



VIII^e Jeux de la Francophonie
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New Brunswick Team Selection Criteria for Athletics

OVERVIEW OF THE JEUX DE LA FRANCOFONIE

The Jeux de la Francophonie are held every four years and bring together hundreds of athletes and artists from around the world. It is the only major international games that have both sporting and cultural competitions. Canada is represented by three teams at the JDLF – Canada, Canada - Québec and Canada - Nouveau-Brunswick. New Brunswick selects members from across the province based on athletic excellence, not on linguistic abilities, and as such athletes who do not speak French may participate in the Jeux de la Francophonie. This eighth edition of the JDLF will take place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from July 21 to 30, 2017.

New Brunswick has a great tradition at these Games, including two previous medal winners. Willie Best, of Fredericton, brought home a bronze in the 800m from the 1994 Games in Paris, France. Geneviève Lalonde, of Moncton, captured bronze in the 3000m steeplechase at the Games in 2013, held in Nice, France.

TEAM SELECTION

Athletics has been tentatively allotted 8 spots, and these spots will be filled using the process outlined below. The required standards indicated herein as the "A standard" were set by the *Comité international des Jeux de la Francophonie* (CIJF); athletes are required to meet the selection standard in 2016 or 2017 to be eligible for entry into the meet. For the purposes of team selection, an additional "A+ standard" has been implemented as detailed below.

Qualification period

The selection period for Team Canada – Nouveau-Brunswick will include all sanctioned outdoor competitions that take place between April 1 2016 and April 30 2017. Indoor performances can also be used in the selection process, and so performances achieved in sanctioned indoor competitions that take place between November 1 2016 and March 31 2017 will also be included. With regards to the Marathon, equivalent Half-Marathon standards have been set for the purposes of team selection – athletes will still be required to achieve the full Marathon A standard during the qualification period, but the Half-Marathon standards will be considered as equivalents for the purposes of the selection process outlined below. The Half-Marathon standards are set using the equivalent performances to the full Marathon standards based on IAAF points. Similarly, for the combined events of Decathlon and Heptathlon, indoor equivalents have been set using IAAF points for the men's indoor heptathlon and the women's indoor pentathlon – athletes would still need to achieve the A standard in the respective outdoor event, but the indoor equivalents would apply in the selection process as detailed below.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must be a member in good standing with Athletics New Brunswick during the time a qualifying performance is set as well as during the final selection process. Performances must appear in the official Athletics Canada national rankings system. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that all of their performances are in those rankings – if a performance is missing, please contact the Athletics New Brunswick office with information concerning the competition in question. This competition is open to athletes aged 18 to 34 years (born from Jan 1 1983 to Dec 31 1999) by rule of the CIJF.

Since this is an international competition, the athlete must hold a valid Canadian passport for the necessary travel period. There are also several vaccinations required for travel to this part of the world so the athlete is responsible for arranging these vaccinations, although financial assistance will be given to cover the cost of these.

Selection process

Athletes will be selected based on the six steps outlined below. If at any step of the selection process the team quota is exceeded (presently set at 8 spots), the athletes involved in that step will be named in order based on their percent above the criterion standard (i.e., A+ standard in steps 1-3, A standard in steps 4-6), with those with the highest percent above the criterion standard being named first, followed by the next highest and so on, until all of the team spots are filled. The percentage will be calculated by converting the performances in question into IAAF points and comparing to the relevant standard in IAAF points, such that:

$$\text{Percent of Standard} = \{1 - [(\text{Standard}_{\text{IAAF}} - \text{Performance}_{\text{IAAF}}) / \text{Standard}_{\text{IAAF}}]\} \times 100$$

Athletes will be selected in the following order:

1. Athletes who have achieved the A+ standard in 2017.
2. Athletes who have achieved the A+ standard in 2016 and the A standard in 2017.
3. Athletes who have achieved the A+ standard in 2016.
4. Athletes who have achieved the A standard in 2016 and in 2017.
5. Athletes who have achieved the A standard in 2017.
6. Athletes who have achieved the A standard in 2016.

