

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



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2. Change History

This is version 6.0 of these Criteria which supersedes all previous versions.

April 29, 2024:

- **Section 8.h.i.ii:** Corrected typo (section reference from 8.B to 8.e.)
- **Section 8.f.ii:** Added the following clarification text in response to recent WA Circular: Note that, in the Marathon, WA has communicated that “Exceptionally, should there be further quota places declined after 12 May, World Athletics will decide whether to reallocate at its discretion based on the overall number of quota athletes.” AC will not accept any additional places offered after May 12, 2024.

January 15, 2024:

- **Section 4/17:** Added detailed breakdown of appeals timelines, inclusive of timelines for secondary appeal.
- **Section 4/12.k.iii:** Added Canadian 10,000m Race Walking Championships as “Related Event” for Canadian Championships requirement.
- **Section 4/8.i.ii.1:** Expanded AC 2nd Initial Selection Meeting to include Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay.
- **Section 4:** Added link to World Athletics “Road to Paris” tracking list.

November 22, 2023:

- **Section 4:** Added confirmed date of Canadian 10,000m Championships and Selection Trials, and date for 2nd Initial Nomination Meeting.

July 25, 2023:

- **Section 4:** Extended Qualifying Period for Marathon to match amendment made by the IOC in its Qualification System. The dates for Marathon Declaration Deadline, WA List Publication, AC Selection Meeting, Team Announcement and Appeals deadline updated to match the extended Qualifying Period.
- **Section 17.c:** Added text to clarify that the deadline for submission of appeals varies for each selection meeting, and specific dates are included in Section 4.

June 12, 2023:

- **Section 4:** Added clarification as to which Canadian Championships events are “Trials”. Corrected date typo in 2023 Canadian Marathon Championships.
- **Section 8:** Added clarification about the qualification criteria for the Marathon and added Automatic Nomination step for the Marathon.
- **Section 12.b:** Added language clarifying the passport requirement for eligibility.
- **Section 12.k.iii:** Corrected typo in 5000m equivalents events: Canadian 10k Championship is 2024, **not** 2023.

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- Section 12.k.v: Added text clarifying circumstances under which AC Chief Medical Officer may grant athlete exemption from competing at the Canadian Championships.

3. Overview

- a. These Selection Criteria (“Criteria”) set out Athletics Canada’s nomination processes for the Paris 2024 Olympic 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 Olympic Committee ([Section 10](#)).
- b. Entries to Paris 2024 Olympic Games are limited by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the following Governing Bodies:
 - i. Athletics Canada (“AC”);
 - ii. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”);
 - iii. The International Olympic Committee (“IOC”);
 - iv. World Athletics (“WA”); and
 - v. Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).
- 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 IOC Qualification System 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.

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4. Key Dates

Qualifying Periods		
DATES	EVENTS	NOTES
November 1, 2022 – May 5, 2024	Marathon	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
December 31, 2022 – June 30, 2024	10,000m, Race Walks, Combined Events and Relays	
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	All Other Events	
Important Dates		
DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
August 26-27, 2023	2023 World Athletics Championships Marathons	Budapest, HUN
October 15, 2023	Canadian Marathon Championships*	Toronto, ON
November 25, 2023	Canadian Cross Country Championships*	Ottawa, ON
February 4, 2024	Declaration Deadline – Initial Selection Meeting – Marathon, and 10,000m	
February 5, 2024	1 st AC Initial Team Selection Meeting – Marathon and 10,000m	
February 7, 2024	Team Announcement – Marathon and 10,000m (If athletes nominated in 1 st Initial Selection Meeting)	Online
February 12, 2024	Deadline to submit appeals for Marathon and 10,000m Initial Selection Meeting decisions to the AC Commissioner’s Office. See Section 17 for full summary of Appeals timelines.	See process here
April 20-21, 2024	World Athletics Race Walk Team Championships	Antalya, TUR
May 4-5, 2024	World Athletics Relays	Nassau, BAH
May 5, 2024	Declaration Deadline – Final – Marathon	Online
May 6, 2024	World Athletics to publish Initial Tracking List for Marathon	Online
May 11, 2024	Selection Trials (Canadian 10,000m Championships) Declaration Deadline – 2 nd Initial Selection Meeting – 10,000m Canadian 10,000m Race Walking Championships*	Burnaby, BC Online
May 12, 2024	World Athletics to publish Final list of Eligible Marathon athletes	

