



**Royal Canadian Legion
New Brunswick Command**

**Athletics Program
2016**



General Information

The Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field program is a nationally sanctioned program culminating in a national track & field camp and national championship for Canadian youth between the ages of 13 and 17.

The Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships will be held in Ste. Thérèse, QC from August 3 - 9, 2016.

Athlete Eligibility

1. Athletes must be full Athletics New Brunswick (ANB) members in good standing by the completion of the N.B. Legion Provincial Championships (Legion Provincials).
2. To be considered for selection to the team, an athlete must be a -
 - a) Canadian citizen; or
 - b) Canadian Permanent Resident who is a full-time resident of Canada; or
 - c) Non-Canadian resident who is claiming refugee status, or
 - d) Foreign athlete who is a temporary resident of Canada due to business, study or family reasons, providing they have been resident in Canada for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the provincial championships.

Additionally, they must also be a resident of New Brunswick for a period of not less than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Legion Provincial Championships. Resident is defined as residing full time within the province; or in full time study outside the province, but having a custodial parent living in New Brunswick; or a full time student from elsewhere studying in New Brunswick.

3. Athletes must meet the competitor eligibility requirements as established by the National Legion Track and Field program.
4. Athletes '17 and under' and '15 and under' as of December 31, 2016 are eligible to compete for positions on the Provincial Team.
5. Any athlete 13 years of age (Bantam) as of December 31, 2016 may compete for a position as a Midget, but must compete as a Midget at the Legion Provincials. Bantam results will not be considered for team selection purposes.
6. No athlete under 13 years of age as of December 31, 2016 will be considered for the Provincial Team.

Eligible Performances

1. Results from ANB sanctioned outdoor meets between April 1 and July 10, 2016 will be used toward meeting the Legion team Standards.
2. Performances from IAAF, Athletics Canada or USATF outdoor meets achieved between April 1 and July 10, 2016 will be considered if the athlete was a member of ANB prior to the start of the meet. The N.B. Legion Athletics Committee (Legion Committee) will determine the eligibility of meets outside of New Brunswick.

3. Performances from the 2016 NBIAA / ASINB High School Regional and Provincial meets, and other provincial or equivalent state school outdoor championship meets, will be considered if the athlete was a member of ANB prior to the start of the meet.
4. Only results from "Legion equivalent events" will be used from the NBIAA / ASINB High School Regional and Provincial Championships, or other outdoor meets. Examples of results that cannot be used include:
 - NBIAA / ASINB 1500m vs. the Legion 1200m, or
 - NBIAA / ASINB Junior Girls' javelin of 600 g vs. the Legion female under 15 javelin of 500 g.

In all cases, only performances in the equivalent Legion track and field events will be considered for team selection.

5. Performances achieved within a multi-event can be used as individual event results.
6. Results in the 100m, 200m, Long Jump and Triple Jump that are wind-aided with a reading greater than 3.0 will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection.
7. Race walk events will not be offered at the Legion Provincial Championships due to a shortage of qualified officials in the province. Therefore, athletes will not be eligible for team selection in these events.
8. Indoor performances will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection.

Team Selection Process

1. A maximum of thirty-six (36) athletes will be selected.
2. A maximum of two (2) athletes per individual event will be selected.
3. All eligible individual performances are measured against the program Standards approved by the Legion Committee. Those athletes achieving the top thirty-six (36) measurements generally will be invited to be part of the team.

Individual Athlete Selection Process

1. Athletes must meet the age requirements (be born between 1999 and 2003 inclusive).
2. Athletes must compete at the Legion Provincials to be eligible for the N.B. Legion Team unless they have been granted an exemption [see # 10 below].
3. Athletes must provide a completed Legion Event Declaration form. The form can be –
 - a) Emailed to Clayton Saunders at fumbe@nb.sympatico.ca prior to the Provincial Championships,
 - b) Faxed to Clayton Saunders at (506) 633-4836 prior to the Provincial Championships, or
 - c) Turned in to the Legion representative during at the Provincial Championships.

Regardless of the submission method used the Event Declaration must be received by the conclusion of the Legion Provincials as **late submissions will not be accepted.**

It is requested that all athletes submit their completed form to the Committee Chairman by Monday, May 30, 2016.

4. The May 30, 2016 submission date will allow the Committee Statistician to track all meet performances for your selected events throughout the outdoor season. However –
 - a) If the form is submitted after May 30, 2016 the results listed will be verified and results from meets subsequent to the submission date will be the only ones tracked.

