



2023 BC TEAM PROGRAM

U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Team Selection Criteria and Standards

OVERVIEW:

This document will serve as the selection document for the **2023 U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion 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 Program Manager for Track & Field, Megann VanderVliet at megann.vandervliet@bcathletics.org

TEAM OBJECTIVES:

The selection criterion is set to select athletes as probable finalists and/or possible medalists. The specific objectives for this team include:

- To have more athletes advance to finals than in the previous year;
- To have more athletes achieve podium performances than in the previous year;
- To select athletes capable of performing at their personal best level.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

2023 U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field Team events:

- National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships – August 11-13, 2023 – Sherbrooke QC

Important Dates:

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
March 1, 2023	Begin Qualifying Period	All Events
July 7-9, 2023	BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Jamboree / BC Team Selection Trials	Nanaimo, BC
July 9, 2023	Athlete Declaration Due End Qualifying Period	All Events
July 14, 2023	Final Team Announcement	BCA Website
August 11-13, 2023	National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships	Sherbrooke, QC

Please note: To be eligible for selection, athletes must submit an online declaration by the published deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the 2023 U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field Team, athletes must:

1. Meet the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding Support and Team Selection](#)
2. Have been registered as a BC Athletics Competitive Athlete Member at the time of achieving the published selection standard (see: Appendix A);



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3. Compete at the 2023 BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championship Jamboree / Team Selection Trials
4. Submit an [Online Athlete Declaration Form](#) prior to the published declaration due date (see: 3.1);
5. Achieve the published standard in the event they wish to be considered for (see: Appendix A) within the published qualifying period (see: 3.1).
6. Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in section 4.5;
7. Must be 15 years of age (U16) as of December 31, 2023 ([see: AC Rule 86e](#)), for the 15 YO team, and 16 or 17 years old (U18) as of December 31, 2023 for the U18 team.

FUNDING:

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2023/2024 to those athletes selected to the 2023 U18 & 15 YO Legion BC/YUKON Track & Field 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](#).

TEAM INFORMATION:

Team Selection:

All athletes seeking selection for the 2023 U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field team must attend the Selection Trials at the 2023 BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championship Jamboree in Nanaimo, BC, July 7-9, 2023. Athletes unable to compete in the selection meet for reasons listed below, must notify BC Athletics by completing Selection Meet Exemption Form. [PLEASE COMPLETE EXEMPTION FORM HERE.](#)

Exemptions will be considered for the following reasons:

- **Exemption 1:** Injury or Illness. Notification must be provided prior to the start of the BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championships.
- **Exemption 2:** Competing at a competition of greater importance, such as a National Team assignment, or a World Athletics Permit Meeting.
- **Exemption 3:** Domestic Affliction. Domestic Affliction. Defined as a personal or family tragedy, incident or emergency that does not allow an athlete to attend the BC Championships, or accept selection to a BC Team. Notification must be made to the BC Athletics technical manager as soon as it is possible to do so;
- **Exemption 4:** Education, Exam, or Graduation Commitment. A letter from a "school representative" must be provided to BC Athletics prior to the start of the BC Championships or selection to a BC Team.



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Team Size:

BC Athletics is permitted, by the Canadian Legion Command, to select a team of:

- a. **25** - U18 aged athletes for the BC U18 Team; and
- b. **15** - 15 Year Old athletes for the BC U16 Team.

Team Selection Announcement:

The U18 & 15YO BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field Team list of selected athletes will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Athletics Social Media channels no later than **July 14, 2023**.

Appeals:

Only athletes who have achieved the published standard (Appendix A) during the published qualifying period (section 3.1) or have met the selection criteria (section 4.0) may submit an appeal.

Appeals for Selection are to be submitted only by filling out the online [BC Team Program Appeal for Selection Form](#)

Appeals must be submitted within 24 hours of the announcement of the team selection (section 2.9). Appeals submitted after this time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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.

Team Fees:

All athletes selected to the BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field Team are required to pay BC Team Fees. This payment can be made either by the athlete or their Club. 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](#).

All athletes selected to the U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Team are required to pay 50% of accommodations and meals (amount TBD by the Canadian Legion Command). Each athlete OR Club will be invoiced for this amount prior to departure.

Team Entries:

1. Legion Team Size Restrictions

- As per Canadian Legion Command rules a limit has been established as to the number of competitors who may be entered in each of the age categories established for the athletes. BC/YUKON Team is limited is **two (2)** athletes per event. Any legion athlete may enter a maximum of **three (3)** events and the relay races. Athletes entering the multi-event disciplines are eligible to compete in their provincial team's relay, and in individual events on their day off.



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2. Additional (Secondary) Events

- Selected Athletes may be entered in a maximum of two (2) additional events (3 total) plus relays. Athletes will be considered for secondary events based on the athlete's performance at the selection meet. Athletes may be allowed to enter a secondary event if the performance in the secondary event(s):
- Are equal to, or surpass, the published team standard (see: Appendix A or B); and/or
- 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.
- If the performance in the secondary event does not meet Criteria 1 (above), then the athlete may still enter the event based on availability. If the performance in the secondary event does not meet Criteria 2 (above) and would hinder the performance of the primary (selected) event, then the athlete would not be able to compete in the secondary event.
- If three (3) selected athletes declare to compete in the same event, the top two (2) performances within the qualifying period will be selected to compete in that event.