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May 13, 2024	AC Final Team Selection Meeting – Marathon AC 2 nd Initial Selection Meeting – 10,000m and Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay	
May 14, 2024	Team Announcement – Marathon, 10,000m and Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay	Online
May 19, 2024	Deadline to Submit Appeals for Marathon, 10,000m and Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay (2 nd Initial Selection Meeting decisions) to the AC Commissioner’s Office. See Section 17 for full summary of Appeals timelines.	See process here
May 25, 2024	Canadian 10k Championships*	Ottawa, ON
June 26, 2024	Canadian Half Marathon Championships*	Winnipeg, MB
June 27-30, 2024	Selection Trials (Bell Canadian Track & Field Championships)	Montreal, QC
June 30, 2024	Declaration Deadline – All Other Events	Online
July 2, 2024	World Athletics to publish Initial Tracking List (All events except Marathon)	Online
July 2, 2024	AC Team Selection Meeting	
July 2, 2024	Team Announcement (Including Provisional Nominations of Additional athletes pending final WA Qualified List)	Online
July 3, 2024	Final Team Nomination to COC (11:59pm EST)	
July 4, 2024 (48 hours from Team Announcement)	Deadline to Submit Appeals to the AC Commissioner’s Office. See Section 17 for full summary of Appeals timelines.	See process here
July 7, 2024	World Athletics to confirm list of athletes qualified as “Next best by World Rankings”	
July 8, 2024	Paris 2024 Final Entries Deadline (4:59pm EST)	
July 23-August 8, 2024	Final Preparation Camp	Barcelona, ESP
August 1-11, 2024	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.

Canadian Championships which are relevant for meeting Canadian Championships requirement ([see section 12.k](#)), but are **not Selection Trials. The **only** Selection Trials are the Canadian 10,000m Championships and the Canadian Track and Field Championships.*

5. Team Objectives

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- 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 Olympic 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 AC and COC.

7. Paris 2024 Olympic Games Events

a. Events

AC may nominate 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,
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

ii. Relay Events:

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

iii. Team Events:

Mixed gender:	Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay
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b. Maximum Entries per Event

- i. **Individual Events:** up to three (3) athletes may be nominated per Event.
- ii. **Relay Events:**
 1. **Relay Squad:** For each qualified relay team up to six (6) athletes may be nominated, forming the Relay Squad;

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2. The Relay Squad may include athletes also nominated for individual events;
 3. Athletes entered into the individual 100m must be nominated in the 4x100m Relay Squad;
 4. Athletes entered into the individual 400m must be nominated 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 nominated as Relay Squad members.
- iii. **Team Events:** Up to two (2) teams for the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay may be nominated. A total of two (2) athletes, one (1) woman and one (1) man may be entered per Team.
- c. **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 10](#)) 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 Paris 24” list maintained by World Athletics, which includes the World Rankings List and current qualification status of all athletes. The WA Tracking List will be published in Autumn, 2023.
- c. The “Final WA Tracking List” refers to the final WA Tracking List published on May 8, 2024 for the Marathon and the final WA Tracking List published on July 7, 2024 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. Their WA World Ranking score.
 - iii. Achieving one of following:
 1. A top five (5) finish at a Platinum Label Marathon held during the qualification period.
 2. The top 8 from the World Cross Country Ranking not directly qualified through entry standard or World 10,000m Ranking, will be considered as having achieved the entry standard.

