



## Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Nomination Criteria

### Selection Criteria Amendments

- **May 21, 2021**
  - **Section 1.2:** Removed “Athletics Canada Combined Events Trials”
  - **Section 4.1:** Due to COVID travel restrictions, removed Automatic Nomination for National Champions for all events *except* the Marathon.
  - **Section 7:** Updated email address for Commissioner’s office.
- **February 19, 2021**
  - **Section 1.2:**
    - Removed reference to NACAC Combined Events Championships, which has been cancelled. The dates and location of the Canadian Combined Events Trials is now to-be-confirmed.
    - Moved the Final Nomination for Marathon and Race Walk to July 2 to align with all other events.
    - Moved the final declaration deadline for all events to June 10, 2021.
    - Updated dates for: Final Preparation Camp, On-site Decision Making Authority, Athletics Competition and Departing Japan
  - **Section 1.3:**
    - Removed requirement to participate in Canadian Championships.
    - Added requirement to comply with COVID-19 countermeasures.
  - **Section 1.6:** Added reference to Reserve Athletes.
  - **Section 3:** Removed requirement to participate in Canadian Championships.
  - **Section 4.1**
    - **Step 2:** Removed: “For the avoidance of doubt, the NTC will not nominate athletes for individual events who are only qualified to be entered due to World Athletics’ “reallocations due to unused quota places” after July 1, 2021 (June 2, 2021 for Marathon and Race Walk).”
    - **Final Nomination Meeting:** Added prioritization process for athletes qualifying for both the Women’s Marathon and 10,000m.
  - **Section 4.2:**
    - Removed: “AC will not accept any offers of unused quota places for relay teams made after July 1, 2021;”
    - **Step 1:** Removed automatic nomination for national champions.
  - **Section 8:** Added language regarding possible further amendments necessitated by COVID-19.
- **October 6, 2020**
  - **Section 1.2:** Updated qualification period to match World Athletics adjustments for Marathon and 50k Race Walk. Updated dates for NACAC Combined Events Championships (Athletics Canada Combined Events Trials). **Appendix A:** added “or 2021 World Relay Championships” for Relays qualification to match section 4.2.



- **July 17, 2020**
  - **Throughout document:** Updated terminology to reflect name change from International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) to World Athletics (WA).
  - **Overview:** Added link to World Athletics Qualification System.
  - **Section 1.2 (and throughout document):** Updated Qualifying Periods and other Important Dates to reflect the postponement of the Olympic Games from 2020 to 2021. Added “Second Initial Nomination for the Marathon and 20k and 50k Race Walks.” Added NACAC Combined Events Championships as the Athletics Canada Combined Events Trials.
  - **Section 1.3:** Updated World Athletics Age Requirements to reflect the postponement of the Games.
  - **Section 1.4:** added marathon Entry Standard for first 10 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons, and the winners of the Gold Label Marathons, held during the period from 1 December 2020 to 31 May 2021.
  - **Section 1.6:** added clarification on event quotas for Mixed Relay.
  - **Section 3:** Moved “Canadian Championships Requirement” to standalone section and updated competition list due to postponement of Games.
  - **Section 4.2:** Updated relay team qualification pathway to include “The first eight (8) placed NOCs at the World Athletics Relays Silesia 2021 (if not already qualified via Doha 2019) will also qualify.” Adjusted Additional Relay Nomination section to be consistent with criteria initially published in Appendix B.
  - **Section 5.1:** Added “Training and Competition Plan” requirement for athletes selected at the Initial Nomination meetings *only*.
  - **Section 5.2:** Clarified that AC Chief Medical Officer, in consultation with medical team will provide clearance to move from Step 1 to Step 2.



## OVERVIEW

These Nomination Criteria (“Criteria”) set out the eligibility and qualification requirements that athletes must satisfy in order to be nominated for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team.