- b) If the form is passed in at the Legion Provincials the results listed will be verified and no other meet results, except from the Legion Provincials, will be considered for team selection.
 - c) Should an athlete wish to change one or more of the events listed on the Event Declaration form after it has been submitted they may do so by filing a new Event Declaration form. However, for the new event(s) declared the Committee Statistician will verify the result listed and results from meets subsequent to the submission date will be the only ones tracked.
5. The athlete must compete in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered at the Legion Provincials.
 6. Individual results from within the multi-events can be used for athlete selection to the team.
 7. All athletes interested in being selected to the team must visit the Legion tent during the Legion Provincials for team uniform sizing.
 8. Each qualifying athlete has the opportunity to provide at least one (1) additional result per event to the Legion representative by the end of the Legion Provincials. Any additional result(s) submitted must be verifiable.
 9. The athlete's best performance in the event(s) indicated on their Legion Event Declaration form and which they have competed in at Legion Provincials will be measured against the approved event Standard(s). The event results will be ordered based on the performance's percentage off of standard. Percentage off of standard is calculated as: $(\text{Performance} - \text{Standard}) / \text{Standard}$. The selection committee will review the percentages off of standard to select the thirty-six (36) team members, keeping in mind that only two (2) athletes can be named per individual event. Where two (2) or more athletes are qualified for selection, the individual with the lower percent differential to the performance standard will be selected. Meeting or exceeding the event standard does not guarantee selection to the team.
 10. An exemption from the Legion Provincials may be considered only on the basis of one of the following:
 - a) Domestic affliction.
 - b) Competing on an Athletics Canada designated national team.
 - c) Conflict with an athletics competition deemed to be of greater importance.
 - d) Competing in the 2016 Canadian Track & Field Championships ONLY IF the athlete has achieved an event result from a sanctioned outdoor meet prior to July 7, 2016 that is within one percent (1%) of the 2016 Legion Standard.

An application must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Legion Provincials. The request is to be submitted to the Chairman of the Legion Committee [see # 3. a) & b) above]. The decision will be presented to the athlete within seven (7) days of submitting the application.

11. Previous reports on an athlete's behaviour in ANB sanctioned meets and on team trips will be considered during the selection process. The Legion Committee reserves the right to deny an athlete selection to the team or to remove an athlete from the team based on these reports.
12. The athlete must remain competition ready. Injury following fulfillment of these criteria may result in de-selection should it preclude readiness for competition at the Legion National meet. Final determination will be made by the Legion Committee upon receiving recommendation from the Provincial Team coaching staff based on reasonable expectation of readiness to compete at the Legion National meet. The athlete must prove fitness by entering a competition or time trial supervised by a member of the Legion coaching staff. Failure to not remain competition ready or to report an injury after being selected could affect being chosen for a future Legion team.
13. On Tuesday evening (July 12, 2016), 34 of the 36 team athletes will be named and the partial team listing will be posted on the ANB website. The remaining 2 athletes will be named to the team at the expiration of the appeal period [see # 14 below].

14. In the case of disputes in the selection process, an appeal may be filed as follows –
- a) The “Legion Athletics Team Selection Appeal” form should be used.
 - b) The appeal period expires at 12:00pm (noon) on Thursday, July 14, 2016.
 - c) In order to be valid, an appeal must be received by the Legion Chairman via email or fax [see # 3. a) & b) above] by the expiry deadline.
 - d) Once a properly filed appeal has been received, the Legion Chairman will appoint a 3 person Appeal Committee consisting of –
 - A member of N.B. Command of The Royal Canadian Legion,
 - A member of Athletics New Brunswick, and
 - Another member from one of the above organizations.

The Committee will be responsible for reviewing the case and making a final decision which will not be appealable.

Athlete Commitment

1. The New Brunswick Legion Team program has two components. Attendance at each is mandatory. Athletes applying to be on the Legion team must commit to the following two dates:
 - July 9 & 10: N.B. Legion Provincial Championships, Moncton
 - August 3 - 9: Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships, Ste. Thérèse, QC.
2. All athletes selected to the team will be strongly encouraged to attend the Atlantic Championships being held on July 23 & 24 in Saint John, N.B. as this will allow the team members to meet one another before going to the national championships.
3. Athletes must travel to and from the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships on team transportation. In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the team travel requirement may be granted at the Legion Committee Chairman’s sole discretion. The request for an exemption must be made in writing well in advance of the travel dates.
4. An athlete fee of \$450.00 must be paid to Athletics New Brunswick upon being selected to the team. The fee includes a team uniform, singlet, transportation to and from the National Championships, meals and accommodations at the National Championships.

The Legion Committee may make reasonable interpretations of any of the criteria stipulated in this document.

If you have questions concerning eligibility or any other aspects of this program, please contact Clayton Saunders, Provincial Chairman of the New Brunswick Legion Athletics Committee by –

- Email - fumbe@nb.sympatico.ca
- Phone – (506) 832-4476, or
- Fax - (506) 633-4836

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