Standards

As previously noted, the A standards are set by the CIJF, and are required for entry into the meet. The A+ standards for the able-body events are the average bronze medal winning performances in each event across the previous seven Games, with the following exceptions:

- Women's 10,000m and Marathon are set at 7% better than the A standard, using IAAF points tables, since medal performances have typically been slower than the entry standard in these events; 7% represents the average difference between the A standard and the bronze medal performances in the rest of the women's track events
- Women's 5000m is based on the 5000m performances from '97 to '09 and the converted 3000m performances from '89 & '94 (converted using IAAF points tables); note that no 5000m was held in 2013
- Women's 20K walk is based on the 20K walk performance from '13 and the converted 10K walk performances from '94, '97, '01 & '09 (converted using IAAF points tables); note that no walks were held in '89 or '05

- Women's TJ is based on performances from '94 to '13 as no TJ was held in '89
- Women's PV is based on performances from '01 to '13 as no PV was held before '01
- Women's HT is based on performances from '01 to '13 as no HT was held before '01
- Women's Hept is based on performances from '89 to '13 with the exception of '05 when no Hept was held
- Men's marathon is based on performances from '89 to '09 as no marathon was held in '13

Para-Athletics standards calculation

The A+ standards for the para-athletics events are calculated as being 5% better than the CIJF entry standard (i.e., A standard). Since no suitable points system is available on which to base the calculations, the A+ performance standards were calculated as a straight percentage of the A standards. For track events, this involved multiplying the A standard by a factor of 0.95; and for field events, this involved multiplying the A standard by a factor of 1.05.

Eligibility for para-athletics

To be eligible to compete in the para-athletics events at the JDLF, the athlete must be internationally classified in the appropriate category prior to team selection. Please see the Appendix 2 for a list of the classes and events being offered.

Cancellation of events

Unfortunately, there have been occasions when athletics events were removed for various reasons from the JDLF program by the host organizing committee and the CIJF. If one of the athletics events is removed from the 2017 JDLF schedule prior to departure, Team NB reserves the right to remove any affected athletes from the team. If feasible, the spot might be filled with the next eligible athlete following the selection process identified above.

Appendix 1. The New Brunswick selection standards for able-body athletics events at the 2017 Jeux de la Francophonie.

Women			Men	
A+	A		A+	A
11.62	11.90	100m	10.39	10.60
23.64	24.24	200m	20.98	21.40
52.87	54.00	400m	46.49	47.80
2:04.63	2:09.00	800m	1:48.37	1:50.00
4:22.76	4:27.00	1500m	3:48.11	3:50.00
16:26.12	16:40.00	5000m	14:01.68	14:30.00
32:56.74	34:20.00	10,000m	29:19.05	30:30.00
13.40	14.34	100m H (84cm)		
		110m H (107cm)	13.91	14.20
57.67	59.30	(76cm) 400m H (91cm)	50.42	51.20
10:20.78	10:40.00	(76cm) 3000m SC (91cm)	8:44.95	9:30.00
1:42:42	1:55:00	20K W	1:29:21	1:40:00
2:42:51 (1:15:50)	2:50:00 (1:18:48)	Marathon (Half-Marathon)	2:26:37 (1:07:57)	2:28:00 (1:08:32)
1.83	1.72	HJ	2.20	2.10
6.25	5.90	LJ	7.78	7.50
13.48	13.00	TJ	16.39	15.70
4.06	3.70	PV	5.24	4.80
15.49	14.50	(4kg) SP (7.26kg)	17.26	16.40
51.71	48.50	(1kg) DT (2kg)	57.53	51.00
65.65	49.00	(4kg) HT (7.26kg)	70.47	58.00
49.36	48.50	(600g) JT (800g)	71.05	68.00
5198 (3803)	4900 (3582)	Heptathlon (Indoor Pentathlon)		
		Decathlon (Indoor Heptathlon)	7387 (5468)	6800 (5033)

Appendix 2. The New Brunswick selection standards for para-athletics events at the 2017 Jeux de la Francophonie.

Gender	Class	Event	A	A+
Female	T35	200m	42.00	39.90
	T36	200m	37.00	35.15
	T37	200m	33.00	31.35
	T38	200m	32.30	30.69
	F35-36	LJ	2.80	2.94
	F37	LJ	3.20	3.36
	F38	LJ	3.50	3.68
	F35-36	SP (3kg)	6.80	7.14
	F37	SP (3kg)	7.00	7.35
	F38	SP (3kg)	8.00	8.40
Male	T42	200m	29.00	27.55
	T43-44	200m	26.40	25.08
	T45-47	200m	25.80	24.51
	F42	LJ	5.00	5.25
	F43-44	LJ	5.60	5.88
	F45	LJ	5.00	5.25
	F46-47	LJ	5.80	6.09
	F42	JT (800g)	33.00	34.65
	F43-44	JT (800g)	35.00	36.75
	F46	JT (800g)	36.00	37.80