All nominations to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team will be made in accordance with Athletics Canada’s (“AC”) “National Team Selection Rules Book”. AC’s Olympic entries are limited by World Athletics (“WA”) and International Olympic Committee’s (“IOC”) rules and/or regulations (including the Qualification System available at: <https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/standards/2021>) that will always take precedence should there be any contradictions between these Criteria and such rules and/or regulations.

Attached to the Criteria, and forming an integral part of it, are two Appendices.

The National Team Committee (“NTC”) is responsible for the implementation of the Criteria and has the sole authority and discretion to make all decisions relating to the nomination of the team for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team to the Canadian Olympic Committee (“COC”) up until the first athletics team members entering the Olympic Village. From that date forwards “On-site Decision Making Authority” will apply (see section 5 below).

## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Event Location

- Tokyo, Japan.

### 1.2 Important Dates

Qualifying Periods			
DATES		EVENTS	NOTES
Entry Standards Period	World Rankings Period		
1 January 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 September 2020 – 31 May 2021 (21 months)	1 December 2018 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 31 May 2021 (22 months)	Marathon and 50k Race Walk	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
1 January 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 September 2020 – 29 June 2021 (22 months)	1 January 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 29 June 2021 (22 months)	20k Race Walk	
1 January 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 29 June 2021 (22 months)	1 January 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 29 June 2021 (22 months)	10,000m and Combined Events	
1 May 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 29 June 2021 (18 months)	30 June 2019 – 5 April 2020 1 December 2020 – 29 June 2021 (16 months)	Qualifying Period for all other events	



Important Dates		
DATES*	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
October 20, 2019	Canadian Marathon Championships and Selection Trials at the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon ("Marathon Trials")	Toronto, ON
May 3, 2020	Declaration Deadline for Initial Nomination for the Marathon and Race Walks	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
May 4, 2020	First Initial Nomination for the Marathon and Race Walks	
June 2, 2021	For Marathon and Race Walk - World Athletics to: - confirm the list of athletes qualified by Qualification Standard; - publish the WA World Rankings and qualified athletes;  Declaration Deadline for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Initial Nomination for the Marathon and Race Walks Declaration Deadline for Initial Nomination for 10,000m	worldathletics.org
June 3, 2021	Second Initial Nomination for the Marathon and Race Walk Initial Nomination for 10,000m	
June 10, 2021	Final Declaration Deadline	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
June 13, 2021	Canadian 10,000m Championships and Selection Trials ("10,000m Trials")	Burnaby, BC
June 24 – 27, 2021	Canadian T&F Championships & Selection Trials ("T&F Trials")	Montreal, QC
July 1, 2021	Relay Team Members sign and return National Relay Team Athlete Agreement	Appendix B
July 1, 2021	World Athletics to: - confirm the list of athletes qualified by Qualification Standard; - publish the WA World Rankings and qualified athletes; - publish the list of qualified Relay Teams.	worldathletics.org
July 2, 2021	Final Team Nomination	
TBC	Depart Canada	
July 18, 2021	On-site Decision Making Authority begins (see section 6)	Tokyo, Japan
July 19 – August 6, 2021	Final Preparation Camp	Gifu, Japan
July 30 – August 8, 2021	Athletics Competition	Tokyo, Japan
24-48 hours after competition	Depart Japan	

\*TBC Dates – any dates that are to be determined, will be announced on the AC website as soon as possible once determined.

### 1.3 Eligible Athletes

To be eligible to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, an athlete must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must be a registered member of an AC Branch at the time of the Trials and through the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games;
- Must meet the World Athletics age requirements:



- **Senior Athletes:** Any athlete aged 20 on 31 December, 2021 (born in 2001 or earlier) may compete in any event
- **U20 Athletes:** Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December, 2021 (born in 2002 or 2003) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.
- **U18 Athletes:** Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December, 2021 (born in 2004 and 2005) may compete in any event except the throwing events, Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walk.
- **Athletes Younger than 16:** No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December, 2021 (born in 2006 or later) may compete at the Olympic Games.
- Must hold Canadian Citizenship, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- Must declare interest to seek nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team via the Online Form in accordance with the dates outlined in section 1.2 above;
- Must comply with the Final Phase Preparation Requirements as outlined in section 5 below;
- Must have a Canadian passport that will remain valid until at least December 31, 2021;
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation Form;
- Must comply with all COVID-19 countermeasures implemented by AC, COC, IOC, Tokyo 2020 or other relevant governing bodies.
- Must be otherwise eligible to participate for Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games as outlined in the IOC, World Athletics, COC and AC Rules and Bylaws and AC's "National Team Selection Rules Book".

