

2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup SELECTION CRITERIA

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Location and Dates

- Cheboxary, Russia
- May 10-11, 2008

1.2 Travelling Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Dates	Location	Note
January 1, 2007		Qualifying Period Begins
April 01, 2008		Final Declaration Date
April 06, 2008		Qualifying Period Ends
May 06, 2008	Home City - Cheboxary, Russia	Departure
May 12, 2008	Cheboxary– Home City	Return

1.3 Eligibility

- Must be a registered athlete of Athletics Canada (AC).
- Must be a Canadian citizen and eligible to receive a Canadian passport by the final selection date.
- Must comply with AC rules concerning residency (please refer to AC By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 016).
- Must otherwise be eligible to participate in the 2008 World Race Walking Cup.
- For the junior events, only athletes born in 1989, 1990, or 1991 are eligible for selection.
- Must submit an Athlete Declaration form as per the dates outlined in Section 1.2
- Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in Section 4.0

1.4 Funding

This will be a self-funded event.

1.5 Events

Men: Senior 20km and 50 km, Junior 10km. Women: Senior 20km, Junior 10km

1.6 Maximum Per Event

Up to a maximum of five (5) athletes per senior event and a maximum of three (3) athletes per Junior event with standard are eligible.

1.7 Qualifying Trials

There will be no qualifying trials for this event

1.8 Qualifying Period

From January 1, 2007 until April 6, 2008

1.9 Final Selection Date

The AC National Team Committee (NTC) will make its final team selections following the end of the qualifying period. Final team selection will be made no later than the final entry deadline for this competition.

1.10 Final Declaration Date

Athletes are required to submit the Athlete Declaration Form to the National Office (<http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=255>) by **April 01, 2008**. Failure to submit this form by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection and his / her spot will be made available to the next eligible athlete.

1.11 Team List Announcement

AC will announce the team list through established communication channels (Provincial Branches, AC website, Bulletin). Selected athletes will be contacted directly.

1.10 National Team – Selection Rules Book

All athlete selections made in accordance with these Selection Criteria are subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the National Team – Selection Rules Book which is available on the AC website at:

<http://www.athletics.ca/files//NationalTeamPrograms/NationalTeams/Policy/NATIONALTEAMSELECTIONRULESBOOKFINAL2008.PDF>.

2.0 SELECTION CRITERIA OBJECTIVES

- The general objective is to provide an international competitive opportunity for elite junior and senior Canadian race walkers and ideally in a team competition environment.
- To select teams capable of finishing in the top ½ at the 2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup.
- To select individual athletes that capable of finishing in the top 1/2 at the 2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup.
- To support and encourage the development of future carding level race walkers by providing an incentive and a target to work toward every second year.

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Selection

- Athletes will be selected in priority order based on official AC National Rankings.
- If the standard has been achieved in 2007, the athlete must prove fitness between January 01 and April 06, 2008 in a previously approved national or international competition.
- Athletes must submit a Training and Competition plan to AC Race Walk Coordinator Stafford Whalen at least one week prior to the start of the first competition listed for approval. For the purpose of this criteria "Proof of fitness" is defined as showing reasonable evidence that the given athlete is ready to repeat or improve upon the same level of performance with which he/she has met the minimum standard. Proof of



fitness must be done at an event not shorter than 10 km for the 20 km event and 5 km for the 10 km event unless approved by AC Race Walk Coordinator Stafford Whalen.

- Teams will only be selected for a given event where a minimum of three eligible athletes have achieved the AC Team standard (see below) within the qualifying period, have declared interest and have met all other requirements. The NTC may choose to enter a full team even the 4th/5th athlete does not have the standard.
- Where there are less than three athletes in the situation described just above, only individual athletes who have met the Individual standard will be selected.

3.2 Exceptions

The NTC, at its sole discretion, may consider selecting 'Rising Stars' who have not reached the individual standard. In this case, selection will be based on all of the following criteria:

- Submission of a written application received via email, no later than April 1st, 2008
- Athlete must be within 2.0% of the standard applicable to his/her event and situation OR for the 20 Km event, must be a U-23 athlete (i.e. born in 1988, 1987 or 1986), in transition from a 10 Km focus.
- Athlete must show a clear progression over the last three years AND demonstrate that he/she can be considered as a solid "development" athlete. Such athletes are defined as athletes eligible for Development Cards, in optimal training environments, who can demonstrate by their competitive abilities and performances the capability to reach AC's Senior "A" teams (World Championships in Athletics and Olympic Games) in the future OR obtain carding status.

3.3 Standards for automatic selection

To be achieved between January 01, 2007 and April 06, 2008 on Road or Track unless indicated otherwise below:

Senior Minimum Standards Team / Individual	
Women 20 km	1:45:00 / 1:40:00 achieved in 2007 or 2008
Men 20 km	1:34:00 / 1:30:00 achieved in 2007 or 2008
Men 50 km	Upon request – "proven international calibre" athlete only

Junior Minimum Standards Team / Individual	
Women 10 km	52:30 / 50:30
Men 10 km	47:00 / 45:15

3.4 General Selection Regulations: (for the purpose of selection eligibility)

- Events in any competition are only considered completed when protests, if filed with the Jury of Appeal in accordance with IAAF Rule 146, have been heard and the Jury decision carried out.
- The achievement of all performances must be recognized on the official AC performance ranking lists meaning they comply with IAAF rules as well as AC's rules for records.
- Both road and track performances will be accepted.
- The achievement of all performances must be substantiated with official documentation and based on official results published and released at the time of the event.



4.0 COMPETITIVE READINESS (Injuries, Illnesses, Training and Competition plan)

4.1 Injuries, Illnesses

Injury or illness following fulfillment of the selection criteria may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team and replaced by the next eligible and competition-ready athlete. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury or illness that could affect their ability to train or compete. AC's Coordinating Physician, or designate will determine probability of optimal readiness which is defined as the ability of the athlete to be competitive and achieve equal or superior performances (as compared to the qualifying performance achieved) at 100% effort at the 2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup. The final decision will be made by the NTC based on the recommendation made by the AC Coordinating Physician, or designate. Injured and or ill athletes will be subject to a final proof of readiness test to be determined by the AC Race Walk Coordinator in conjunction with personal coach but minimally will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. Athletes in this category will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied.

NOTE: In accepting a spot on the team, Athletes selected to the 2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup are required to participate at the 2008 National Championships unless otherwise requested to the AC Race Walk Coordinator for reasons of injury or extraordinary circumstances.

5.0 APPEALS

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for selection (as per Section 1.3) and who have achieved the applicable minimum Athletics Canada standard (as per Section 3.3) may submit an appeal for selection to the National Team Committee (NTC). Please refer to the National Team – Selection Rules Book for instructions at: <http://www.athletics.ca/files//NationalTeamPrograms/NationalTeams/Policy/NATIONALTEAMSELECTIONRULESBOOKFINAL2008.PDF>

