2017 TEAM BC CANADA SUMMER GAMES PARA THROWS SELECTION CRITERIA

Overview
This document will serve as the selection document for the 2017 Canada Summers Games Team in Winnipeg, Manitoba for the para throws athletes. Athletes and coaches are asked to familiarize themselves with this document. If you have any questions, please contact TeamBC Para Throws coach for Canada Summer Games, Lisa Myers – lisa@bcwheelchairsports.com or 604-333-3520, ext 209.

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Team Description

a. **Team Size and Events**
   Maximum of 2 para throws athletes (minimum 1 male and 1 female) will be selected to compete in discus and shot put event. It should be noted that the 2 athletes competing in the para throws events must be different than those athletes competing in the wheelchair track events.

b. **Team Age**
   All Para-Athletics classifiable athletes must be under 30 years of age as of December 31st, 2016 – born 1987 or later.

c. **Classification**
   Para Throwing events are open to all throwing classifications with results being calculated through the Athletics Canada Points Scoring Tables or equivalent available in 2017. Males and females will not be combined and able bodied competitors cannot be entered in Para-Athletics events. Athletes must have a minimum of a provisional classification at the time of their submitted results for those performances to be considered.

d. **Eligibility**
   For athletes to be considered for selection to TeamBC, they must meet all of the criteria listed below:
   
   a. Athletes must be members in good standing with BC Athletics and their respective Disability Sport Organization at the time of qualification and must remain in good standing until completion of the 2017 Canada Summer Games.
   
   b. Athletes must meet BC residency guidelines as outlined in Appendix 1 of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Athletics Technical Package: [http://www.canadagames.ca/athletics](http://www.canadagames.ca/athletics)
c. Athletes must meet eligibility selection criteria as outlined in the Eligibility section of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Athletics Technical Package: http://www.canadagames.ca/athletics

- Excluded from the Canada Games are:
  - Senior National Team Athletes are not eligible for the Canada Games (to include Olympic/Paralympics, IPC/IAAF World Championships, Commonwealth Games, or Special Olympics World Games (in the sport of Athletics)).
  - Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance Program) at any time.

Selection Criteria
Qualifying period will held from March 1 to June 18th, 2017

a. Athletes who intend to participate in Canada Summer Games in para throws must state their intent to participate via email to the TeamBC Para Throws Coach Lisa Myers (lisa@bcwheelchairsports.com) by June 11th, 2017.

b. Athletes must compete in discus and shot put at a minimum of two sanctioned meets during the qualifying period. A meet must be provincially, nationally, or internationally sanctioned from an appropriate PSO or Athletics Canada. All performances must appear on the 2017 Athletics Canada Ranking system. It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit eligible performances to Athletics Canada in order to be considered for selection. Please submit results to results@athletics.ca.*Meet selection is at the discretion of the athlete, however, only results from sanctioned meets will be used for selection purposes.

c. The Jesse Bent Memorial Track and Field Meet will be the TeamBC Canada Games Selection Meet and athletes must compete in shot put and discus at this event. Athletes unable to compete in the selection trials for the reasons listed below will have their performances considered relative to the selection criteria. Notification to Team BC Para Throws Coach Lisa Myers (lisa@bcwheelchairsports.com; 604-333-3520, ext 209) is required prior to the start of the first day of competition of the selection meet:

- **Competing on a Canadian Team at an International Competition and/or Training Event** – proof of requirement to participate in National Team competition/training event must be submitted (ex. YTP with identified meets from personal coach, emails from National Team staff, etc.)

- **Injury or Illness** – Provincial coaches must be notified prior to the start of the competition/clinic and a letter from a medical doctor may be required.

- **Extemating Circumstances** – defined as a personal or family tragedy, incident or emergency that does not allow you to attend.

- **Education, Exam, or Graduation Commitment** - schedule indicating classes, exams, or graduation ceremony must be submitted

d. An athlete’s top three performances in both the shot put and discus events during the qualifying period will be used for the selection. At the conclusion of the qualifying period, these distances will be scored using the Athletics Canada Points Scoring Tables (or equivalent available). An average for an athlete’s shot put and discus results will be calculated.
e. The male and female athlete with the combined highest average and will be selected for the team.

f. Other athletes may be considered from published results, ability to fill minimum team allocations, and medal potential if results were achieved during the qualification period (March 1st – June 18th, 2017). Priority will be given to athletes who meet all the above selection criteria.

g. Final TeamBC selection will be announced on or before June 19th, 2017 and all athletes must complete their online registration profile no later than July 7th, 2017.

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