**Relays:** To be nominated for a Relay Team (see section 4.2) athletes must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement (see Appendix B) by the specified date (see section 1.2). Note that if circumstances dictate that an athletics team member who is not part of a nominated Relay Team is selected to run a relay at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (as allowed by World Athletics rules) then the athlete must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement before competing. In these circumstances, the Head Coach can waive the deadline in section 1.2.

#### **1.4 Eligible Performances**

For an athlete's performance to be considered eligible for qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games it must be set under the following conditions:

##### **General**

All performances must be achieved during the qualification period as outlined in section 1.2.

For Marathons and Race Walks, World Athletics publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the below.



### **Marathons**

- Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
- For Qualification Standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km.
- For WA World Rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000 a correction will be made in the result score from which points will be deducted depending of the drop.
- The following will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard:
  - first 10 finishers in the Men’s Marathon and in the Women’s Marathon in the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019.
  - first 5 finishers at the Gold Label Marathons and the first 10 finishers at the Marathon Major Series (Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago and New York) held during the qualification period from 1 January 2019 to 5 April 2020.
  - first 10 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons, and the winners of the Gold Label Marathons, held during the period from 1 December 2020 to 31 May 2021.

### **Race Walks**

- Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
- A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty.
- For International Competitions defined under World Athletics Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to World Athletics (Application Form available from World Athletics) before the race is conducted. Applications submitted for the World Championships Doha 2019 do not need to be submitted again.

### **Special conditions for validity of performances:**

- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance World Athletics Rule 147, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
- Performances which are wind-assisted or for which a wind reading is not available shall not be accepted for Qualification Standard purposes (but will be valid for the WA World Rankings with the adjustments made according to WA Ranking Rules).



- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
- For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.
- For the Race Walks, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) and performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule shall be accepted.
- For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:
  - The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
  - The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.

#### **1.5 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Events**

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10,000m, Marathon, 3000m S/C, 100mH (women), 110mH (men), 400mH, HJ, PV, LJ, TJ, SP, DT, HT, JT, Heptathlon (women), Decathlon (men), 20km RW, 50km RW, 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m, mixed 4x400m.

#### **1.6 Maximum Entries per Event**

World Athletics allows a maximum of three (3) athletes per country per individual event (the “Event Quota”). In events where AC fills the maximum quota, AC may nominate a maximum of one (1) reserve athlete for the same event. Reserve athletes will be non-travelling unless selected to another event within the main Event Quota. World Athletics allows a maximum of five (5) athletes plus one P alternative athlete per relay team in the 4x100m and 4x400m. World Athletics allows a maximum of four (4) athletes, two (2) men and two (2) women plus two (2) P alternative athletes in the 4x400m Mixed Relay. AC will not make use of the P alternative athlete option.

#### **1.7 Declaration Dates**

Athletes are required to declare their interest to seek nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team by completing the online form by the deadlines stated in section 1.2. **Failure to complete this declaration by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for nomination.**

#### **1.8 Initial Nomination Meetings and Team Announcements**

The NTC will hold Initial Nomination Meetings for the Marathon, Race Walks and 10,000m (see section 1.2). The purpose of these Initial Nomination Meetings is to give long distance endurance athletes extra time to prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. At these meetings, the NTC may only nominate athletes who have complied with the Initial Declaration Deadlines indicated in Section 1.2. AC will announce the initial nominations through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, HP Newsletter); athletes nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team will be contacted directly by AC.





