



## 2023 BC TEAM PROGRAM

# BC Para Team Selection Criteria and Standards

### OVERVIEW:

This document will serve as the selection document for the **2023 BC Para 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](mailto: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 BC Para Track & Field Team events:

- Canadian Track & Field Championships – July 27-30, 2023 – Langley, BC

#### 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	<a href="#">Athlete Declaration Due</a> End Qualifying Period	All Events
July 27-30, 2023	Canadian U20/Sr Track & Field Championships	Langley, BC

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

#### 2023 BC Para Team Events:

- 100m Ambulatory, 200m Ambulatory, 400m Ambulatory, 800m Ambulatory, 1500m Ambulatory, 5000m Ambulatory, Ambulatory High Jump, Ambulatory Long Jump, Ambulatory Javelin, Ambulatory Discus, Ambulatory Shot Put
- **Note:** Wheelchair and Seated Throws event(s) criteria will be published in collaboration with BC Wheelchair Sports and will be announced at a later date.



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### ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the 2023 Para Track & Field Team, athletes must:

1. Meet the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding Support and Team Selection](#)
2. Is registered as a BC Athletics Competitive Athlete Member to have performance considered for selection.
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 at least 18 years of age (U20) as of December 31, 2023 ([see: AC Rule 86e](#)).
8. Must not currently be receiving funding for Athletics from a Disability Sport Organization located in the Province of BC.

### FUNDING:

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2023/2024) to those athletes selected to the 2023 BC Para 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 BC Para 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 [BC Team Selection Meet Exemption Form](#).

#### 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:**

As both the Canadian Track & Field Championships are In-Province, BC Athletics will endeavour to support as many athletes as possible who meet the selection criteria, based on 2023/24 funding available. The final team size will be determined once the qualifying period ends. **Please note that team spots will be filled up to 3 athletes per gender, per event.**

### **Team Selection Announcement:**

The BC Para Track & Field Team list of selected athletes will be posted on the BC Athletics website, BC Athletics Social Media channels at least 72 hours after the last day of the qualifying period. Emails will also be sent to all named athletes.

### **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 (except for Sport Canada carded athletes) selected to a BC 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](#).

### **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):

- a. Are equal to, or surpass, the published team standard (see: Appendix A); and/or
- b. 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 A (above), then the athlete may still enter the event. If the performance in the secondary event does not meet Criteria B (above), and would hinder the performance of the primary (selected) event, then the athlete would not be able to compete in the secondary event.



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### Team Travel:

The 2023 U20/SR Canadian National Championships will be hosted in at **McLeod Athletic Park Langley, BC**. Travel costs to Langley, BC will be covered by BC Athletics (air, ferry, car etc). In the case where air travel is required, BC Athletics will be booking flights from BC departure locations only. Athletes residing in Zone 3, 4, 5 (Lower Mainland), will be provided **\$50 CAD** for mileage for each event registered in.

Athletes wishing to make their own travel arrangements must contact the Program 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 ([megann.vandervliet@bcathletics.org](mailto:megann.vandervliet@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.

### Team Accommodation:

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 who need accommodation in Langley. Athletes are encouraged to use BC Team accommodations. **Local athletes may choose to stay at their home residence.**

Athletes wishing to make their own accommodation arrangements or stay at their home residence must notify the BC Athletics Program Manager prior to the declaration due date (see: Section 4.6). Athletes must provide BC Athletics with the name and address of the accommodations.

### 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.

## TEAM SELECTION

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

### Methodology

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

Eligible 2023 BC Para Ambulatory Athletics Team athletes will be selected using the following criteria:

Athletes will be named to the team in a descending order until the pre-determined para-athletics team budget is exhausted.

1. Attendance and demonstrate Competitive Readiness at the 2023 BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championship Jamboree, unless an exemption is filed.



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2. 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.
  - **Ranking within CAPP Levels**
    - Athletes will be ranked in priority order within each level. The order will be based on their proximity to the [2023 World Para Athletics Championship Standards](#) within the qualifying period calculated as a percentage.
    - 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. Athletes not identified as part of the Athletics Canada CAPP program will be considered based on their proximity to the [2023 World Para Athletics Championship Standards](#) within the qualifying period calculated as a percentage.

### 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 to be considered for selection. Please submit results to [results@athletics.ca](mailto:results@athletics.ca).

### 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.

### Selection Acknowledgement Form

All athletes, and primary coaches of athletes, selected to a BC Para 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.



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- 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.