



2020 BC Para-Athletics Track & Field Team

SELECTION CRITERIA

1.0 OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the selection document for the 2020 BC Para-Athletics Track & Field Team. All selections will be made in accordance with these criteria. Athletes and coaches are asked to please familiarize themselves with this document. If you have any questions, please contact the Technical Manager for Track & Field Chris Winter at chris.winter@bcathletics.org.

2.0 TEAM OBJECTIVES

The selection criteria is set to select probable medallists and/or possible winners at the 2020 National Para Track & Field Championships. The specific objectives for this team include:

- To have more athletes achieve podium performances than in the previous year; **(10 Medals in 2019)**
- To have more athletes win Gold than in the previous year; **(4 Gold Medals in 2019)**
- To select athletes capable of performing at their personal best level.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1 Important Dates

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
March 13, 2020	Begin Qualifying Period	All Events
June 7, 2020	Athlete Declaration Due / End of Qualifying Period	All Events
June 25-28, 2020	Canadian Para Track & Field Championships	Montreal, QC
July 10-12, 2020	BC Athletics Track & Field Championship Jamboree	Kamloops, BC

Athletes must submit an [online declaration](#) by the published deadlines (above).

3.2 ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the BC Para-Athletics Team, athletes must:

- I. Meet the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding Support and Team Selection](#);
- II. Have been registered as a BC Athletics Competitive Athlete Member at the time of achieving the published selection standard (see: Appendix A);
- III. Submit an [Online Athlete Declaration Form](#) prior to the published declaration due date (see: 3.1);
- IV. Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in section 4.4;
- V. Must be at least 18 years of age (U18) as of December 31, 2020 ([see: AC Rule 86e](#)).
- VI. Must not currently be receiving funding support for Athletics from a Disability Sport Organization located in the Province of BC.
- VII. All athletes must have recorded a performance, in their selected event, during the qualifying window (Section 3.1). All performances must appear on the [2020 Outdoor Athletics Canada Rankings](#).

3.3 Funding

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2020-21) to those athletes selected to the BC Para-Athletics Team. Note that due to budget restrictions BC Athletics will be limited to a small number of athletes named to the BC Para-Athletics Team. For more information, please see the published criteria and standards within this document in addition to the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding and Team Selection](#).

3.4 Team Information

I. Team Event(s)

2020 BC Para-Athletics Team events are as follows*:

- 100m Ambulatory, 200m Ambulatory, 400m Ambulatory, 800m Ambulatory, 1500m Ambulatory, Ambulatory High Jump, Ambulatory Long Jump, Ambulatory Javelin, Ambulatory Discus, Ambulatory Shot Put.
- *Athletes competing in Wheelchair events are eligible to be selected to the BC Team supported by [BC Wheelchair Sports](#).

II. Team Size

BC Athletics aims for a team size of 5 para athletes plus Sport Assistants and staff. In the case that additional funding is available, BC Athletics may send additional athletes. Due to high costs of travel to Montreal and budget constraints it may not be possible to send a full team of 5 athletes. Final number to be decided after the end of Qualifying Period.

III. Team Selection Announcement

The BC Para-Athletics Team list of selected athletes will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Athletics Facebook page, and BC Athletics Twitter feed at least 72 hours after the last day of the qualifying period (section 3.1). Emails will also be sent to all selected athletes & their primary coach.

IV. Team Staff

BC Athletics Team Staff will be announced on the BC Athletics website. BC Athletics will name staff to be on site for all event areas/disciplines. If deemed necessary by BC Athletics and the Head Coach, additional staff may be added.

V. Team Fees

All athletes selected to a BC Team are required to pay BC Team Fees. For more information on BC Team Fees including costs per teams, and a breakdown, please consult the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding and Team Selection](#).

VI. Team Entries

BC Athletics will enter all selected athletes into the Canadian Championship event(s). Selected athletes must compete in their selected event. An athlete may be entered in additional events if performances in those event(s) would not hinder performance in the primary selected event as determined by the BC Athletics Track & Field Committee in consultation with the athlete and personal coach.

VII. Team Travel

BC Athletics will be booking flights from BC departure locations only. Athletes wishing to make their own travel arrangements must contact the Technical Manager for approval prior to the online declaration due date (see: Section 3.1). Athletes must include the following information:

- Travel Information (Dates, Times, Flight # etc.);
- Cost of Travel

Athletes who have been approved to make their own travel arrangements are asked to send receipts to the BC Athletics office (chris.winter@bcathletics.org) for reimbursement no later than 2 weeks after the completion of the BC Team event. Selected athletes will receive a refund for either A) the cost of travel incurred by the athlete, or B) what the cost to BC Athletics would have been to send an athlete from a BC location, whichever is less.

