



NORTH AMERICAN
INDIGENOUS
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Team BC 2017 North American Indigenous Games ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

-- ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD and CROSS COUNTRY) --

The following document outlines the athlete eligibility and selection process to represent Team BC in the sport of Athletics (Track and Field & Cross Country) at the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) to be held in Toronto, Ontario from July 16 to 23, 2017.

1. Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for participation on Team BC to compete at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), athletes must:

- Meet the sport-specific age requirement
- Be a resident of BC
- Be born of Aboriginal (North American Indigenous) ancestry. Athletes will be required to provide proof of ancestry (e.g. Status Card, Métis Card, First Nations Card, Treaty Card, Inuit and Inuvialuit identification)*.
- If selected, athlete must become a member of BC Athletics, if not already currently a member.

*If a participant does not possess one of the specified cards/ID, there is a Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form that must be completed by the athlete and submitted together with supporting documentation (e.g. letter from Band/ Métis Charter community/ AANDC). The form must be submitted to the Partners Council c/o Team BC Chef de Mission.

Please note that any athlete that requires the Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry form is not guaranteed eligibility to Team BC to compete at 2017 NAIG until the Declaration and supporting documentation is approved and endorsed by Team BC for submitting to NAIG. Questions regarding eligibility or to request the form, please email teambc@bcaafc.com.

2. Age Eligibility

The 2017 NAIG competition in Athletics will consist of both male and female individual and team relay events for the following age categories:

- 19U (defined as born 1998 – 2000);
- 16U (defined as born 2001 – 2002);
- 14U (defined as born 2003 – 2005)

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3. Team Size & Events

Team BC is seeking up to maximum of eight (8) male and eight (8) female athletes for each age category to compete at 2017 NAIG. An athlete is allowed to compete in four events plus two (2) relays. Cross Country counts as one of the four events. For each age category, each contingent has a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event.

Events are as follows:

Category	14U		16U		19U	
Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F
80M			X	X	X	X
100M	X	X				
150M			X	X	X	X
200M	X	X				
300M	X	X			X	X
400M	X	X	X	X		
800M						
1200M					X	X
1500M	X	X	X	X		
2000M	X	X			X	X
3000M	X	X	X	X		
X Country	2K	2K	3K	3K	8K	6K
High Jump						
Long Jump						
Triple Jump	X	X				
Shot Put						
Discus						
Javelin						
4x100m						
4x400m						

*X's indicate events that are not open for registration.

Relays: Each Province, territory and State may enter:

- One (1) male 4x100M team and one (1) female 4x100M team in all age categories.
- One (1) male 4x400M team and one (1) female 4x400M team in all age categories.

NOTE: To accommodate the number of participants, athletes may move up to compete in a higher age class relay team, but they may not compete in the same relay event in two different age categories.

4. Equipment & Implements

For complete details of the NAIG Athletics competition and rules, please refer to the 2017 NAIG Sport Technical Package for Athletics found in full at:

<http://www.naigcouncil.com/docs/2017%20NAIG%20Sport%20Technical%20Package.pdf>

All equipment used in the 2017 NAIG shall comply with IAAF Rules. Throwers may submit their own implements for certification and use in the events equipment pool as long as the implements comply with IAAF rules.

For all throwing events the implement weight shall be as follows:

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NAIG – Implement Weights

Male	14U	16U	19U
Shot put	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	4 kg / 8.8 lbs	6 kg / 13.2 lbs
Discus	750g / 1.7 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs	1.750kg / 3.9 lbs
Javelin	400g / 14.1 oz	600g / 21.2 oz	800g / 28.2 oz
Female			
Shot put	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	3 kg / 6.6 lbs	4 kg / 8.8 lbs
Discus	750g / 1.7 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs	1 kg / 2.2 lbs
Javelin	400g / 14.1 oz	500g / 17.6 oz	600g / 21.2 oz

5. Selection Guidelines & Key Dates

Athletes interested in competing for Team BC at 2017 NAIG must submit an application as their formal expression of interest:

