

2017 Team NB Selection Standards and Criteria

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Athletes must <u>not</u> be more than 22 years of age as of December 31, 2017. This means a date of birth 1995 or after.						
Women			Event	Men		
A+ Standard	A Standard	B Standard		A+ Standard	A Standard	B Standard
12.07s	12.37s	12.62s	100m	10.67s	10.91s	11.14s
24.40s	25.42s	25.77s	200m	21.57s	22.11s	22.56s
55.51s	57.86s	58.99s	400m	48.03s	49.81s	50.47s
2:10.16s	2:13.15s	2:15.86s	800m	1:51.14s	1:54.31s	1:56.09s
4:30.42s	4:36.34s	4:45.53s	1500m	3:52.01s	3:57.89s	4:06.03s
17:18.63s	17:48.53s	17:54.41s	5000m	14:39.96s	15:09.15s	15:31.78s
14.15s	14.95s	16.31s	100H/110H	14.58s	15.55s	16.58s
1:01.77s	1:04.44s	1:07.21s	400H	53.26s	56.24s	59.24s
6:57.18s	7:09.72s	7:23.82s	2000SC/3000SC	9:15.04s	9:36.44s	10:06.09s
1.69m	1.61m	1.54m	HJ	2.05m	1.93m	1.81m
5.72m	5.37m	4.94m	LJ	7.21m	6.68m	6.31m
11.92m	11.12m	10.39m	TJ	14.76m	13.75m	13.25m
3.72m	3.31m	3.20m*	PV	4.59m	4.30m	4.08m
13.62m	11.84m	11.04m	SP	15.36m	13.36m	12.32m
44.02m	37.38m	32.98m	DT	46.36m	40.31m	36.38m
45.13m	39.15m	35.05m	JT	63.91m	53.74m	48.69m
53.49m	43.31m	34.55m	HT	54.03m	43.66m	35.17m
4703pts	4305pts	**3700	Hept/Dec	6358pts	5523pts	**5000
Para-Athletics – Athletes must not be more than 30 years old ie. born in 1987 or after						
40.64s	52.28s	**60.00s	200m	30.72s	35.32s	**40.00s
1:16.33s	1:36.43s	**1:55.00s	400m	58.93s	1:08.22s	**1:15.00s
4:58.25s	6:57.97s	**7:45.00s	1500m	3:58.76s	5:10.38s	**5:30.00s
**600pts	**400pts	**200pts	Shot Put	**600pts	**400pts	**200pts
**600pts	**400pts	**200pts	Discus	**600pts	**400pts	**200pts

*Represents the opening height at the most recent games (2013).

**Performances established by the coaching staff being meaningful in relation to the games as average scores were not available from past games.

Step-By-Step Team Selection Criteria is as follows:

- 1) Winners with A+ standard at the trials.
- 2) Second with A+ standard at the trials.
- 3) Winners with A+ standard during the year.
- 4) Second with A+ standard during the year.
- 5) Athletes with A+ standard unable to compete at the trials due to approved extenuating circumstances.
- 6) Winners with A standard at the trials.
- 7) Seconds with A standards at the trials.
- 8) Winners with A standard during the year.
- 9) Seconds with A standard during the year.
- 10) Athletes with A standard unable to compete at the trials due to approved extenuating circumstances.
- 11) Winners with B standard at the trials.
- 12) Seconds with B standards at the trials.
- 13) Winners with B standard during the year.
- 14) Seconds with B standard during the year.
- 15) Athletes with B standard unable to compete at the trials due to approved extenuating circumstances.
- 16) Winners of 2 events at the trials (two wins at trials).
- 17) Winner of one event and second in another event or two second place finishes at the trials (one win and one second or two second place finishes).
- 18) Athletes to fill relay positions.
- 19) Additional athletes to fill remaining events as selected by the coaching staff in order to put forward the most competitive full team.

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RAZA scores using the athlete's classification and performances will determine para-throws events/selection. The step-by-step selection criteria will be inclusive of all able and para athletes.

The 2017 CSG Trials (date TBD) are MANDATORY for all athletes. All athletes who plan on being named to Team NB in 2017 must compete at the trials in their declared event(s) noting selection criteria points 5, 10, 15 in regards to not competing at trials. More details can be found in section 2.1.10

Winning one event at trials is not a guarantee of selection.

