



## Royal Canadian Legion New Brunswick Command



### Athletics Program and Team New Brunswick Selection 2023

#### **General Information**

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

This year, the N.B. Legion Provincials will be held in Saint John, NB on July 8 & 9, 2023 and the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships will be in Sherbrooke, QC from August 9 –15, 2023.

#### **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). ANB “Recreational” members are not eligible to participate in Legion Provincials or to make the NB Legion Team.
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, 2023 are eligible to compete for positions on the Provincial Team.
5. Any athlete 13 years of age (Bantam) as of December 31, 2023 may compete for a position on the team 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, 2023 will be considered for the Provincial Team.

### **Eligible Performances**

1. Results from ANB sanctioned outdoor meets between April 1 and July 9, 2023 can be used toward meeting the Legion Team Standards.
2. Performances from IAAF, Athletics Canada or USATF outdoor meets achieved between April 1 and July 9, 2023 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 2023 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 completed at the Legion Provincials can be used as individual event results if the individual event has been included in the Event Declaration form.
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.
4. All athletes interested in being selected to the team must visit the Legion tent during the Legion Provincials for team uniform sizing.
5. The Legion Committee will select the best competitive team possible.

### **Individual Athlete Selection Process**

1. Athletes must meet the age requirements (be born between 2006 and 2010 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 **Geraldine Lefebvre** at [gnmle5s@gmail.com](mailto:gnmle5s@gmail.com) prior to the Provincial Championships, or
  - b) Turned in to the Legion representative 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.**

4. It is the responsibility of the athlete's parent or personal coach to ensure that the declared performance is legal and is the athlete's seasonal best.
5. Only athletes placing first or second in their event(s) at the Legion Provincials, and athletes who were granted an exemption [see # 10 below] will be eligible for selection to the team.
6. The athletes eligible for team selection will have the performances listed on their Event Declaration form verified. These results will be considered during the team selection process.
7. Individual results from within the multi-events can be used for athlete selection to the team. However –
  - a) The individual result must be from a multi-event completed at the Legion Provincials.
  - b) The individual event must have been included on the Event Declaration form.
  - c) The result of the individual event would have ranked the athlete in the top two in that event at the Legion Provincials.
8. The athlete's best performance in their declared event(s) will be measured against the approved event Standard(s). The event results will be ordered based on the performance's percentage off standard. Percentage off standard is calculated as:  $(\text{Performance} - \text{Standard}) / \text{Standard}$ .
9. The selection committee will review the percentages off standard to select the thirty-six (36) team members, keeping in mind that only two (2) athletes can be named per individual event. Where three (3) or more athletes are qualified for selection, the individual(s) with the best

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, or event, deemed to be of greater importance.

The decision will be presented to the athlete within seven (7) days of submitting the request.

11. Exemption from provincials does not mean that an athlete has been selected to the team.
12. 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.
13. The athlete must remain competition ready. Injury following fulfillment of these criteria may result in deselection 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.
14. On Tuesday evening (July 11, 2023, all but 2 of the 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 # 15 below].
15. 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 13, 2023.
  - c) In order to be valid, an appeal must be received by the Legion Chairman via email [see # 3(a) 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 8 & 9: N.B. Legion Provincial Championships, Saint Johns, NB.
- August 11 – 13: Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships, Sherbrooke, QC.

Athletes are also encouraged to attend the Atlantic Championships, which will be held on July 22-23, 2023 in New Brunswick. This will be a great tune up for the national competition.

2. 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.

3. An athlete fee of \$250.00 must be paid to Royal Canadian Legion, New Brunswick Command, 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. Once paid, **the fee is not refundable** as the uniform, transportation, accommodations and meals for each athlete have already been confirmed and payment must be made to the provider of these services.

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 Geraldine Lefebvre, Provincial Chairman of the New Brunswick Legion Athletics Committee by –

- Email – [gnmle5s@gmail.com](mailto:gnmle5s@gmail.com)
- Phone – (506) 446-9640, or
- Cell – (506) 457-8484.

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