### 1.9 Final Nomination Meetings and Team Announcements

The NTC will hold a single Final Nomination Meeting for all events (see section 1.2).

AC will announce the final Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team through established communication channels (Branches, AC website, HP Newsletter); athletes nominated to the team will be contacted directly by AC.

## 2 TEAM OBJECTIVES

This nomination process is designed to prioritize the nomination of Athletes to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team who have demonstrated an ability to achieve AC's 2020 Olympic Games performance objectives, which are to improve upon Canadian performances from the 2016 Rio Olympic Games as measured by:

- Medal table ranking;
- number of medals;
- number of top 8 finishes;
- number of athletes finishing in the top half of their field;
- number of athletes beating their pre-event ranking;
- number of athletes setting personal bests; and
- number of athletes setting season's bests.

## 3 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS REQUIREMENT

Travel restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19 are likely to make it impossible and/or unreasonable for athletes who live outside of Canada to travel across the border to compete at the Trials. For this reason, there is no requirement that athletes must compete at the Trials to be nominated for the Tokyo Olympic team.

## 4 NOMINATION PROCESS

All nominations will be made in accordance with AC's "National Team Selection Rules Book" (see <https://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/National-Team-Selection-Rules-Book-EN.pdf>) and the National Team Committee's Terms of Reference (see Section 126 of AC's "Rules and Bylaws" at <http://athletics.ca/federation/governance/policies-rules-laws/>).

**NOTE: It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that World Athletics are aware of performances for qualification by standard or World Rankings points before World Athletics publish their lists of qualified athletes on July 1, 2021 (June 2, 2021 for Marathon and Race Walk). See <https://www.worldathletics.org/records/send-competition-results>.**

### 4.1 Nomination for Individual Events

#### **Step 1 - Automatic Nomination (For the Marathon only)**

**National Champions:** The highest placed Canadian athlete at the Marathon Trials (see section 1.2) will automatically be nominated for that event to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 1.3 and





- They achieve a Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualification Period (see section 1.2); or
- They are listed by World Athletics, on July 1, 2021, as being qualified by WA World Ranking (June 2, 2021 for Marathon and 50k Race Walk).

For the avoidance of doubt, due to COVID travel restrictions, Automatic Nomination for National Champions will only apply to the Marathon event.

**Events with an Initial Nomination Meeting:** If the National Champion has not achieved a Qualification Standard by the date of the Initial Nomination Meeting then the NTC must reserve a quota slot for that athlete for the relevant Final Nomination Meeting.

**Ties:** For the purposes of automatic nomination, ties at the Trials will be broken in the following priority order:

- 1) Best performance during the Qualifying Period
- 2) Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period
- 3) Most recently achieved standard

If the tie is still not broken, the NTC will do so applying the additional factors outlined in Step 2 (below).

### **Step 2 - Additional Nominations**

Athletes who have not been nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team pursuant to Step 1 above but who have met the eligibility requirements of section 1.3 and

- Achieve a Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualification Period (see section 1.2); or
- Are listed by World Athletics, on July 1, 2021, as being qualified by WA World Ranking;

will be considered for nomination to the Team as “Additional Athletes”.

### **Initial Nomination Meeting (Marathon, Race Walks and 10,000m only)**

The NTC may nominate Additional Athletes in the relevant event(s).

If multiple Additional Athletes need to be ranked for nomination, the process outlined in the Final Nomination Meeting section (below) will be used.

The NTC may, at their sole discretion, choose to leave additional Event Quota spaces to be filled later, at the Final Nomination Meeting, even if that means that one or more Additional Athletes are not nominated at this stage of the nomination process.



Reasons for the NTC to not nominate all possible Additional Athletes in the Initial Nomination Meeting include, but are not limited to, the NTC considering it reasonable that by the Final Nomination Meeting:

- Qualified but currently ill or injured athlete(s) can return to a demonstrated fitness level that would rank them above other Additional Athletes; or
- As yet unqualified athlete(s) can qualify and rank higher than other Additional Athletes seeking nomination.

