



TeamBC Automatic Standards

Philosophy

Automatic Standards are designed to allow athletes who have performances at a certain level the opportunity to be selected to TeamBC, understanding that athletes may still have competitive obligations such as, but not limited to BC Teams, National Teams and University/College Teams. All athletes have the opportunity to be selected with these standards.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many athletes can be selected with the Automatic Standard?

Only 1 athlete can be selected per event with the Automatic Standard (see Selection Criteria 1).

Do I still have to attend the Selection Trials (meet) if I have achieved the Automatic Standard?

Yes, athletes who have achieved the Automatic Standard, must compete at the selection trials unless they qualify for an exemption under the following criteria:

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: Conflict with a competition in the sport of athletics deemed to be of greater importance. Examples of these include TeamBC Competitions, 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 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 TeamBC 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.

What if more than 1 athlete has achieved the Automatic Standard in an event?

If more than one (1) athlete has achieved the Automatic Standard during the Qualification Window, then the athlete with the highest performance will be selected under Selection Criteria 1. Other athletes will be considered relative to Criteria 2 through 7.

What if I (the athlete) achieves the Automatic Standard in an event at the Selection Meet, and have the highest performance at the end of the qualification period?

If an athlete achieves the Automatic Standard, and has the highest performance out of all those who have achieved automatic standard in an event, then that athlete will be selected under Selection Criteria 1

If I achieve the Automatic Standard, and I am selected to TeamBC, do I still have to compete at the BC Track & Field Championships?

Yes, athletes who are selected to TeamBC under Selection Criteria 1 (Automatic Standard), must compete at the BC Track & Field Championships in their age group, and in the event they were selected in, unless they qualify for an exemption.