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- e. A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete ([Section 12](#)) who has achieved one or more of the following criteria:
 - i. An Eligible Performances ([Section 14](#)) listed on the WA Tracking List as:
 - 1. “Qualified By Entry Standard”,
 - 2. “Qualified by World Rankings”,
 - 3. “Qualified by Designated Competition”, or
 - 4. “Next best by World Rankings”, under the circumstances outlined in 8.f.

Note that the World Athletics Qualification System for the marathon allows for the possibility to reallocate quota places to otherwise unqualified athletes who have achieved at least a 2:11:30 (men) / 2:29:30 (women) within the qualification period. For the avoidance of doubt, AC will **not** utilize this possibility.

f. **Additional Places**

- i. WA/IOC/LOC may offer AC/COC additional Places at the Olympic Games, typically when one or more athletes or relay teams decline their place at the Games. 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”.
- 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. Note that, in the Marathon, WA has communicated that “Exceptionally, should there be further quota places declined after 12 May, World Athletics will decide whether to reallocate at its discretion based on the overall number of quota athletes.” AC will *not* accept any additional places offered after May 12, 2024.
- 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 nominated for an event in which there is a vacant quota position.

- g. The Selection Panel will only consider Qualified Athletes (see above).

h. **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 Olympic Games. In order to distinguish between two or more Qualified Athletes ([Section 8.e](#)) for any event the Selection Panel may, at their sole discretion, consider additional competition performances that don’t fully otherwise meet the Eligible Performances criteria ([Section 14](#)) but do appear on Official Ranking Lists ([Section 14.c](#)).

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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 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.

Team Events

In making these decisions related to the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Team Event 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.

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- Performance in previous Marathon Race Walk Mixed Team competitions.
- Assessment of Team Event skills and position suitability.
- The impact of the likely competition program for athletes competing in individual events.

i. Individual Event Nomination Process

i. Automatic Nominations

Athletes will be automatically nominated 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 4](#)) will automatically be nominated.

2. Marathon: The top eligible Canadian finisher who places in the top-8 at the Budapest 2023 World Athletics Championships will automatically be nominated.

NOTE: For the purposes of nomination, ties at the selection trials or World Athletics Championships Marathon will be broken in the following priority order:

- Best performance within the Qualifying Period
- Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period
- 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.h (above).

ii. Discretionary Nominations

Athletes who do not achieve Automatic Nomination to the Olympic Games team but who are Eligible ([section 12](#)) and qualified (section 8.e) will be considered for nomination to the Team as “Additional Athletes”.

1. Initial Nomination Meetings (Marathon, 10,000m and Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay only)

If athlete(s) eligible for automatic nomination are not yet qualified (section 8.e) by the date of the Initial Nomination Meeting then the Selection Panel must reserve a quota slot for that athlete for the relevant Final Nomination

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

The Selection Panel may nominate up to three (3) athletes per event at the Initial Nomination Meetings, or may choose to leave some Event Quota spaces to be filled in the Final Nomination Meetings.

Reasons for the Selection Panel to not nominate all possible Additional Athletes in the Initial Nomination Meeting include, but are not limited to, the Selection Panel considering it reasonable that by the Final Nomination 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 nominations at an Initial Selection Meeting must be made immediately after that meeting and not after the Final nomination meeting.

2. Final Nomination 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 Olympic Games in the relevant event. Athletes will be nominated in this ranking order until the Event Quota is full.

j. Relay Event Nomination Process

i. Team Qualification

Relay teams can qualify in one of two ways:

1. First fourteen (14) placed teams at the World Athletics Relays 2024.
2. Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the two 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, compete in the race.

ii. Nominations of Squad Members

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1. Automatic Nominations

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

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

2. Discretionary Nominations

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:

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

k. Team Event Nomination Process

Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:

1. First twenty-two (22) placed teams at the 2024 World Racing Walking Team Championships. Up to five of these 22 teams can be from a second team of the same country.
2. Three additional teams (which cannot be from a country already qualified from the 2024 World Race Walking Team Championships) will qualify through the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay top performance lists in the qualification period (Dec 31, 2022 to June 30, 2024).

l. Nominations of Team Members

The athletes who competed on the Team which earned Canada qualification (either via the 2024 World Racing Walking Team Championships *or* the top performance list), will be nominated to the Olympic Games team.