Team Travel:

The Canadian Legion Command will book departing and returning flights to and from the National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships (**August 9-15, 2023**). All selected athletes must travel with the BC/YUKON Command team on the team flight. BC Athletics will arrange connecting flights to Vancouver (YVR) for selected athletes outside of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Selected athletes are permitted to stay in Quebec and make alternate arrangements for return to BC only if:

- The athlete stays with the team until the last day of the National Youth Legion Camp (Monday August 14, 2023). Athletes may not leave the team prior to the last day (return day) of the National Legion Camp; and
- The athlete will be picked up by the athletes' parents or legal guardians; and
- The athlete/parent/legal guardian has notified the BC Athletics Program Manager for Track & Field (megann.vandervliet@bcathletics.org) of these arrangements at the time selected athletes receive their team confirmation email.

Team Accommodation:

The Canadian Legion Command has made accommodation arrangements for all provincial command teams. All selected athletes must stay in the assigned team accommodations. No exceptions will be made.

Team Meetings

Attendance at all team meetings is mandatory. There will be a **VIRTUAL TEAM MEETING** the week prior to the start of the Championships.



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TEAM SELECTION

THE 2023 BC ATHLETICS PROVINCIAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP JAMBOREE WILL SERVE AS THE SELECTION TRIALS FOR THIS TEAM.

Athletes who have achieved the published standards (see: Appendix A or B) will be considered in the following order:

1. **Winner in Standard**, in the finals of the selection trials;
2. **Non-Winner, in Standard**, in the finals of the selection trials;
3. **Winner in Non-Standard**, in the finals of the selection trials, but having achieved the published standard during the published qualifying period (see: Section 3.1);
4. **Non-Winner in Non-Standard**, in the finals of the selection trials, but having achieved the published standard during the published qualifying period (see: Section 3.1).
5. **Exemptions:** Athletes unable to compete in the selection meet for the reasons listed below will have their performances considered at this step. Athletes considered at this step will be ranked according to their best performance achieved during the published qualifying period (see: Section 3.1). Notification to BC Athletics is required prior to the start of the first day of competition of the selection meet. [PLEASE COMPLETE EXEMPTION FORM HERE.](#)
6. **Other** athletes may be considered to nearness to the standard and medal potential based on the results of the selection meet.

Selection Standards Methodology

When producing team standards, BC Athletics works with the philosophy of “probable finalist, possible medalist”.

The 2023 U18 BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average National 6th ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022, OR the average National 8th ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022. When the 6th Ranked performance in 2022 was less than the National 6th Ranked 3 year average, the average National 8th ranked performance was used (with some exceptions in field events).

Race Walk: The 5K Race Walk standard is based on the average BC 1st ranked performance from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022.

The 2023 15YO BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average BC Top 2 ranked performance from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, and the average National Championship 3rd place performance from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022. These two averages were averaged to establish the 2023 15 YO Performance Standard.

Race Walk: The 1500m Race Walk standard is based on the average BC 1st ranked performance from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022.

Eligible Performances

All performances must appear on the [2023 Outdoor Athletics Canada Rankings](#). It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure eligible performances appear in the rankings in order to be considered for selection. Please submit results to results@athletics.ca.



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Ineligible Performances

For purposes of selection the following performances will not be eligible for selection or funding:

- i. Wind-Aided Performances;
- ii. Hand-Timed Performances for events 800m and shorter.
 - a. Hand – timed performance in individual and relay events, 800m and shorter will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection. For other events, hand time results will be accepted for selection when accompanied by documentation signed by the chief track referee.

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.

BC/YUKON Legion 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 disclose to BC Athletics if there are any reasons (i.e. injury) that may affect their competitive readiness.

Competitive Readiness

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.

- Athletes with questionable competitive readiness will be required to prove fitness. This may be done through proof of fitness at a competition. In some cases, medical documentation may be used as an evaluation tool if competition is not possible.
- If an athlete and personal coach falsely certify that a selected athlete is competitive 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.



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APPENDIX A – U18 BC/YUKON Legion Track and Field Team Selection Standards

Female	Event	Male
12.21	100m	10.92
24.79	200m	22.29
57.57	400m	49.83
2:11.34	800m	1:55.00
4:32.94	1500m	3:59.77
10:08.78	3000m	8:44.38
28:00.00	5000m Race Walk	26:00.00
14.60	100mH	
	110mH	14.88
63.55	400mH	57.96
7:14.00	2000mSC	6:22.14
1.62m	High Jump	1.89m
3.05m	Pole Vault	3.73m
5.47m	Long Jump	6.58m
11.23m	Triple Jump	13.47m
12.64m (3kg)	Shot Put	14.85m (5kg)
36.48m (1kg)	Discus	45.60m (1.5kg)
50.40m (3kg)	Hammer	55.51m (5kg)
39.81m (500g)	Javelin	53.58m (700g)
3977 Points	Heptathlon	
	Decathlon	5373 Points



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APPENDIX B – 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Track and Field Team Selection Standards

Female	Event	Male
12.48	100m	11.47
25.76	200m	23.36
40.92	300m	36.95
2:15.91	800m	2:01.03
3:40.06	1200m	3:16.03
6:35.25	2000m	5:55.64
8:04.91	1500m Race Walk	7:41.62
12.12	80mH	
	100mH	14.18
46.97 / 29.00	200/300mH	42.96 / 26.60
5:08.74	1500mSC	4:30.90
1.60m	High Jump	1.78m
2.91m*	Pole Vault	3.12m
5.16m	Long Jump	6.22m
10.71m	Triple Jump	12.19m
12.13m (3kg)	Shot Put	14.40m (4kg)
34.33m (1kg)	Discus	46.56m (1kg)
43.31m (3kg)	Hammer	51.08m (4kg)
34.66m (500g)	Javelin	49.78m (600g)
2770 Points	Pentathlon	2730 Points

*Amended May 15, 2023