



2019 BC/Yukon U18/ & 15 Year Old Legion Team

SELECTION CRITERIA & STANDARDS

1.0 OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the selection document for the 2019 BC/Yukon U18 & 15 Year Old Legion 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 athletes as probable finalists and/or possible medallists. The specific objectives for this team include:

- To have more athletes advance to finals than in the previous year; **(54 Top 8 Finishes)**
- To have more athletes achieve podium performances than in the previous year; **(34 Podium Finishes)**
- 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 15, 2019	Begin Qualifying Period	All Events
July 5-7, 2019	BC Athletics Track & Field Championships / BC/Yukon Legion Team Selection Trials	Kamloops, BC
July 15, 2019	Athlete Declaration Due / End Qualifying Period	All Events
TBD	BC/Yukon Command Legion Depart	Vancouver - Sydney
August 11-13, 2019	Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships	Sydney, NS
TBD	BC/Yukon Command Legion Return	Sydney - Vancouver

3.2 Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the 2019 BC/Yukon Command Legion Team, athletes must:

- Meet the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding Support and Team Selection](#)
- Have been registered as a BC Athletics Competitive Athlete Member at the time of achieving the published selection standard (see: Appendix A or B);
- Submit an [Online Athlete Declaration Form](#) prior to the published declaration due date (see: 3.1);
- Achieve the published standard in the event they wish to be considered for (see: Appendix A or B) within the published qualifying period (see: 3.1).
- Compete at the 2019 BC Athletics Track & Field Championships / BC/Yukon Legion Team Selection Trials.
- Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in section 5.0;
- Must be at least:

- (i) 16 years of age (Youth) as of December 31, 2019 for the BC/Yukon Legion Youth Team (born in 2002 or 2003); or
- (ii) 15 years of age (U16 15 year olds) as of December 31, 2019 for the BC/Yukon Legion 15 Year Old Team. (Born in 2004). *Athletes under the age of 15 are not eligible for selection to the 2019 BC/Yukon Legion Team.

3.3 Funding

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2019-20) to those athletes selected to the 2019 BC/Yukon Legion 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

A. Team Event(s)

2019 BC/Yukon Legion Team events are as follows:

BC Athletics Track & Field Championships Jamboree / BC/Yukon Legion Team Selection Trials	July 5-7, 2019	Kamloops, BC
Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships	August 9 - 11, 2019	Sydney, NS

B. 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.

C. Team Selection Announcement

The BC/Yukon Command Legion 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. Emails will also be sent to all declared athletes.

D. 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. BC Athletics is permitted to have a staff size of 8 staff which includes 4 Event Coaches (including Head Coach), 2 Team Managers and 2 Legion Chaperones.

E. 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](#).

F. Team Entries

BC Athletics will enter all selected athletes into the Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships event(s). Selected athletes must compete in their selected event.

(i) 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 Athletics is limited to 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.

(ii) 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):

1. Are equal to, or surpass, the published team standard (see: Appendix A or B); and/or
2. 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.

In the event that 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.

G. Team Travel

The Canadian Legion Command will book departing and returning flights to and from the National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships. All selected athletes must travel with the BC/Yukon Command team on the team flight. BC Athletics will be booking connecting flights to Vancouver (YVR) for selected athletes outside of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Selected athletes are permitted to stay in Nova Scotia and make alternate arrangements for return to BC only if:

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

H. Team Accommodations

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.

I. Team Meetings

Attendance at all team meetings is mandatory.

J. Selection Trials

The selection trials for the 2019 BC/Yukon Command Legion team will be held at the 2019 BC Athletics Track & Field Championships Jamboree to be held on July 5-7, 2019 in Kamloops, BC.

4.0 SELECTION CRITERIA & STANDARDS

4.1 Methodology

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

The 2019 BC/Yukon Command U18 Team Standards are based on the higher performance of either A) the average 3rd place finish over the previous 5 Canadian Legion Youth Track & Field Championships, or B) the 8th ranked performance of 2018. The term “Higher Performance” is defined as the more difficult standard (fastest, highest, furthest or greater points depending on the event).

