women's 800m T53	T51, T52, T53	02:22.00	01:53.69	01:52.10
Women's 800m T54	T54	02:05.00	01:46.52	01:44.27
Women's 1,500m T11	T11	06:20.00	05:27.87	04:48.13
Women's 1,500m T13	T12*, T13	05:31.00	04:45.18	04:30.98
Women's 1,500m T20	T20	05:15.00	04:51.27	04:32.93
Women's 1,500m T54	T53, T54	03:47.00	03:20.00	03:18.83
Women's 5,000m T54	T53, T54	13:30.00	11:16.59	10:44.18
Women's Marathon T12	T11, T12	3:35:00	3:09:00	3:15:55
Women's Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	1:58:00	1:44:17	1:38:51
Women's Long Jump T11	T11	3.40	4.50	4.82
Women's Long Jump T12	T12	3.70	4.98	5.23
Women's Long Jump T20	T20	4.50	5.44	5.57
Women's Long Jump T37	T37	3.70	4.16	4.45
Women's Long Jump T38	T36, T38	3.80	4.50	4.65
Women's Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	4.50	5.24	5.45
Women's Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	3.30	4.13	4.69
Women's Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	3.80	4.74	5.30
Women's Club Throw F32	F31, F32	14.00	21.76	25.26

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Women's Discus Throw F11	F11	18.00	31.07	36.52
Women's Discus Throw F38	F37, F38	23.00	33.22	34.53
Women's Discus Throw F41	F40, F41	19.00	27.72	30.15
Women's Discus Throw F53	F51, F52, F53	6.00	11.98	14.10
Women's Discus Throw F55	F54, F55	15.50	21.53	24.47
Women's Discus Throw F57	F56, F57	20.00	27.11	30.51
Women's Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	20.00	32.79	38.67
Women's Javelin Throw F13	F12*, F13	19.00	30.61	33.90
Women's Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	12.50	15.60	16.97
Women's Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	23.00	36.52	39.96
Women's Javelin Throw F54	F52, F53, F54	9.00	14.70	16.20
Women's Javelin Throw F56	F55, F56	13.50	18.23	21.25
Women's Shot Put F12	F11*, F12	9.00	10.68	12.78
Women's Shot Put F20	F20	10.50	12.85	13.56
Women's Shot Put F32	F32	3.50	5.97	6.36
Women's Shot Put F33	F33	4.00	6.36	6.85
Women's Shot Put F34	F34	5.70	6.62	7.71
Women's Shot Put F35	F35	6.00	8.64	8.67
Women's Shot Put F37	F37	8.00	9.99	12.50
Women's Shot Put F40	F40	4.60	7.64	8.65
Women's Shot Put F41	F41	6.00	8.34	9.62
Women's Shot Put F46	F45, F46	7.50	10.47	11.33
Women's Shot Put F54	F53, F54	4.60	6.43	7.38
Women's Shot Put F57	F55, F56, F57	7.50	9.69	10.54
Women's Shot Put F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	7.00	9.43	11.02
4x100m Universal Relay	T11-13, T33-34 / T51-54 T35- 38, T42-47 / T61-64	N/A	N/A	N/A