

2025 Canada Games Selection Criteria: Athletics

Team Objectives

This selection process is designed to align with ANB's Strategic Plan. As such, it seeks to prioritize the selection of athletes who have demonstrated an ability to contribute to the following performance targets at the Jeux du Canada Summer Games 2025, presented in priority order:

- i. Total number of medals;
- ii. Total number of top 8 finishes;
- iii. Total number of athletes finishing in the top half of their field;
- iv. Total number of athletes beating their pre-event ranking;
- v. Total number of athletes setting personal bests; and
- vi. Total number of athletes setting season's bests

Change History:

This is version 3.0 of these Criteria – March 25th, 2024

Key & Important Dates:

- **April 1, 2024:** Qualifying period opens for achieving standards - See Appendix B
- Trials Date – TBC - 2025 Selection/Qualifying Period Closes.
(both indoor and outdoor performances in 2025 CSG eligible events will be considered for selection standard process)
- Trials Date TBD Summer 2025 (announced fall/winter 2024)
- 2025 Jeux du Canada Summer Games August 8-24 – Saint John's, NFLD
****Athletics August 17 – 24, 2025 – TBC****

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The Step-By-Step Team Selection Procedure is as follows:

- 1) Athletes finishing first at the Trial with a performance at the trial achieving A+ standards.
- 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) Winners with B standard at the trials.
- 11) Seconds with B standards at the trials.
- 12) Winners with B standard during the year.
- 13) Seconds with B standard during the year.
- 14) Athletes with A standard unable to compete at the trials due to approved extenuating circumstances.
- 15) Athletes to fill relay positions – athletes who have achieved the B standard in two corresponding events, ranked according to the WA score of their best corresponding event as noted below in Section 1.1.3;
- 16) Athletes with B standard unable to compete at the trials due to approved extenuating circumstances.
- 17) Athletes without a minimum of B standard are NOT guaranteed to fill remaining events regardless of placement at trials. Athletes will be considered but are NOT guaranteed selection based on competitive readiness and season performances. Trials placement will be considered along national ranking, seasonal performance relative to standard, along with competitive readiness. These selections will be aligned with the team mandate of MEDAL or Top 8 performances. Considerations will be made for long term athlete development.

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 2025 CSG Trials (date TBD) are MANDATORY for all athletes. All athletes who plan on being named to Team NB in 2025 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 or multiple event at trials without standard during the allocated qualifying period will not guarantee selection.

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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 (2022, 2017, 2013, 2009).
- “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 (2022, 2017, 2013, 2009)
- “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 (2022, 2017, 2013, 2009).
- 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 and are not guaranteed approval.
 - 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.
 - e. Mandatory proof of fitness at competition decided by Head Coach and staff will be a requirement. Training and competition plan submission to the Head Coach and event staff will be required for any athletes applying for an extenuating circumstance consideration.

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1. Selection Process

- 1.1.1 NB CSG Team can be composed of a maximum of 61 athletes (50 able bodied, 5 para track, 2 para throws, 4 special O).
- Maximum 50 able-bodied athletes (male: up to 27; female: up to 27).
 - Maximum of 5 wheelchair track athletes (minimum 3 males and 3 females not exceeding 5 athletes).
 - 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.
 - Maximum of 4 Special Olympic athletes (minimum 2 males and 2 females) as selected by Special O NB.
- 1.1.2A maximum of 2 athletes per event for each gender will be selected.
- 1.1.3 No more than six designated relay athletes per event per gender will be selected to the team for the 4x100m, based on their results in the corresponding events which are the 100m, 200m, and 100H/110H individual events; for the 4x400m, the corresponding events are the 200m, 400m, 800m, and 400H individual events. Athletes will be named to a relay event only if spots remain in the relay pool (maximum of up to 6 spots per relay team) after accounting for spots already filled by athletes selected in steps #1 through #15 in the selection process.
- 1.1.4 . Additionally all athletes selected for the Team NB are eligible for relay team consideration.
- 1.1.5 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 team for the 2025 games. Filling all spots is NOT a mandate.
- 1.1.6The staff selection meeting will take place within 24 hours after the end of the trials meet.
- 1.1.7 The NB CSG trials meet will be held approximately June/July 2025. The final date will be based around the Athletics New Brunswick and Athletics Canada competitions calendar. It is expected that a date can be confirmed at the 2024 AGM (Fall 2024).
- 1.1.8 The athletes that have been preliminarily selected to the team will be notified, by phone or email, 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*.
- #### 1.2.0 Special Olympic Athletes
- 1.2.1 A maximum of 4 athletes consisting of 2 Males (minimum) and 2 Females (minimum) will be selected to be part of Team NB.