#### **Final Nomination Meetings (all events)**

**10,000m and Marathon:** Any National Champions in the 10,000m and Marathon who were not nominated in the relevant Initial Nomination Meeting but who subsequently qualified by Qualification Standard or WA World Ranking will be nominated.

The women's 10,000m Final and Marathon take place on the same day (Saturday, August 7) in different cities (Tokyo and Sapporo, respectively). It is therefore not possible for athletes to compete in both events. Athletes who have qualified for both events as per the June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> lists published by World Athletics, will have until the end of the day July 1<sup>st</sup> (midnight, EST) to prioritize between the two events, in writing, to [colin.whitmee@athletics.ca](mailto:colin.whitmee@athletics.ca). The NTC will respect the athlete prioritization to the extent possible, noting that the "Additional Athletes" clause that follows will come into effect if the number of qualified athletes exceeds the remaining Event Quota.

#### **Additional Athletes:**

- If the number of Additional Athletes is within the remaining Event Quota, all of the Additional Athletes will be nominated.
- If the number of Additional Athletes exceeds the remaining Event Quota, the NTC will rank the Additional Athletes in the order that, based on the factors listed below, as well as other relevant factors, they consider the athletes are likely to finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in the relevant event. Athletes will be nominated in this ranking order until the Event Quota is full. The factors to be considered by the NTC when ranking athletes will include, but may not be limited to:
  - World and domestic ranking;
  - Current form and fitness;
  - Proven ability to perform on demand;
  - Finishing position at the Trials events; and
  - Recent Head-to-Head record against other athletes under consideration.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete's world and domestic ranking in the event under consideration is important but is not the only factor in making a nomination.



## 4.2 Nomination for Relays

### Team Qualification – General Requirements

The first eight (8) placed countries at the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019 automatically qualified for the relay events. The first eight (8) placed NOCs at the World Athletics Relays Silesia 2021 (if not already qualified via Doha 2019) will also qualify. In the case where a country already qualified through Doha 2019, the remaining places will be allocated according to the World Athletics Top Performance Lists of 29 June 2021. The NTC will accept relay team invitations based on the list of qualified teams published by World Athletics on July 1, 2021.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- Teams must be entirely comprised of athletes who are eligible athletes in accordance with section 1.3; and
- Being nominated for a relay squad does not guarantee competing at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Any athlete nominated for any event may compete in any relay at the Games [World Athletics rule].

### Step 1 - Automatic Relay Nominations

For each qualified relay team:

#### 4x100m and 4x400m

- All athletes nominated to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team for the individual 100m (4x100m) or individual 400m (4x400m) will be **automatically nominated** for the relevant relay squad [World Athletics rule].
- Note, there will be no automatic nominations for the Mixed 4x400m team. Nominations will be based on Step 2 – Additional Relay Nominations, below.

### Step 2 - Additional Relay Nominations

For each qualified relay team the Head Coach will nominate “Additional Relay Athletes” to the NTC. The Head Coach will nominate athletes to complete the most competitive relay squads based on any factors considered relevant including, but not limited to:

- Placing at the Selection Trials in his/her individual event.
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.
- Individual performance ranking as determined by 2021 Athletics Canada rankings.
- Commitment to the National Relay program as determined by attitude, attendance, participation, and performance at national team camps, competitions, and events.
- Performance on previous relay teams.
- Assessment of relay skills and position suitability.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- ranking in an individual event (e.g. the 100m for the 4x100m relay) is important but is not the only factor in making relay squad nominations; and



- only eligible athletes (see section 1.3) may be nominated by the Head Coach.

#### **4x100m and 4x400m**

The Head Coach will nominate sufficient “Additional Relay Athletes” to add to the Automatic Relay Nominations make up a squad of 5 athletes.

#### **Mixed 4x400m**

The Head Coach will nominate “Additional Relay Athletes” to make up a mixed relay squad of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes.