Selection Criteria Definitions and Information

- "A+" Standard or the highest possible standard of performance is based on the average bronze medal performance at the past four games (2013, 2009, 2005, 2001). This standard has been chosen due to the fact that a major determiner of successful games are medals. As such every priority should be made to attain the highest medal count possible.
- "A" Standard or the second highest possible standard of performance should be based on the belief that if an athlete can reach the final "Top 8" then he/she are in a position to compete for a medal. Subsequently "A" standard is an average 8th place at the past four games (2013, 2009, 2005, 2001).
- "B" Standard is based on the final determiner of a successful games i.e. flag points. It is believed by achieving a performance better than the average of 12th that they can compete against half of the field. Subsequently "B" standard is an average of 12th place at the past four games (2013, 2009, 2005, 2001).
- Selection Criteria 5, 10, 15 – Extenuating Circumstances
 - a. These circumstances must be submitted in writing to the head coach as soon as they are known or anticipated with the minimum date being 2 weeks before the start of the trials. Any request after this time will be heard but will be subject to stricter evaluation. Written submission for request to miss trials due to extenuating circumstances are in no ways guaranteed. Formal documentation will be required for all justifications.
 - b. Circumstances such as illness, injury, or periods of bereavement will not be subject to the same time constraints but must be communicated as soon as possible. Documentation may be required.
 - c. Performance level is an important factor during the assessment of extenuating circumstances. If an athlete with multiple performances beyond the A+ standard has an extenuating circumstance the request will have a far greater likelihood than an athlete with a single B standard.
 - d. Examples of extenuating circumstances include but are not limited to national team events/opportunities, post-secondary educational events, and family emergencies.

1. Selection Process

1.1.1 NB CSG Team will be composed of a maximum of 61 athletes (50 able bodied, 5 para track, 2 para throws, 4 special O).

- a. Maximum 50 able-bodied athletes (male: up to 27; female: up to 27).
- b. Maximum of 5 wheelchair track athletes (minimum 2 males and 2 females).
- c. Maximum of 2 para-throw athletes (minimum 1 male and 1 female). Noting that para-throw athletes must be different than those competing in the track wheelchair events.
- d. Maximum of 4 Special Olympic athletes (minimum 2 males and 2 females) as selected by Special O NB.

1.1.2 A maximum of 2 athletes per event will be selected.

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1.1.3 No more than two designated relay athletes per event per gender will be selected to the team. Additionally all athletes selected for the Team NB are eligible for relay team consideration.

1.1.4 Team staff will select the team following the outlined step-by-step process (points 1-19) under the mission statement: to select the most competitive full team for the 2017 games.

1.1.5 The staff selection meeting will take place within 24 hours after the end of the trials meet.

1.1.6 The NB CSG trials meet will be held approximately late June 2017. The final date will be based around the Athletics New Brunswick and Athletics Canada competitions calendar. It is hoped that a date can be confirmed at the 2016 AGM (September 2016).

1.1.7 The athletes that have been preliminarily selected to the team will be notified, by phone, within 24 hours after the selection meeting. After all the preliminarily selected athletes have been notified the preliminary team list will be posted online (anb.ca) with the headline – *PRELIMINARY*. The team will not become finalized until any/all appeals have been heard and dealt with. A final team list will be posted online (anb.ca) ASAP with the headline – *FINAL*.

2. Athlete Eligibility

2.1 All Athletes

2.1.1 Athletes must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents

2.1.2 Athletes must be members in good standing with Athletics New Brunswick.

2.1.3 An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the games, in New Brunswick. An athlete can have only one domicile.

2.1.4 Students attending school on a full-time basis outside of New Brunswick during the year of the games shall be permitted to compete for either New Brunswick or the province/territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province/territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.

2.1.5 If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside of New Brunswick, the athlete is encouraged to represent New Brunswick; however, the athlete could represent the province/territory where the centre is located under terms of paragraph 2.1.6, below.

2.1.6 Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory he/she wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial/territorial sport organization in that province/territory for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province/territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or having been a member of a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.

2.1.7 An athlete is permitted to try out for any province or territory of eligibility but can only try out for one province or territory per sport. An athlete may try out for athletics in province A but can not try out for Athletics in another province. Said athlete may try out for swimming though in province B.

2.1.8 Athletes must submit a completed Jeux du Canada Games Athletics Team application form to the team manager by 2:00pm on the first day of competition at the CSG Trials meet.

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2.1.9 Included with the submitted application form must be a signed code of conduct and obligations policy. Breach of any part of this code of conduct and policy may result in de-selection at any time. Athletes with a history of discipline issues may be required to submit a letter of commitment in order to be eligible for selection.

2.1.10 All athletes (except for Special Olympic athletes) must compete in the 2017 CSG Trials meet, unless:

- a. As per selection criteria 5, 10, 15 – subsections a, b, c, d. (see page 2)
- b. The athlete is competing on an Athletics Canada designated national team.

