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THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TRAINING CAMP - 2008

BACKGROUND

The identification, recruitment and development of potential national team athletes is critical to the continued success and further growth of Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program. Athletics Canada believes it is critical that it play a support role (and lead role where appropriate) in the identification, recruitment and development of young athletes with an acquired or congenital physical disability and/or older athletes with an acquired physical disability, who exhibit Senior National Team potential. To this end in 2006, Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program established a development level athlete program, called the National Development Squad Program (NDS Program).

The NDS Program is comprised of a competition and training component. In 2008, development level athletes that meet the required selection criteria, are eligible for selection consideration to a small Development National Team that will compete at the 2008 IWAS* World Junior Championships and the USA Junior Disability Championships at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA, July 24-26. The training component consists of a summer training camp, i.e., the NDS Training Camp. 2008 marks the 3rd year of the NDS Training Camp. The intent of the NDS Training Camp is to provide a training opportunity for identified development level athletes. Athletes must meet qualification criteria for an invitation to the Training Camp. A small financial subsidy is also available to a limited number of athletes that meet the required criteria. The criteria are outlined below.

* IWAS = International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Association

2008 NDS TRAINING CAMP DATES & VENUE

The 3rd annual NDS Training Camp will be held Monday (evening) July 7th and all day Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8th and 9th in Windsor.

The training camp will follow the Canadian Track and Field Championships, July 3-5 in Windsor and precede the second annual *Boiling Point Track Classic*, a development and elite level competition for all disability groups on Saturday, July 12th at the University of Windsor. The *Boiling Point Track Classic* will be preceded by a coaches symposium on Friday, July 11th.

2008 NDS TRAINING CAMP CONTENT & SCHEDULE

Technical and training and competition coaching and advice will be provided by select Athletics Canada coaches and guest presenters. The training camp will finish with an all-comers twilight meet (for athletes with and without a disability) on the Wednesday evening, July 9th. Training intensity and volume will not be at a high level throughout the training camp. Practical and classroom sessions are planned over the course of the two days. See the Training Camp schedule posted on the Athletics Canada website at <http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=159>.

REGISTRATION

See the registration form on the Athletics Canada website at <http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=159>. All training camp participants must complete the registration form. Athletics Canada will confirm whether an athlete is eligible for the \$100 subsidy and/or waiving of the registration fee once the registration form is

submitted on-line. The registration fee will be charged to all athletes and coaches except where noted below under 'Eligibility for the NDS Training Camp'.

ACCOMODATION and MEALS

Accommodation and meals are available through the University of Windsor. A continental breakfast is included as part of the accommodation price. Full details on accommodation and those meals provided as part of the NDS Training Camp registration fee can be found at <http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=159>.

ELIGIBILITY for the 2008 NDS TRAINING CAMP

Athletics Canada will NOT consider inviting athletes who are below 14 years of age as of July 24, 2008. This age restriction and date requirement is consistent with that used for the Development National Team that will compete at the 2008 IWAS* World Junior Championships and the USA Junior Disability Championships. The categories of eligibility are as follows:

1. 2008 Development National Team

All athletes selected to the 2008 Development National Team that will compete at the 2008 IWAS World Junior Championships (track and field classes T/F42-46; track classes T52/53/54 and field classes F55/56/57/58) and the USA Junior Disability Championships (track and field classes T/F11/12/13; track classes T36/37/38; and field classes F33/34/35/36/37/38), **are strongly encouraged to attend** the NDS training camp.

Athletes selected to the Development National Team will have the registration fee waived and in addition will receive a \$100 subsidy to assist with training camp expenses (travel, accommodation and/or meals). HOWEVER, those athletes selected to the Development National Team and who are Development or Senior Card athletes and/or are directly funded under the *Road to Excellence* funding program for the 2008-09 year (i.e., the 2008 podium group), are NOT eligible for the \$100 subsidy BUT will have the registration fee waived.

2. 2007-08 Development Card Athletes

Development Card athletes that are not age eligible for the 2008 Development National Team will NOT receive the \$100 subsidy BUT will have the registration fee waived.

3. All Other Development Level Athletes

Criteria and Considerations for Invitation* to the NDS Training Camp:

- Athlete must be 14 years of age or older as of July 24, 2008.
- Athlete must have achieved the minimum performance standard in their event or one of their events outlined below under 'Minimum Performance Standards for Invitation* NDS Training Camp'.
- Athlete must not have been a member of an Athletics Canada National Team (Paralympic Games, IPC Senior World Championships, Parpanamerican Games) or a member of a Canadian National Disability Sport Organization's National Athletics Team (e.g., CP-ISRA World Championships, IBSA World Championships).
- Athlete must not be a carded athlete at any level under the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).
- Athlete must demonstrate a commitment and dedication to athletics and training.
- Athletes located in optimal Canadian training environments, including regular face-to-face contact, training, and communication with their personal coach will receive higher consideration.
- The number of years the athlete has trained and competed in athletics will be taken into consideration.