Should one of the nominated athletes become unable to compete at the Games, the Selection Panel may replace them using the factors described in Section 8.h.

9. Selection Meeting(s)

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- 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 record of the proceedings of the Selection Meeting and its outcomes.
- d. The outcome will be published via an Official Team Announcement ([Section 11](#)).
- e. The Final Team Selection meeting by the Team Selection Committee of the COC will take place on July 5, 2023.

10. Selection Panel

- a. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the nomination of athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games up until the Team Travel Date ([Section 4](#)).
- b. The Selection Panel is responsible for nominating athletes to the COC. Final decision-making authority on athlete selection rests with the Team Selection Committee of the COC.
- c. From the Team Travel Date ([Section 4](#)) forwards “On-site Decision Making Authority” will apply ([Section 16](#)).
- d. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the members of the National Teams Committee (NTC).

11. Official Team Announcement

- a. The composition of the nominated 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 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

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Technical Rules and obligations specific within this Selection Criteria which include Team Travel Obligations ([Section 15](#)) and the Appeals process ([Section 17](#)).

b. Eligibility to Represent Canada:

- i. Athletes must hold Canadian Citizenship.
- ii. At the time of the Final Team Selection Meeting (July 2, 2024) athletes must have submitted a scan of a Canadian passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of Paris 2024 Olympic Games (February 11, 2025).

c. Membership Requirements:

Athletes must be a registered athlete member of an AC Branch at the time of qualification and through the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

d. Age Restrictions

To be eligible for nomination, athletes must meet the following age requirements:

- i. **Senior Athletes:** Any athletes aged 20 on December 31, 2024 (born 2004 or earlier) may compete in any event.
- ii. **U20 Athletes:** Any athlete aged 18 or 19 on December 31, 2024 (born in 2005 or 2006) may compete in any event except the Marathon and Mixed Team Race Walk.
- iii. **U18 Athletes:** Any athlete aged 16 or 17 on December 31, 2004 (born in 2007 or 2008) may compete in any event except the throwing events, Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walk events.
- iv. **Athletes younger than 16:** No athlete younger than 16 on December 31, 2024 (born in 2009 or later) may compete in the Olympic 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, 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 nominated to run a relay at the Paris 2024 Olympic 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

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deadline above.

h. Inclusion on Multiple Teams

Nomination 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. COC Athlete Agreement
- iii. Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Form
- iv. Relay Agreement
- v. 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 nomination, or in a related event (see below). The relevant Canadian Championships and Trials events are listed in [Section 4](#).
- ii. For the Marathon, since there is no Trial event, as an alternate athletes can also agree with the AC Head Coach another appropriate competition to be contested no later than June 30, 2024. Athletes who have not completed their Canadian Championships Requirement may still be nominated at an earlier Selection Meeting (see Section 4 for dates), with their final nomination 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). Note that an athlete nominated for the Marathon 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).

iii. Related Events:

Olympics Event	Related events at Selection Trials or Canadian Championships (section 4)
100m	100m, 200m, 400m
200m	100m, 200m, 400m

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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 (2024 CC)
10,000m	5,000m, 10,000m, Cross Country (2023 CC), 10k road (2024 CC), Half Marathon (2024 CC)
Marathon	5,000m, 10,000m, Marathon (2023 CC), Cross Country (2023 CC), 10k road (2024 CC), Half Marathon (2024 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
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 / Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay	10,000m (2024 CC)

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- iv. 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.
- v. 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 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 Olympic 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. **Training and Competition Plan**

Nominated athletes (and/or their coaches) selected at the **Initial Nomination Meetings** are required to present a training and competition plan for the period between nomination and the start of Olympic competition to nationalteams@athletics.ca within two weeks of being notified of their nomination.

All plans must address the following:

1. The schedule and list of planned competitions, travel and training locations.
2. Present a training cycle for the final phase showing patterns of training load and recovery on a weekly basis.
3. Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies if applicable.