The NTC will consider each “Additional Relay Athlete” on the same basis as the Head Coach (see above) and, at their sole discretion, either:

- accept the athlete and nominate them for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Team; or
- reject the Head Coach’s nomination and ask the Head Coach for his/her next eligible nomination.

## **5 FINAL PHASE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. An athlete’s nomination will not be confirmed until they complete the process outlined below and they will be deselected if the process is not completed.

### **5.1 Training and Competition Plan**

Nominated athletes (and/or their coaches) selected at the **Initial Nomination Meetings** are required to present a training and competition plan for the period between nomination and the start of Olympic competition to National Teams Manager, Jessica Scarlato at [jessica.scarlato@athletics.ca](mailto:jessica.scarlato@athletics.ca) within two weeks of being notified of their nomination.

All plans must address the following:

1. The schedule and list of planned competitions, travel and training locations.
2. Present a training cycle for the final phase showing patterns of training load and recovery on a weekly basis.
3. Injury prevention and medical intervention strategies if applicable.

Athletes must notify AC in **WRITING** of any proposed changes to their plans. Changes will be made in consultation with the Head Coach.

### **5.2 Injury or Illness**

Athletes who arrive at an international competition injured or ill consume a disproportionate amount of Integrated Support Team (IST) time and resources that should be spent on preparing healthy athletes to compete at their best. It is therefore AC’s intention to work with the nominated athletes that have been injured or ill to help them recover in time for the competition with a minimal impact to training, or (in the event that full recovery is not



possible for this competition) to ensure full recovery so that full training can resume and long-term potential is optimized. With this in mind, the NTC reserves the right to deselect injured/ill athletes who are not sufficiently healthy/fit to perform at their best at the competition.

Once nominated, and until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected and held financially responsible for all the athlete's costs associated with the event. Notification must be sent immediately to Jessica Scarlato at [jessica.scarlato@athletics.ca](mailto:jessica.scarlato@athletics.ca).

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, AC team staff will work with the athlete, coach and local/national team IST resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best. This determination will comprise of two steps:

#### **STEP 1: Medical Clearance**

Generally done by local IST in collaboration with AC's National IST and consists of 2 phases:

- a) An initial medical evaluation and paramedical assessment(s) to confirm the diagnosis and determine if/when the athlete is fit to return to full training or competition.
- b) A functional evaluation by IST with experience specific to the event demands (and injury or illness if applicable). This may include assessment of the athlete's movement pattern, for example, during a run, hurdle, jump, walk, or throw to identify dysfunctional movement patterns that may be contributing to the injury and potentially increase the risk of re-injury or undermine their competition performance.

#### **STEP 2: Specific Evaluation**

Following medical clearance by the AC Chief Medical Officer in consultation with the medical team, a more comprehensive physical readiness test (the "Performance Test") to compete will be established as follows:

- Determination of the Performance Test will involve the AC Head Coach, the event Team Coach, and the athlete's Personal Coach.
- The Performance Test will vary according to the event, injury or illness.
- The Performance Test will be objective, measurable, fair, realistic, specific to the event, and challenging.

If the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, or does not meet the Performance Test standard, the athlete will be declared unready for competition and the results of the two steps will be forwarded to the NTC for a decision.



The NTC will use all available information at their disposal including performance results and progress in the final phase, suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other final phase indicators, consultation with the AC Head Coach, AC National IST leads, the athlete's personal IST, and any other performance related information (i.e. Performance Test results when applicable) to determine if the injured/ill athlete will be deselected and will not travel with the team.

The NTC may nominate the next eligible athlete, provided that the alternate athlete has proven their preparation during the final phase and meets the eligibility criteria detailed in Section 1.3 and all event specific requirements in relation to qualifying standards and timelines. The NTC will determine the "next eligible athlete" by using the Additional Athlete or Additional Relay Athlete processes (as appropriate) outlined in Section 3 above.

