



BC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

2025 BC 15YO + U18 BC/YUKON LEGION TEAM

1. BC TEAM PROGRAM

The BC Athletics BC Team Program is the provincial High-Performance program for Athletics (Track & Field, Road, Mountain and Trail Running and Cross Country) in BC. Program support includes funding for competition at national age category championships and national multi sport games, other funding opportunities based on available funds and access to services through our partnership with Canadian Sport Institute Pacific. The objectives of this program include:

- To select a team of male and female athletes who have demonstrated the ability to be competitive at a National Championships event (finalist)
- To provide athletes with a positive team experience that prepares them for future collegiate and/or national team opportunities.
- To provide an opportunity to represent BC Athletics and British Columbia at national level competition.

2. LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIOSHIPS

The Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships is a premier national championship event that showcases the top youth track and field athletes from across Canada. Organized by the Royal Canadian Legion, the championships provide a platform for athletes in the U16 and U18 age categories to compete at a national level, fostering athletic excellence and sportsmanship. Established in 1977 by the Royal Canadian Legion, the event has helped develop future Olympians and national champions while promoting physical fitness and teamwork. These championships offer young athletes the opportunity to test their skill while representing their provincial legion command. The BC/Yukon Team is financially supported by the BC/Yukon Legion Command.

3. OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the selection document for the **2025 BC/YUKON COMMAND 15YO AND U18 TEAM**. All selections will be made in accordance with the criteria outlined in this document. Athletes, coaches and other interested parties are asked to please familiarize themselves with this document. If you have any questions, please contact Track & Field Program Manager, Garrett Collier at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

4. 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

a. QUALIFICATION PERIOD(S)

DATE(S)	ITEM	NOTES
MARCH 01 – JULY 06, 2025	QUALIFICATION PERIOD	Performances on AC Rankings

b. TEAM DATES

DATE(S)	ITEM	NOTE
JULY 04 – 06, 2025	SELECTION TRIALS (Section 7.2)	Meet Info
JULY 06, 2025	ATHLETE DECLARATIONS DUE	Click Here
JULY 09, 2025	PRELIMINAR ROSTER POSTED	BCA Website
JULY 14, 2025	FINAL ROSTER POSTED	BCA Website
AUGUST 06, 2025	TEAM DEPARTURE (MANDATORY)	YVR – YYC
AUGUST 08 – 11, 2025	LEGION YOUTH NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Calgary, AB
AUGUST 12, 2025	TEAM RETURN	YYC - YVR

5. FUNDING

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2025/2026) to those athletes selected to the 2025 BC/Yukon Command Legion Team. Support for this team includes:

- Travel to and from Calgary from YVR
- Athletes who reside outside of the Metro Vancouver area will be provided with transportation to meet the team at YVR
- Transportation of equipment
- Accommodation for the duration of the Games
- Meals for the duration of the Games (excluding travel days)
- BC Team Competition Kit
- Competition entry
- Support from Team BC Staff

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

To be eligible for the 2025 BC/Yukon Legion Team, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- a. Hold a current BC Athletics Competitive membership and be a member in good standing at the time of achieving the published performance standard.
- b. Must hold Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency.
- c. Must have permanent residence in BC for at least 6 months prior to selection.
- d. Has a permanent residence in BC or plans to resume permanent residency in BC but is temporarily residing outside of BC because of personal or professional work requirements.
- e. If previously affiliated with any other Athletics Association within the previous 12 months, the athlete must establish residency in BC for a minimum of 6 months and must be a registered competitive member of BC Athletics for 6 months prior to selection.
- f. Must be 15 years of age (U16) as of December 31, 2025 for the 15YO Team, and 16 or 17 years of age (U18) as of December 31, 2025 for the U18 Team ([see AC Rule 86e](#)).
- g. Compete in the events they wish to be considered for at the 2025 BC Outdoor Track & Field Championships July 4-6, 2025, in Coquitlam, BC
- h. Submit a [BC Team Athlete Declaration](#) by July 6, 2025.
- i. Achieve the published performance standard in the event they wish to be considered for (see APPENDIX A) within the published qualifying period (see Section 4).
- j. Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements outlined in Section 8

7. SELECTION CRITERIA

7.1 SELECTION STANDARDS

a. METHODOLOGY

When producing team standards, BC Athletics works with the philosophy of “probably finalist, possible medallist.” The 2025 U18 BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average National 6th ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, OR the average National 8th ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. When the 6th Ranked performance in 2024 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 2019, 2021, 2021, 2023, 2024.

The 2025 15YO BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average BC Top 2 ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and the average National

Championship 3rd place performance from 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023. These two averages were averaged to establish the 2025 15 YO Performance Standard.

Race Walk: The 1500m Race Walk standard is based on the average BC 1st ranked performance from 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

7.2 SELECTION TRIALS

The selection trials will be hosted at the:

2025 BC ATHLETICS OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
JULY 4-6, 2025, | COQUITLAM, BC (PERCY PERRY STADIUM)

Athletes wishing to be considered for this team will be required to compete at the trials event in the event(s) they wish to be considered in.

7.3 ELIGIBLE PERFORMANCES

All performances must appear on the 2025 Athletics Canada Outdoor Rankings. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure eligible performances appear in the rankings to be considered for selection. Please submit results to results@athletics.ca. For performances that take place on the last day of the qualification period please email the Track & Field Program Manager at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

7.4 IN-ELIGIBLE PERFORMANCES

For purposes of team selection, the following performances will not be eligible for selection and/or funding:

- a. Wind-Aided performances
- b. Hand-timed performances for events 800m and shorter *
- c. Indoor performances

*Note: Hand-Timed performances in individual and relay events, 800m and shorter will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection. For other events, hand timed results will be accepted for selection when accompanied by documentation signed by the chief track referee. For the purposes of team selection, the following performances will not be eligible for selection and/or funding:

7.5 SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements (see Section 6.1) will be selected using the following process:

NEW IN 2025: In events that require a wind reading, athletes who register a winning performance at the selection trials with a wind aided result will still be considered Winner in Standard if they have registered a second performance either equal to or above the published standard (see APPENDIX A/B) at the trials or have registered a previous performance equal or above the published standard during the published qualification period (see Section 4).

- a. **Winner in Standard** in the finals of the selection trials.
- b. **Non-Winner in Standard** in the finals of the selection trials
- c. **Winner in Non-Standard** in the finals of the selection trials but having achieved the published standard (see APPENDIX A/B) during the published qualification period (section 4)
- d. **Non-Winner in Non-Standard** in the finals of the selection trials but having achieved the published standard (see APPENDIX A/B) during the published qualification period (see Section 4).
- e. Exemptions. Athletes unable to compete in the selection trials 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 during the published qualification period (see Section 4). Athletes must submit their request for an exemption prior to the first day of the start of the selection trials through the [BC TEAM SELECTION TRIALS EXEMPTION FORM](#).

Exemption 1: Injury or Illness. Notification from primary care practitioner must be provided prior to the start of the selection trials.

Exemption 2: Conflict with a competition in the sport of athletics deemed to be of greater importance. Examples of these include Canadian Team Competitions, National Championships or other major events in the sport of Athletics. Notification must be provided to the BC Athletics technical manager before or at the time of selection.

Exemption 3: Domestic Affliction. Defined as a personal or family tragedy, incident or emergency that does not allow an athlete to attend the Team BC Selection Trials 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 Team BC Selection Trials or Selection to a BC Team. A “school representative” is defined only as an Academic Advisor/Counselor or Professor/Teacher only.

7.6 PRELIMINARY ROSTER

A preliminary roster will be released no later than **Wednesday, July 9, 2025**, on the BC Athletics website. An email will also be sent to all declared athletes with a link to the preliminary roster once posted. Once posted online, athletes will have 24 hours to submit an appeal from the timed stamp on the posted preliminary roster.

Due to the nature of the Legion National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships and information required by the Legion, BC Athletics will send emails to athletes who are initially selected on the roster at the time of posting to start the process of collecting required information. Please note these emails DO NOT indicate final selection to the team as the team roster may change due to the appeal process.

7.7 APPEALS

a. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAL

Only athletes that have achieved the minimum published standard (see APPENDIX A/B) during the qualification period or have met the selection criteria may submit an appeal.

b. APPEAL PROCESS

After BC Athletics has posted to preliminary roster, athletes who meet the appeal eligibility requirement (above) athletes will have 24 hours to submit an appeal via the BC Team Program Appeal for Selection Form. Once an eligible appeal has been received, BC Athletics in consultation with the Appeals Committee (Track & Field Program Manager, 2025 Legion Team Coaching Staff) will render a decision. Once the appeals committee has made their ruling, the decision will be considered final, and the appeal will be closed.

c. [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS APPEAL FORM](#)

7.8 FINAL TEAM ROSTER

Once all eligible appeals have been ruled, BC Athletics will post their final roster online and via social media channels no later than **Monday, July 14, 2025**.

8. COMPETITIVE READINESS

8.1 BC TEAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

All selected athletes, and their primary coaches 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, both athlete and primary coach must disclose to BC Athletics any reasons (injury or illness) that may affect their competitive readiness.

8.2 COMPETITIVE READINESS

If a selected athlete presents reasons (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 athlete's competitive readiness.

8.3 EVALUATIONS

Athletes with questionable competitive readiness will be required to submit a "Back to Competitive Readiness Plan" and required to prove fitness. This may be through proof of fitness at a competition, of video proof of fitness to be submitted on a case-by-case basis. In some cases, medical documentation may be used as an evaluation tool if competition is not possible.

8.4 VIOLATION OF COMPETITIVE READINESS

If an athlete and personal coach falsely certify that a selected athlete is competitive ready resulting in poor performance or non-performance at the BC Team event, the athlete and personal coach could be:

- a. Responsible for refunding BC Athletics the total costs incurred for team travel, entries, equipment transportation and any additional costs associated with the BC Team.
- b. Deemed members not-in-good standing with BC Athletics and limited or suspended from any further BC Team Program opportunities.

BC Athletics will consider these situations on a case-by-case basis.

9. BC TEAM INFORMATION

9.1 TEAM EVENT

LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
AUGUST 8 – 10, 2025 | CALGARY, AB

9.2 TEAM SIZE

a. ATHLETES

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

- 25 Athletes – BC/Yukon U18 Team
- 15 Athletes – BC/Yukon Command 15YO Team

Note: Of the 40 roster spots above (25 U18 / 15 15YO), The BC/Yukon Legion Team will hold 2 spots for Yukon Athletics Athletes. If no athletes from Yukon Athletics are named to the

team, those 2 spots will be filled by BC Athletics based on results of the selection trials.

b. TEAM STAFF

BC Athletics is permitted, by the Canadian Legion Command, to select a team staff of 8 staff members. Successful team staff candidates will be [posted online here](#).

9.3 TEAM FEES

The team fee for this team is **\$600.00 + GST**. This is payable prior to departure by the athlete or their club. Athletes and/or Club will be invoiced prior to departure.

9.4 TEAM ENTRIES

a. COMPETITOR LIMITS

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 team 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.

b. ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Selected Athletes may be entered in a maximum of two (2) additional events (3 total) plus relays. Athletes may be entered into additional events if:

- There are available roster spots in the secondary event.
- The selected athlete has not already reached the maximum allowable entries (3 total) plus relays.
- The selected athlete has surpassed the meet entry standard in the additional event(s) during the qualification period.

Selected athletes will be considered for additional events based on the following order criteria:

- Performances at the selection trials in the additional event.
- Performances during the published selection period.

NOTE: BC/YUKON Team athletes are not permitted to enter any event(s) as an individual athlete.

9.5 TEAM TRAVEL

Travel with the BC/Yukon Command Team is **MANDATORY**.

The Canadian Legion Command will book air transportation to and from the National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships (August 9-13, 2024). All selected athletes must travel with the BC/Yukon Command team on the team flight. Where necessary, BC Athletics will arrange connecting flights to Vancouver for selected athletes not residing in the Metro Vancouver region. Selected athletes are permitted to stay in Calgary and make alternate arrangements for return to BC only if:

- a. The athlete stays with the team until the last day of the National Youth Legion Camp (Tuesday August 12, 2025). Athletes may not leave the team prior to the last day (return day) of the National Legion Camp; and
- b. The athlete will be picked up by the athletes' parents or legal guardians; and
- c. The athlete/parent/legal guardian has notified the BC Athletics Track & Field Program Manager (garrett.collier@bcathletics.org) of these arrangements at the time selected athletes receive their team confirmation email.

9.6 TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Use of team accommodation is **MANDATORY**.

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.

9.7 TEAM COMMUNICATION

BC Team Staff and BC Team athletes will be added to a WhatsApp group to make sure information updates are communicated to the team as soon as possible. WhatsApp group will be for athletes only.

9.8 TEAM MEETINGS

Attendance to all team meetings is mandatory. There will be a virtual team meeting the week prior to the start of the Championship Event. If you are unable to attend meetings, please notify your BC Team Staff Coach to review important information.

10. AMMENDMENTS

BC Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria at any time. If any amendments are made, they will be communicated as soon as possible though they will be highlighted and included in this document in the Change History (see APPENDIX C). BC Athletics will also communicate amendments through the BC Athletics website and emails to declared athletes.

11. CHANGE HISTORY

BC Athletics will maintain a change history (see APPENDIX C) for any changes made to this selection criteria.

12. QUESTIONS

If you or your coach have any questions, please contact the Track & Field Program Manager, Garrett Collier at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

APPENDIX A

2025 BC/YUKON U18 TEAM STANDARDS

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
12.21	100m	10.91
24.66	200m	22.16
57.57	400m	49.83
2:10.79	800m	1:55.00
4:32.55	1500m	3:56.96
10:07.31	3000m	8:43.26
26:02.07	5000mRW	23:37.22
14.60	100mH	
	110mH	14.69
63.19	400mH	56.99
7:15.51	2000mSC	6:16.80
1.63m	High Jump	1.91m
3.26m	Pole Vault	3.95m
5.53m	Long Jump	6.64m
11.40m	Triple Jump	13.80m
12.93m	Shot Put	14.99m
36.34m	Discus	46.14m
51.91m	Hammer	54.24m
39.69m	Javelin	54.45m
4053 pts	Heptathlon	
	Decathlon	5381 pts

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APPENDIX B**2025 BC/YUKON 15YO TEAM STANDARDS**

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
12.48	100m	11.58
25.97	200m	23.36
41.36	300m	37.64
2:15.34	800m	2:01.97
3:40.06	1200m	3:16.03
6:35.25	2000m	5:53.74
9:03.81	1500mRW	7:50.73
12.26	80mH	
	100mH	14.18
46.99	300mH	42.99
5:13.51	1500mSC	4:31.27
1.61m	High Jump	1.78m
2.92m	Pole Vault	3.19m
5.15m	Long Jump	6.22m
10.71m	Triple Jump	12.19m
12.13m	Shot Put	14.40m
34.33m	Discus	46.56m
45.56m	Hammer	52.45m
35.61m	Javelin	49.78m
2771 pts	Pentathlon	2730 pts

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APPENDIX C

CHANGE HISTORY

LAST UPDATE

DATE	CHANGE/NOTE
04.04.25	Criteria posted
04.07.25	Correction to Women's U18 200m standard. Men's U18 standard originally listed