Athletes must notify AC in **WRITING** of any proposed changes to their plans. Changes will be made in consultation with the Head Coach.

- c. **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 Olympic 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

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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.

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

STEP 1: Medical Clearance

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

- a) An initial medical evaluation and paramedical assessment(s) to confirm the diagnosis and determine if/when the athlete is fit to return to full training or competition.
- b) A functional evaluation by IST with experience specific to the event demands (and injury or illness if applicable). This may include assessment of the athlete's movement pattern, for example, during a run, 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 NTC will use all available information at their disposal including performance results and progress in the final phase, suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other final phase indicators, consultation with the AC 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.

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The NTC may nominate the next eligible athlete, provided that the alternate athlete has proven their preparation during the final phase and meets the eligibility criteria detailed in Section 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 Additional Athlete or Additional Relay Athlete processes (as appropriate) outlined in Section 8 above.

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. To *qualify* for the Olympic Games, all performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by WA, its Area Associations or its National Federations in conformity with WA Rules and published on the WA Global Calendar (available [here](#)).
 - vi. Otherwise met all of the Performance Conditions (Section 14.d).

- 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.

- 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

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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

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

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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 electronic 1,500m time within a mile race, **will** be accepted.

vi. **Downhill performances**

Downhill performances will not be allowed for qualification by Entry Standard. Downhill performances will be accepted when WA'S points system allow them to count towards WA World Ranking points (see <https://worldathletics.org/world-ranking-rules/road-running>, point 4.2.1) or in a WA "Designated Competition" that is on a downhill course.

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. 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.

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- 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 Olympic Games will apply. This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, injuries and /or use of alternates, starting orders, relay team make up, etc.
- 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 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) within the Appeals Period

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(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 for payment options.

c. Appeals Period

The Appeals Period starts when the Official Team Announcement is made (see [Section 9.d](#)). The deadlines specific to each Nomination Meeting are as follows:

i. 1st AC Initial Team Selection Meeting – Marathon and 10,000m

1. **February 12, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline to submit appeal to AC Commissioner's Office.
2. **February 14, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for AC Commissioner's operative decision on appeal.
3. **February 15, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for submission of secondary appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC") if athlete is dissatisfied with AC Commissioner's Decision.
4. **February 19, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for SDRCC operative decision on appeal.

ii. AC Final Team Selection Meeting – Marathon / AC 2nd Initial Selection Meeting – 10,000m and Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay

1. **May 19, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline to submit appeal to AC Commissioner's Office.
2. **May 21, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for AC Commissioner's operative decision on appeal.
3. **May 22, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for submission of secondary appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC") if athlete is dissatisfied with AC Commissioner's Decision.
4. **May 24, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for SDRCC operative decision on appeal.

iii. AC Final Team Selection Meeting

1. **July 4, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline to submit appeal to AC Commissioner's Office.
2. **July 6, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for AC Commissioner's operative decision on appeal.
3. **July 7, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for submission of secondary appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC") if athlete is dissatisfied with AC Commissioner's Decision.
4. **July 8, 2024, 12:00pm EST:** Deadline for SDRCC operative decision on appeal.

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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 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 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

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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 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 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: Olympic Games Entry Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.07
20.16	200m	22.57
45.00	400m	50.95
1:44.70	800m	1:59.30
3:33.50 (3:50.40)	1500m (Mile)	4:02.50 (4:20.90)
13:05.00	5000m	14:52.00
27:00.00	10,000m	30:40.00
13.27	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	12.77
48.70	400m Hurdles	54.85
8:15.00	3000m Steeplechase	9:23.00
2.33	High Jump	1.97
5.82	Pole Vault	4.73
8.27	Long Jump	6.86
17.22	Triple Jump	14.55
21.50	Shot Put	18.80
67.20	Discus Throw	64.50
78.20	Hammer Throw	74.00
85.50	Javelin Throw	64.00
8,460	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6,480
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:08:10	Marathon	2:26:50