

## ATHLETICS CANADA (AC) BERLIN 2009 MARATHON WORLD CUP SELECTION PROCESS

### Overview

AC has teamed up with important partners within the Road Race community in an effort to enter teams in the Marathon World Cup being contested within the next IAAF World Championships in Athletics to be held in Berlin, Germany in August 2009. The post-Olympic year is an appropriate time to open AC's criteria specifically to support entering **teams** (as opposed to only individuals) so that we can re-build road racing in Canada to meet the level of performance necessary to compete with the best in the World.

### Objectives

- To improve the depth and performance in the marathon in Canada leading towards the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games by providing an international, team experience
- To encourage Canadian athlete participation in 2 major Canadian marathons
- To prepare athletes for the "on-demand" performance necessary to compete at major Championships
- From an individual selection perspective: to select athletes achieving the level of performance necessary to be top 12 in the World as per the same template used across all events.

### Step-by-Step Process

Canadian athletes will be selected until the team quota is filled (5 per team) based on performances in the priority order listed below\*. Only performances achieved between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that meet IAAF criteria will be considered.

1. **Run under 2:12:38 (men)/2:29:08 (women) in the 2008 and/or 2009 Ottawa ING Marathon and/or the 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon.**
2. The top-ranked athlete, within the AC qualifying period, with performance of 2:12:38 (men)/2:29:08(women) in any other IAAF sanctioned marathon.
3. Top Canadian finisher at the 2008 or 2009 Ottawa ING marathon and/or 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon in under 2:15:00 (men)/2:34:00 (women).
4. Other athlete with a performance under 2:12:38 (men)/2:29:08 (women) within the AC qualifying period at any other IAAF sanctioned marathon.
5. The top Canadian finisher at the 2008 or 2009 Ottawa ING marathon and/or 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, with 2:18:00/2:43:00 achieved within the AC qualifying period.
6. Other athlete (no more than 1 man or woman) identified as a 'Rising Star' under the AC regular criteria.
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian finisher at the 2008 or 2009 Ottawa ING marathon and/or 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon in under 2:18:00 (men)/2:43:00 (women)
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian finisher at the 2008 or 2009 Ottawa ING marathon and/or 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon in under 2:18:00 (men)/2:43:00 (women)
9. Performance of 2:18:00 (men)/2:43:00 (women) within the AC qualifying period

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** If a minimum of four athletes in either the Women's or the Men's category fail to meet these criteria, Athletics Canada will **NOT** enter a team in the 2009 Berlin Marathon World Cup. Under these circumstances, only those individuals who run under 2:12:38 (men)/2:29:08 (women) and/or are identified as a 'Rising Star' will be selected on an individual basis as per AC's 2009 IAAF World Championship in Athletics official selection criteria.