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1.2.2

All athletes desiring to be selected for Team NB must take part in the 2025 CSG Trials meet. For scheduling purposes both the 100m and 200m for Special Olympic athletes will take place on the 1st day of the trials meet.

1.2.3

Points will be awarded for placing in both the 100m and 200m.
1st = 10 points 2nd = 8 points 3rd = 6 points 4th = 5 points
5th = 4 points 6th = 3 points 7th = 2 points 8th = 1 point

1.2.4

Placing points from both the 100m and 200m will be added together.

1.2.5

Athletes point totals will be provided to the designated Special Olympic Coach for Team NB 2025.

1.2.6

In the event of a tie for the athlete with the highest overall position would be selected. For example if two athletes had 9 total points with Athlete A placing 2nd (8 points) and 8th (1 point) and Athlete B placing 3rd (6 points) and 6th (3 points) then Athlete A would be selected by nature of the best individual finish (2nd over 3rd).

1.2.7

The resulting top two point scoring athletes (2 males and 2 females) will be selected for Team NB as confirmed by the Head Coach, Special Olympic Coach, and Manager. The designated Special Olympic Coach will contact the selected athletes and inform them of their selection to the team. Additionally, the designated Special Olympic Coach will assist in securing all relevant forms/information and uniform sizing takes place.

1. Athlete Eligibility

1.1 All Athletes

1.1.1

Athletes must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents

1.1.2

Athletes must be "Athlete Members" in good standing with Athletics New Brunswick as defined in the Athletics New Brunswick By-laws.

1.1.3

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.

1.1.4

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 previous or upcoming academic year.

1.1.5

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.

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1.1.6 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 center full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.

1.1.7 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 a different sport though in province B.

1.1.8 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.

1.1.9 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.

1.1.10 All athletes must compete in the 2025 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.
- c. Have an exemption from Special Olympics NB.

2.2 Able Bodied Athletes

2.2.1 Athlete must not be more than 24 years old i.e. born in or after 2002

2.2.2 Athlete should not have received a SR1 or SR2 carding before May 4, 2025.

2.3 Para-Athletics Athletes

2.3.1 Para athletes must not be more than 36 years old and born in 1986 or later.

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 31 years old and born in 1991 or after

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

2.4.4 Athletes must qualify at a competition sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada

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2. Eligible Performances

3.1.1 Registration for the 2025 Trials Selection meet will be used as a declaration of the event(s) the athlete wants to be considered for selection. Only performances in the events done at the trials meet and performances during the outlined qualifying period that are listed in the Athletics Canada / Athletics New Brunswick online ranking system 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 2025 and the 2025 trials meet but athletes do not have to participate in the 100m or the 400m at the 2025 trials meet.

3.1.2 The qualifying period for each event begins on April 1st, 2024 and ends at the completion of the event at the 2025 trials meet. In events such as hurdles and throws only senior specification outdoor performances achieved during this period are eligible for consideration.

3.1.3 Athletes must be Athlete 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 2025 outdoor season in the 100m, 200m, 100m hurdles, 110m hurdles, long jump, and triple jump. Hand times will not be accepted for events from the 400m and down in length. This article will not apply for performances done during the 2025 trials meet.