### 5.3 Health Questionnaire and Anti-Doping

Upon nomination, all athletes will be required to complete a Medical Information Form. These questionnaires will ask athletes to declare all supplements and medications that are being used prior, during and after the event. Athletes who need to take medications that contain substances that are on the applicable version of World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List **must** ensure they have a completed and approved CCES and/or World Athletics Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), if required, prior to the use of such medications and prior to nomination. Athletes are also responsible for ensuring that their TUE is recognized by either the World Athletics or the IOC, as applicable and required. **Note:** It is not the responsibility of the AC team physicians to complete and submit TUE applications on behalf of the athlete. This should be done by the physician who prescribed the medication. AC team physicians are available, however, for questions related to whether or not a TUE is required.

Information regarding the TUEs can be found here:

<http://athletics.ca/national-team/anti-doping-programs/therapeutic-use-exemptions/>

and here

<https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/anti-doping.>

## 6 ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

To ensure at-Games decisions may be made quickly and decisively in the best interest of performance, the following delegation of authority and processes for making final confirmation of entries onsite at the Games will apply. This includes, but is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, injuries and /or use of alternates, starting orders, relay team make up, etc.

Once the first athletics team members arrive in the Olympic Village all final decision making authority ("DMA") will reside with the High Performance Director ("HPD") or the Head Coach in the absence of the HPD.



As per competition regulations, the athletes competing in individual events will be confirmed daily during the Games. The timing is to be confirmed by the organizing committee but typically confirmations will be made before noon two days before the first day of competition and before 9am the day before each remain day of competition. Any final changes of the team will be made by the HPD (or whomever has the DMA).

The deadline for confirming the composition of relay teams, including the running order, will be one hour before the published first call time for each relay event. The composition of the relay teams, including the running order, shall be at the sole discretion of the Head Coach or the HPD in the absence of the Head Coach.

## **7 APPEALS**

Please refer to the “National Team Selection Rules Book” and the AC Commissioner’s Office – Terms of Reference for full information on the AC appeals process. The process is also summarised at <http://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Process-for-Submitting-Appeals-EN.pdf>

Appeals must be submitted to the following e-mail address:  
[Commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca](mailto:Commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca).

Contact [appeals@athletics.ca](mailto:appeals@athletics.ca) for payment options of the \$250 appeal fee. The appeal will not be reviewed until the appeal fee has been paid.

### **Appealing decisions made at an Initial Nomination Meeting:**

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for nomination (see sections 1.3 and 4) and who have achieved the Qualification Standard (see Appendix A) between the start of the Qualifying Period and the date of the relevant Initial Nomination Meeting (see section 1.2) may submit an appeal for nomination.

For decisions made at one of the Initial Nomination Meetings, appeals must be filed with the AC’s Commissioner’s Office within **five (5) days** of the publication of the team list.

### **Appealing decisions made at a Final Nomination Meeting:**

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for nomination (see sections 1.3 and 3) and who:

- Have achieved a Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualification Period (see section 1.2); or
- Are listed by World Athletics, on July 1, 2021 (June 2, 2021 for Marathon and Race Walk) as being qualified by WA World Ranking;

may submit an appeal for nomination.





For decisions made at one of the Final Nomination Meetings the external timelines, set by World Athletics, IOC and COC are very tight and therefore appeals must be filed with the AC's Commissioner's Office within **24 hours** of the publication of the team list.

## **8 AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITERIA**

AC reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria. If amendments are made, they will be communicated as soon as possible through the AC website.

Athletics Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact this competition. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Athletics Canada will respect this selection criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the criteria (including Athletics Canada's decision whether or not to send a team). In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this criteria in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Athletics Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, the NTC may amend the Criteria under the following circumstances:

1. When additional (or new) information that is deemed relevant by the NTC to the Criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, the COC, World Athletics, or any other relevant organization; and
2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Criteria.

Any changes made by the NTC are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on the AC website. The NTC will publish the amended Criteria by whatever means and wherever the original Criteria were published.