The 2019 BC /Yukon Command 15 Year Old Team Standards are based on the average of 3rd place at the Canadian Legion Youth Track & Field Championships. If necessary, standards are adjusted by the event group representatives on the BC Athletics Track & Field Committee.

4.2 Eligible Performances

All performances must appear on the [2019 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.

4.3 In-Eligible Performances

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

- i. Wind-Aided Performances;
- ii. Hand-Timed Performances;

4.4 Eligibility Pool

Athletes who have achieved the published standard (see: Appendix A or B) within the published qualifying period (see: 3.1) and, who have competed at the 2019 BC/Yukon Legion Team Selection Trials will be entered into the eligibility pool for selection. Due to limitations in team size, achieving the selection standard does not guarantee selection to the 2019 BC/Yukon Command Legion Team.

4.5 Selection Process

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 2.7);
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 2.7).
5. 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 2.7). Notification to BC Athletics is required prior to the start of the first day of competition of the selection meet. [BC Track & Field Championship Jamboree Exemption Form](#).
6. Other athletes may be considered to nearness to the standard and medal potential based on the results of the selection meet.

Exemption 1: Injury or Illness. Notification must be provided prior to the start of the BC Championships. Only notification from a medical doctor will be accepted;

Exemption 2: Competing on an Athletics Canada, BC Athletics or Team BC team. Notification must be provided to the BC Athletics technical manager before or at the time of selection to such teams;

Exemption 3: 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.

4.6 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.

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

B. 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.

C. 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. In some cases, medical documentation by a medical doctor only may be used as an evaluation tool if competition is not possible.

D. Violation of Competitive Readiness

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.

5.0 APPEALS

- I. Only athletes who have achieved the published standard (Appendix A or B) during the published qualifying period (section 3.1) or have met the 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 2.9). Appeals submitted after this time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

APPENDIX A – BC/Yukon Command U18 Team Selection Standards

Women	Event	Men
12.16	100m	10.94
24.83	200m	22.05
56.45	400m	49.47
2:11.07	800m	1:54.43
4:34.47	1500m	3:56.46
9:57.41	3000m	8:36.80
26:15.00	5KM Walk	25:15.00
14.19	100mH	
	110mH	14.50
62.70	400mH	55.36
7:07.17	2000mSC	6:01.67
1.66m	High Jump	1.94m
3.22m	Pole Vault	3.86m
5.57m	Long Jump	6.79m
11.79m	Triple Jump	14.01m
13.63m	Shot Put	15.94m
40.04m	Discus	46.56m
55.07m	Hammer	54.57m
41.87m	Javelin	56.83
4612 points	Heptathlon	
	Decathlon	5490 points

APPENDIX B – BC/Yukon Command 15 year old Team Selection Standards

Girls	Event	Boys
12.38	100m	11.29
25.28	200m	23.05
40.71	300m	36.16
2:13.96	800m	2:00.48
3:34.02	1200m	3:14.94
6:27.79	2000m	5:50.91
7:40.00	1500m Walk	7:30.00
11.91	80mH	
	100mH	14.41
28.23 (300mh – 45.50)*	200mH	25.86 (300mh – 43.00)*
5:04.11	1500mSC	4:32.81
1.59m	High Jump	1.80m
2.88m	Pole Vault	3.25m
5.30m	Long Jump	6.18m
10.82m	Triple Jump	12.72m
12.65m	Shot Put	14.85m
34.81m	Discus	48.35m
45.54m	Hammer	47.84m
38.19m	Javelin	50.19m
2941 points	Pentathlon	2826 points

*Equivalency Standard provided for the 300mh as BC Athletics Technical Specifications recognize the 300mh as the official height for U16 Males and Females while the Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships still run the 200m hurdle distance. Note: the 300mh will be contested at the 2019 BC Athletics Track & Field Championships Jamboree.

6.0 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.