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

3. Athlete Requirements to Maintain Selection

4.1.1 Athletes must remain “competition ready” for the 2025 Canada Games. Injury following fulfillment of these criteria may result in de-selection should it preclude readiness for competition at the 2025 games. The athlete may be asked to prove fitness by entering a competition selected by the Head Coach or team staff. Final determination on team status will be made by Head Coach and the team staff based on results at the selected competition.

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

4. Athlete Appeal Mechanisms

Athletes have a right to appeal team selection decisions as defined in **Appendix B** as approved by Athletics New Brunswick.

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Qualifying standards & timelines please see attached table - Appendix A.
2025 CSG NB Track & Field Team Selection Standards

Athletes must not be more than 24 years of age as of December 31, 2025. This means a date of birth 2002 or Later.						
Women			Event	Men		
A+ Standard	A Standard	B Standard		A+ Standard	A Standard	B Standard
11.93s	12.20s	12.39s	100m	10.62s	10.92s	11.09s
24.10s	24.89s	25.35s	200m	21.41s	21.81s	22.21s
55.37s	56.65s	57.94s	400m	47.89s	48.90s	49.62s
2:08.78	2:12.56	2:14.57	800m	1:49.80	1:52.79s	1:53.54
4:26.28	4:33.48	4:40.31	1500m	3:52.35	3:56.79	4:01.04
17:16.80	17:47.27	18:23.52	5000m	14:31.78	15:00.54	15:16.54
13.99s	14.56s	15.77s	100H/110H	14.26s	15.08s	16.47s
1:00.80	1:02.30	1:07.48	400H	53.31s	55.99s	58.69s
10:45.56	11:14.81	11:36.56	3000SC	9:12.32	9:30.79	9:52.28
1.72m	1.62m	1.58m	HJ	2.06m	1.92m	1.83m
5.88m	5.47m	5.13m	LJ	7.17m	6.62m	6.34m
12.09m	11.37m	10.82m	TJ	14.86m	13.88m	12.91m
3.71m	3.30m	3.20m	PV	4.28m	4.15m	3.52m
14.25m	12.06m	11.28m	SP	15.02m	13.30m	12.14m
44.94m	37.91m	34.85m	DT	47.10m	41.88m	39.15m
46.06m	39.27m	33.71m	JT	63.78m	53.37m	46.72m
53.39m	44.96m	36.46m	HT	53.40m	45.56m	37.04m
4929pts	4398pts	3887pts	Hept/Dec	6410pts	5636pts	5256pts
Para-Athletics – Athletes must not be more than 34 years old ie. born in 1986 or later						
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

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

APPENDIX B - 2025 CSG NB Track & Field Team Selection - Athlete Appeal Process

Team selection appeals will be reviewed by a Commissioner to be appointed by the President of Athletics New Brunswick no later than January 31, 2025. ANB will have a stand-by commissioner in case the appointed commissioner is unable to carry out the task. The commissioner(s) will be deemed by the President to be without conflict of interest in the selection of the team. Only after all appeals have been exhausted will the team become official. The official team will be posted on the Athletics New Brunswick website immediately on selection.

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 considered 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 24hours to request an appeal. This 24hour 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 or by email to the Commissioner who shall review the matter and decide whether the request has grounds for a hearing. Any appeals received after the 24hour period will be considered late and therefore NOT considered. Both parties shall be well-aware of the selection procedure documentation as published by the selection committee.

A) If there are no legitimate grounds, the Commissioner 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 Commissioner feels there are grounds for an appeal hearing, the following procedures will take place:

1. The Commissioner shall designate a time to hear the appeal. This will be done no later than 48 hours upon receipt of the appeal request and will be done via video conference.
2. The Commissioner shall hear the athlete's complaint. He/she may be accompanied by an athlete advocate (parent or guardian or legal advisor etc).
3. The Commissioner shall also hear from the Selection Committee and if required from any potentially affected athletes (by a decision in favor of the appellant athlete).
4. The Commissioner will make a final decision following the appeal-hearing and the decision shall be final and binding.
5. The Commissioner 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's findings and recommendation.
6. The Commissioner will contact the Head Coach by phone to advise her/him of the outcome. A copy of a formal letter will follow up this decision to the athlete and 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.