2.2 Able Bodied Athletes

2.2.1 Athlete must not be more than 22 years old i.e. born in or after 1995

2.2.2 Athlete should not have received a SR1 or SR2 carding before May 4, 2017.

2.3 Para-Athletics Athletes

2.3.1 Para athletes must not be more than 30 years old i.e. be born in or after 1987.

2.4 Special Olympic Athletes

2.4.1 Special Olympic Athletes will be selected by Special Olympics New Brunswick.

2.4.2 Special Olympics athletes must not be more than 30 years old i.e. born in 1987 or after

2.4.3 Athletes must be registered to and be a member of Special Olympics Canada.

2.4.4 Athletes have to qualify at a competition sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.

3. Eligible Performances

3.1.1 Registration for the 2017 Trials Selection meet will be used as declaration of the event(s) the athlete wants to be considered for. Performances in the events done at the trials meet and the performances during the 2017 outdoor season in the same event(s) as those completed during the trials meet will be considered for selection. Selection for relays will be done based on performances done during the outdoor season in 2017 and the 2017 trials meet but athletes do not have to participate in the 100m or the 400m at the 2017 trials meet.

3.1.2 The qualifying period for each event begins on April 1st, 2017 and ends at the completion of the event at the 2017 trials meet. Only senior specification outdoor performances achieved during this period are eligible for consideration.

3.1.3 Athletes must be members in good standing of Athletics New Brunswick on the day the performance is achieved for that performance to be considered during the selection process.

3.1.4 Only legal electronic times with a wind reading of not greater than 2.0 meters per second will be accepted for the achievement of performances done during the 2017 outdoor season in the 100m, 200m, 100m hurdles, 110m hurdles, long jump, and triple jump. Hand times will not be accepted for events below 400m in length. This article will not apply for performances done during the 2017 trials meet.

3.1.5 Implement weight and hurdle height of performances done during the 2017 outdoor season have to be the ones used for senior specifications in order to be considered during the selection process.

4. Athlete Requirements to Maintain Selection

4.1.1 Athletes must remain “competition ready” for the 2017 Canada Games. Injury following fulfillment of these criteria may result in de-selection should it preclude readiness for competition at the 2017 games. The athlete may be asked to prove fitness by entering a competition or time trial supervised by a team member of the games staff. Final determination on team status will be made by the coaching staff based on results at the competition or time trial.

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4.1.2 Breach of any part of the code of conduct could result in de-selection at any time.

5. Athlete Appeal Mechanisms

The appeals committee will be named and the chairman's name made public by January 2017. No person on the appeals committee will have had anything to do with the original selection of the team. Only after all appeals have been exhausted will the team become official. The official team will be posted to the Athletics New Brunswick website with the headline – *Final*.

An appeal shall be heard only on the grounds that the selection process and final decision was flawed based on:

1. The selection committee made a decision for which is lacked authority;
2. The selection committee failed to follow procedures in the approved selection criteria;
3. The selection committee made a decision which was influenced by bias;
4. The selection committee failed to consider relevant information or took into account irrelevant information in making the decision;
5. The selection committee exercised its discretion for an improper purpose;
6. The selection committee made a decision that was unreasonable.

Athletes shall be given 24 hours to request an appeal from the point the preliminary team list has been posted on the ANB website. This 24-hour period shall begin at midnight of the published date that the selected athletes were to be called. The athlete must present their request in writing by email to the Chair of the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall review the letter and decide whether or not the request has grounds for a hearing. They shall also review all selection procedure documentation from the selection committee.

A) If there are no legitimate grounds, the Chair of the Appeals Committee shall call the athlete advising her/him of the decision. This will be followed up with a formal letter to the athlete.

B) If the Appeals Committee feels there are grounds for an appeal hearing, the following procedures will take place:

1. The Chair of the Appeals Committee shall select a designated place, date and time to hear the appeal noting that a conference call is an acceptable means. This will be done no later than 48 hours upon receipt of the appeal request.
2. The Appeals Committee shall hear the athlete's complaint. The athlete may be accompanied by an athlete advocate (coach, parent or guardian, or legal advisor etc).
3. The Appeals Committee shall hear from the head of the selection committee ie. Head Coach.
4. The Appeals Committee will make a final decision at the appeal hearing and the decision shall be final and binding.
5. The chair of the Appeals Committee will contact the athlete no later than 24 hours after the hearing by phone to advise her/him of the outcome and this will be followed up by a formal letter and copy of the appeal findings and recommendation.
6. The chair of the Appeals Committee will contact the head of the selection committee ie. Head Coach by phone to advise her/him of the outcome. A copy of the formal athlete letter will follow up the phone call including a copy of the appeal findings and recommendations.

The athlete who submits an appeal request must be prepared to cover his/her own expenses during the process (i.e. travel to the hearing). The organization will make every effort to minimize such costs.