- Applicants submit their performance results from competitive meets held in 2016 up to April 2, 2017. It is preferable that results submitted are from BC Athletics sanctioned event(s) and/or School event(s), however, results from other events verified by a coach, teacher, or event official may also be submitted.
- Applicants must also provide two (2) references – one sport reference (preferably a coach) and one character reference that is not a relative (e.g. teacher).
- The application form will be available online and promoted to Partners Council and BC Athletics network of contacts and posted on Partners Council Facebook page and website. Hard copy of application found at end of this document or apply online at:
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/team-bc-athletics-track-field-application/>
- Athletes must submit their application prior to deadline of 4:00 PM Monday April 3, 2017 in order to be considered for nomination to Team BC Development Squad.
- Athletes will be considered for selection based primarily on their performances in the past year and current season, however, athlete selection criteria may also include other contributing factors including conduct, attitude, commitment to training, and other criteria determined by the Coaching Staff/Selection committee.
- Selection committee to consist of Team BC Coaching Staff and representatives from Provincial Aboriginal Athletics Committee.
- Athletes will be notified of selections in Friday April 7, 2017.

Team BC Coaching Staff/Selection Committees operate under the principles to create quality, competitive teams to represent BC at NAIG and that selection should be free from bias as a result of nepotism, favouritism, or affiliation. They are responsible for ensuring transparency in the process and that good selection principles have been applied.

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Date	Action	Notes
Jan. 1 2016 to April 2, 2017	Results Window	Submit results from Cross-Country and/or Track & Field Meets from within this period.
April 3, 2017	Athlete Applications (Expressions of Interest) Due	Form available online here: (add link)
April 7, 2017	Athletes selected to Team BC are notified	Athletes will be expected to continue training and competing in the remainder of the 2017 competitive season.
May 2017	Team BC Fees Due	Fee will be between \$300 and \$500. This fee includes NAIG registration fee, Team BC uniform, meals and accommodations in Toronto, flight to Toronto from designated major departure hub (e.g. YVR).
June 2017	Tentative Training Camp/Event	TBC
July 16 – 23, 2017	2017 North American Indigenous Games	Toronto, On.

6. Inquiries

Inquiries regarding Team BC and 2017 NAIG, please send email to:

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Athletics Contact, Team BC NAIG
jjohnson@bcaafc.com

Alissa Assu
Team BC Coordinator
teambc@bcaafc.com

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Athlete Application

2017 North American Indigenous Games

TEAM BC – ATHLETICS (Track & Field, Cross-Country)

You may also register online at



<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/team-bc-athletics-track-field-application/>

*This application is for athletes eligible for and interested in the 2017 North American Indigenous Games to provide an application to be nominated to Team BC Development Squad. Eligible applicants will be nominated based on performance results at meets between Jan 1, 2016 and April 2, 2017 as per details outlined in the Team BC 2017 NAIG Selection Process (Athletics) Document. ** If possible, please complete the form online at the link above. If you must print this hard copy, please print legibly and use inkpen. Thank you.*

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name		Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Last Name		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address		Home Phone	
City/Town		Mobile Phone	
Postal Code		Email	
BC Care Card #			
Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/> First Nations <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit	Community/Nation	
Status/Metis Card#		*Proof of Aboriginal ancestry is required for athletes interested in potentially being recruited for 2017 NAIG. Proof can consist of the following: Status card, Métis card, First Nations/Treaty card, Inuit or Inuvialuit ID. If an athlete does not have any of the above, they may complete a Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form that must be supplemented with supporting documentation. Email teambc@bcaafc.com for the form.	
Parent/Legal Guardian Name		Signature	
Phone		Email	

SPORT INFORMATION

Any details on athlete's history in track/x-country or competitive sport you would like to share, add here. Please see attached sheet to list competitive results.	Height: _____ Weight: _____
Are you a member of and/or do you participate with a Track Club/Team?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what is the Team Name(s) and Coach(es) contact info:

REFERENCES Please provide contact information for two references. It is preferred that you provide one (1) sport reference (e.g. coach/instructor) and one (1) character reference (e.g. teacher, community leader) that are not related to you.

Reference #1	Name: Phone: Email: Relationship:	Reference #2	Name: Phone: Email: Relationship:
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Please submit form before 4pm Monday April 3, 2017 to
Email: teambc@bcaafc.com or FAX: 1-250-388-5502

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