VIII. Team Accommodations

BC Team athletes are responsible for the payment of their accommodations. BC Athletics will make reservations at a designated hotel for all BC Team athletes and staff. Athletes are encouraged to use BC Team accommodations. Athletes wishing to make their own accommodation arrangements must contact the BC Athletics Technical Manager for approval prior to the declaration due date (see: Section 4.6). Athletes must provide BC Athletics with the name and address of the accommodations.

IX. Team Meetings

Attendance at all team meetings is mandatory. Athletes who are not staying in the BC Team accommodations are reminded that they must attend all team meetings.

4.0 SELECTION CRITERIA & STANDARDS

4.1 Methodology

When producing the para-athletics team criteria, BC Athletics works with the philosophy of “probable medalist, possible winner”.

4.2 Selection Process

Eligible 2020 BC Para-Athletics Team athletes will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Athletes will be considered by their [Canadian Athletics Performance Pathway \(CAPP\) Level](#) in the order of Gold, Medal, Top 8, World Class, International and finally Talent Confirmation as determined by Athletics Canada. Athletes will be named to the team in a descending order until the pre-determined para-athletics team budget is exhausted.

Ranking within CAPP Levels

Athletes will be ranked in priority order within each level. The order will be based on their proximity to the [2019 World Para Athletics Championship Standards](#) within the qualifying period calculated as a percentage.

2. Para Athlete Sport Assistants. In specific Para events World Para Athletics rules allow for a visually impaired Track & Field Athletes to use a Sport Assistant. For these events BC Athletics will also support a Sport Assistant at the same level as the selected athlete. The Sport Assistant must meet all of the same eligible criteria as other athletes in the program.
3. There will be NO Selection Trials for the BC Para-Athletics Team(s).

4.3 Appeals

- I. Only athletes who have met team selection criteria (section 4.0) may submit an appeal.
- II. Appeals for Selection are to be submitted only by filling out the online [BC Team Program Appeal for Selection Form](#).
- III. Appeals must be submitted within 24 hours of the announcement of the team selection (section 3.4 (III)). Appeals submitted after this time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

4.4 Competitive Readiness

Selected athletes are expected to be competitive ready at the time of selection and leading up to, and at, the provincial team events. As part of demonstrating competitive readiness, athletes will be required to complete steps outline below.

I. BC Team Selection Acknowledgement Form

All athletes, and primary coaches of athletes, selected to a BC Team must complete, sign and submit the BC Team Selection Acknowledgement Form prior to receiving team information (travel, accommodations etc.). As a part of this form the athlete must disclose to BC Athletics if there are any reasons (i.e. injury) that may affect their competitive readiness.

II. Competitive Readiness

All athletes must have recorded a performance, in their selected event, during the qualifying window (Section 3.1). All performances must appear on the [2020 Outdoor Athletics Canada Rankings](#). It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure eligible performances appear on the Athletics Canada Rankings in order to be considered for selection. Please submit queries/results to results@athletics.ca.

If a selected athlete presents reasons (i.e. injury or illness) that may result in questionable competitive readiness, BC Athletics will work with the athlete and coach on a case by case basis to certify the athletes competitive readiness.

III. Evaluation of Competitive Readiness

Athletes with questionable competitive readiness will be required to prove fitness. This may be done through proof of fitness at a competition (if possible). In some cases, medical documentation by a medical doctor only may be used as an evaluation tool if a competition evaluation is not possible.

IV. Violation of Competitive Readiness

If an athlete and personal coach falsely certify that a selected athlete is competition ready resulting in a poor performance or non-performance at the BC Team event, that athlete and coach may be responsible for refunding BC Athletics the total costs incurred for team travel, entries, equipment transportation or other costs associated with the BC Team. BC Athletics will consider these situations on a case by case basis.

5.0 AMENDMENTS

BC Athletics reserves the right to amend this document at any time up to the Selection Date for changes imposed by parties external to BC Athletics, or for changes that, in the opinion of BC Athletics would improve or enhance the selection process.

Any changes made by BC Athletics are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on the BC Athletics website. Additional publication of the amended Selection Criteria will be made by whatever means and wherever the original Selection Criteria was published.