*That is, consideration for an invitation by Athletics Canada

Minimum Performance Standards for Invitation* to the 2008 NDS Training Camp

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Male			Class/Event	Female		
<u>U23/20</u>	<u>U18-95%</u>	<u>U16-90%</u>		<u>U23/20</u>	<u>U18-95%</u>	<u>U16-90%</u>
17.66	15.81	14.98	F51 Club	9.50	9.02	8.55
7.42	7.05	6.68	F51 Discus	11.11	10.55	10.00
28.10	29.58	31.22	T51 100m	N/S	N/S	N/S
50.31	54.53	57.55	T51 200m	N/S	N/S	N/S
01:41.00	1:46.31	1:52.22	T51 400m	N/S	N/S	N/S
3:20.00	3:30.52	3:42.22	T51 800m	N/S	N/S	N/S
N/S	N/S	N/S	T51 1500m	N/S	N/S	N/S
21.10	22.31	23.56	T52 100m	26.20	29.16	30.78
38.60	40.95	43.22	T52 200m	48.30	51.58	54.44
1:15.30	1:19.89	1:24.33	T52 400m	1:37.00	1:42.10	1:47.78
2:29.20	2:46.10	2:55.33	T52 800m	3:04.60	3:14.31	3:25.11
4:49.02	5:05.26	5:22.22	T52 1500m	N/S	N/S	N/S
00:16:20.56	17:12.17	18:09.51	T52 5000m			
12.45	11.83	11.20	F52 Javelin	6.83	4.59	4.35
12.85	12.21	11.56	F52 Discus	10.70	5.41	5.13
9.92	6.23	5.90	F52 Shot	3.51	2.09	1.98
16.64	15.81	14.98	F52 Club			
N/S	N/S	N/S	T51-52 4x100m	N/S	N/S	N/S
18.00	19.47	20.56	T53 100m	20.70	22.21	23.44
32.10	35.37	37.33	T53 200m	35.50	39.16	41.33
1:01.30	1:06.63	1:10.33	T53 400m	1:10.90	1:15.58	1:19.78
2:00.50	2:06.84	2:16.11	T53 800m	2:23.90	2:33.47	2:42.00
3:44.00	3:56.74	4:08.89	T53 1500m	4:23.00	4:36.84	4:52.22
12:36.00	13:15.79	13:53.33	T53 5000m	15:40.50	16:40.53	17:25.00
14.82	11.02	10.44	F53 Javelin	7.44	7.07	6.70
17.87	13.13	12.44	F53 Discus	9.30	8.83	8.37
5.93	4.74	4.49	F53 Shot	4.02	3.35	3.18
16.90	17.79	18.78	T54 100m	19.90	21.37	22.56
30.00	31.58	33.34	T54 200m	35.80	38.10	40.23
56.40	59.37	62.67	T54 400m	1:05.80	1:10.52	1:14.44
1:54.00	2:06.31	2:13.33	T54 800m	2:11.70	2:27.05	2:35.22
3:34.20	3:56.74	4:08.89	T54 1500m	4:10.00	4:33.68	04:53.0
12:21.9	13:15.79	14:00.00	T54 5000m	14:45.1	16:30.00	17.44.44
N/S	N/S	N/S	T53-54 4x100m	N/S	N/S	N/S
N/S	N/S	N/S	T53-54 4x400m	N/S	N/S	N/S
19.88	15.18	14.38	F54 Javelin	11.53	9.91	9.39
20.79	17.09	16.19	F54 Discus	15.30	11.26	10.67

7.1	5.41	5.13	F54 Shot	4.50	3.81	3.61
22.92	18.46	17.49	F55 Javelin	13.72	12.95	12.27
27.24	21.21	20.10	F55 Discus	18.45	15.66	14.84
8.31	6.60	6.25	F55 Shot	6.21	5.12	4.85
25.74	18.88	17.88	F56 Javelin	17.37	13.29	12.59
28.5	21.30	20.18	F56 Discus	17.81	13.98	13.25
8.51	6.56	6.22	F56 Shot	5.89	4.26	4.03
28.84	22.02	20.86	F57 Javelin	14.74	12.52	11.86
34.76	26.25	24.97	F57 Discus	19.06	13.98	13.25
10.02	7.63	7.23	F57 Shot	6.98	5.01	4.74
34.85	28.45	26.95	F58 Javelin	20.36	14.80	14.02
40.44	31.69	30.02	F58 Discus	23.57	18.00	17.05
10.94	8.42	7.97	F58 Shot	7.11	5.29	5.01