**APPENDIX A**  
**Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**  
**QUALIFICATION STANDARDS**

Women's A	Events	Men's A
11.15	100m	10.05
22.80	200m	20.24
51.35	400m	44.90
1:59.50	800m	1:45.20
4:04.20	1,500m	3:35.00
15:10.00	5,000m	13.13.50
31:25.00	10,000m	27:28.00
2:29:30	Marathon*	2:11:30
12.84	100m /110m H	13.32
55.40	400m H	48.90
9:30.00	3,000m S/C	8:22.00
1:31:00	20km RW	1:21:00
Not contested	50km RW	3:50:00
1.96	High Jump	2.33
4.70	Pole Vault	5.80
6.82	Long Jump	8.22
14.32	Triple Jump	17.14
18.50	Shot Put	21.10
63.50	Discus Throw	66.00
72.50	Hammer Throw	77.50
64.00	Javelin Throw	85.00
6420	Heptathlon/Decathlon	8350
Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists	4 x 100m Relay	Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists
Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists	4 x 400m Relay	Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists
Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists	Mixed 4 x 400m Relay	Top 8 at World Athletics Championships or 2021 World Relay Championships plus 8 from top lists

***See section 1.4 for details of eligible performances including  
which competitions are eligible and other special conditions.***

\* The following will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard:



- first 10 finishers in the Men's Marathon and in the Women's Marathon in the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019.
- first 5 finishers at the Gold Label Marathons and the first 10 finishers at the Marathon Major Series (Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago and New York) held during the qualification period from 1 January 2019 to 5 April 2020.
- first 10 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons, and the winners of the Gold Label Marathons, held during the period from 1 December 2020 to 31 May 2021.



## **Appendix B**

### **Athletics Canada (AC) National Relay Team Athlete Agreement**

#### **Overview**

In order to be successful at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games we must continue the momentum we built with the AC National Relay Program since Beijing in 2008. Again, the relay program's fundamental principles are identified below. Athletes who are part of the National Relay Program are expected to adhere to these principles. Athletes nominated for the national relay program must sign and return this agreement by **July 1, 2021**.

#### **Fundamental Principles**

1. The relay is a team event and all members are equal.
2. A common vision among team members is critical for success.
3. Open communication is encouraged among athletes and coaches.
4. Full cooperation on and off the track is expected; team cohesiveness is essential.
5. Athletes must have an open mind and a willingness to learn and adapt to relay ideas.
6. Nomination of the team will be at the sole discretion of AC coaching staff with approval by the NTC.
7. Versatility in relation to relay running position is a must.
8. The goal is to assemble the best possible group of athletes in an order that will best benefit the team performance. Running order will be determined by the designated Head Coach, in consultation with the Team Relay Coach, and athletes will be advised of the order in a timely manner.
9. Athletes who are placed in an alternate position are expected to fully participate in team practices and competitions, including dressing and warming up with the team on the day of competition, and to be prepared to contribute if needed. Alternates are expected to accompany the four selected athletes to the call room area or as far as Officials will allow.
10. Members will attend all National Relay Program mandatory events.
11. Punctuality is expected at all relay events; tardiness will not be tolerated.

#### **Relay Team Athlete Selection**

All of the following factors (not listed in priority order) will be considered in relay team selection:

- Placing at the Selection Trials in his/her individual event.
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness.
- Individual performance ranking as determined by 2021 Athletics Canada rankings.
- Commitment to the National Relay program as determined by attitude, attendance, participation, and performance at national team camps, competitions, and events.
- Performance on previous relay teams.
- Assessment of relay skills and position suitability.

The Head Coach, in consultation with the designated event Relay Coach, will make decisions in regards to relay team selection and positioning of relay team members.

#### **Athlete Agreement**

I have read, understand and accept the National Relay Team's principles and criteria for selection. I understand that my failure to comply with this Agreement may render me ineligible for National Team relay assignments.

Athlete Signature:	Coach Signature:
Print name:	Date: