



BC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

2025 BC PARA AMBULATORY (U35) TRACK & FIELD 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. CANADIAN PARA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canadian Para Track & Field Championships is an annual competition that showcases the talents of athletes with disabilities across Canada. Held in various locations, including Langley, British Columbia, the event features a wide range of track and field disciplines, such as sprints, distance races, throws, and jumps, tailored to different classifications of physical, visual and intellectual impairments. The championships serve as a critical platform for athletes to achieve personal bests, set national records, and qualify for international competitions like the World Para Athletics Championships and the Paralympic Games.

3. OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the selection document for the **2025 BC PARA AMBULATORY (U35) TRACK & FIELD 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 the Track & Field Program Manager, Garrett Collier at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

4. 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

a. QUALIFICATION PERIOD(S)

EVENTS	DATES	NOTE
ALL EVENTS	MARCH 01 – JULY 06, 2025	Performances on AC Rankings

b. TEAM DATES

DATE	ITEM	NOTE
JULY 04-06, 2025	BCA Outdoor Track & Field Championships	EVENT INFO
JULY 06, 2025	DUE: 2025 Athlete Declarations	CLICK HERE
JULY 06, 2025	DUE: 2025 CAPP Athlete Travel Grant Form*	CLICK HERE
JULY 08, 2025	Preliminary Roster Posted	BCA WEBSITE
JULY 10-11, 2025	Final Roster Posted	BCA WEBSITE
JULY 29/30, 2025	Travel to Ottawa**	
JULY 31-AUG 03, 2025	Canadian Track & Field Championships	EVENT INFO
AUGUST 03, 2025	Return to YVR	

\ Tentative

\ \ Per Section 5.2 (please read below)

5. FUNDING

5.1 SELECTED PARA (U30) ATHLETES

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2025/2026) to those athletes selected to the 2025 BC Para Ambulatory (U30) Track & Field Team. Support for this team includes:

- Travel to and from Ottawa, ON from YVR
- Athletes who reside outside of the Metro Vancouver area, but within BC will be provided with transportation to meet the team at YVR
- Transportation of equipment
- Accommodation for the duration of the Championships
- BC Team Competition Kit
- Competition entry

- Support from Team BC Staff

5.2 NEW FOR 2025 - ATHLETES IDENTIFIED ON THE 2025 ATHLETICS CANADA CAPP PARALYMPIC STREAM LIST (all age groups)

Athletes who have been identified on the 2025 Athletics Canada CAPP Paralympic Stream. List will be provided a travel grant of up to **\$750.00 CDN** towards travel and accommodations to the Canadian Track & Field Championships. Selected U30 athletes may choose between funding outlined above in section 5.1 or opt to receive the travel grant outlined in this section. Athletes who wish to be eligible for this grant must complete the **2025 BC Team CAPP Athlete Travel Grant**. Please note that athletes receiving the \$750.00 travel grant are responsible for organizing their own travel and accommodation.

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

To be eligible for the 2025 BC PARA AMBULATORY (U30) Track & Field 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. Athletes must hold a valid provisional, national or international sport class or be deemed eligible for Para Athletics by the National Classification Lead.
- c. Must hold Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency.
- d. Must have permanent residence in BC for at least 6 months prior to selection.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Be between 18 (YOB 2007) and U30 (YOB 1991) as of December 31, 2025
- h. Submit a BC Team Athlete Declaration by:
 - July 6, 2025, by 11:59 PM PST for ALL EVENTS
- i. Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements outlined in Section 8

7. SELECTION CRITERIA

7.1 SELECTION STANDARDS

There will no selection standards for this team. Athletes will be ranked according to World Para Athletics Points.

a. METHODOLOGY

Selection will include the 2025/2026 World Para Athletics Points System.

7.2 SELECTION TRIALS

There are no selection trials for this team in 2025, but athletes must compete at the 2025 BC Athletics Outdoor Track & Field Championships or submit an exemption request to be considered eligible for selection. Valid exemptions include:

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.

7.3 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.

7.5 SELECTION PROCESS

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

- a. Athletes will be ranked based on World Para Athletics Point Score (Field/Track).
- b. Athletes will be selected until the team quota (5 athletes) has been met.

7.6 PRELIMINARY ROSTER

A preliminary roster will be released no later than Wednesday, **July 8, 2025**, on the BC Athletics website. An email to all declared athletes will be sent with preliminary roster. Once posted, athletes will have 24 hours to submit an appeal from the time stamp on the posted preliminary roster.

Due to the nature of team selection and registration deadlines set forth by Athletics Canada, BC Athletics will send emails to all preliminary roster athletes to begin the process of collecting important information. Please note that these emails DO NOT indicate final selection to the team.

7.7 APPEALS

a. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAL

Only athletes that have achieved the minimum published standard (see APPENDIX A) 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 (Program Manager for Track & Field, 2025 TeamBC 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.

8. COMPETITIVE READINESS

Selected athletes are expected to be competition 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 the steps below:

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 RESTRICTIONS

- a. BC Athletics will select a maximum of 3 athletes in an event classification.
- b. BC Athletics will select a maximum roster of **5 U35 athletes**.

9.2 TEAM EVENT

2025 CANADIAN PARA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
OTTAWA, ON - JULY 31 – AUGUST 3, 2025

9.3 TEAM SIZE

BC Athletics has been allotted a team size of:

- **5 U35 Para Ambulatory athletes**
- 8 staff members (same staff for Senior, Para and U20 teams)

9.4 TEAM FEES

The team fee for this team will be **750.00 + GST**. This is payable prior to departure by the athlete or their Club. Athletes will be invoiced prior to departure. **Reminder: those CAPP athletes opting for the 2025 BC Team Travel Grant for Canadian National Championships do not pay the BC Team Fee.**

9.5 TEAM ENTRIES

BC Athletics will register all selected athletes into the Canadian Para Track & Field Championships prior to the deadline.

a. PRIMARY EVENTS

Selected athletes must compete in their selected event/primary event. If an athlete wishes to be considered for a different primary event, they will have to be reselected under the new event. Please note this could mean an athlete is no longer on the selected roster.

b. ADDITIONAL EVENT(S)

Selected athletes may be entered in additional events on a case-by-case basis. Any secondary events must not hinder performance in the primary selected event as determined by BC Athletics, BC Team Staff in consultation with the athlete and personal coach.

9.6 TEAM TRAVEL

Travel with this team is **MANDATORY**.

Selected athletes will travel on the Team Flight from Vancouver, BC (YVR) to Ottawa, ON (YOW). Athletes. BC Athletics will make travel arrangements for all athletes that reside outside of the Metro Vancouver Area. If travelling to and from Vancouver from a location outside of British Columbia, athletes must notify the BC Athletics Program Manager to make alternative travel arrangements. Travelling with the team is mandatory and athletes must commit to staying for the duration of the event. If an athlete has an academic commitment that requires them to leave early, they must indicate this on their declaration form.

9.7 TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Use of BC Athletics Team accommodation is **MANDATORY**.

BC Athletics will cover the cost of Accommodations. Athletes will be assigned a roommate in a double occupancy room.

BC Athletics will make a group reservation at a designated meet hotel for all selected athletes and BC Team staff. All selected athletes are required to stay with BC Athletics Team Accommodations for the duration of the event.

9.8 TEAM COMMUNICATION

BC Team Staff and Team BC 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.

9.9 TEAM MEETINGS

Attendance at all team meetings is mandatory. After selection of team athletes has occurred, BC Athletics in consultation with coaching staff will set all team meetings for Team BC events.

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 B). 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 A) 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

CHANGE HISTORY

LAST UPDATE

DATE	CHANGE/NOTE
05.22.25	Criteria posted