



2006 IAAF World Race Walking Cup

SELECTION CRITERIA

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location and Dates

- La Coruña, Spain
- May 13 – 14, 2006

1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Dates	Event	Location
January 1, 2005	Start of Qualifying Period	
April 1, 2006	Athlete Declaration Deadline	
April 16, 2006	End of Qualifying Period	
TBC	Team Departure	Canada -> Spain
May 13 – 14, 2006	Competition Dates	La Coruña, Spain
May 15, 2006	Team Return	Spain -> Canada

1.3 Eligibility

- Must be a registered current member (athlete) of Athletics Canada
- Must hold Canadian Citizenship by the Final Selection Date
- Must comply with Athletics Canada rules concerning Canadian residency (please refer to Athletics Canada By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 016)
- 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 5.0
- Must otherwise be eligible to participate in the 2006 World Race Walking Cup

1.4 Funding

Normally funding will be provided for the following athletes:

- Senior athletes who have achieved the funding standard (see Appendix A)
- Senior athletes carded for the 2005/2006 carding cycle

Funding is possible for the following categories:

- Junior athletes carded for the 2005/2006 carding cycle

All other athletes will be self-funded. A deposit schedule as well as estimated costs for self-funded athletes will be communicated within a reasonable timeframe.

1.5 Events

- Senior Men 50 Km
- Senior Men 20 Km
- Senior Women 20 Km
- Junior Men 10 Km
- Junior Women 10 Km



1.6 Maximum per Event

There will be a maximum of five (5) athletes per Senior event and a maximum of three (3) athletes per Junior event

1.7 Qualifying Trials

There are no qualifying trials for this event.

1.8 Qualifying Period

The Qualifying Period to achieve the minimum standard is between January 1, 2005 and April 16, 2006; athletes may be nominated for selection prior to the end of the qualifying period.

1.9 Final Selection Date

The Athletics Canada National Team Committee will make its final selections following the end of the athlete declaration date and after any appeals have been decided, as per Section 6.0. The final team selection will be made no later than the required IAAF final entry deadline for this competition (TBC).

1.10 Final Declaration Date

Athletes are required to submit the Athlete Declaration Form on or before **April 1, 2006**. Failure to submit this form by the deadline may render the athlete ineligible for selection and his/her spot may be made available to the next eligible athlete. Athletes must fax (613-260-0341), email (enteam@athletics.ca) or hand-deliver the form to the National Head Office.

1.11 Team List Announcement

Athletics Canada will announce the team list through established communication channels (Provincial Branches, Athletics Canada website, Athletics Canada bulletin); athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly by Athletics Canada.

1.12 National Team – Selection Rules Book

All athlete selections made in accordance with this Selection Criteria are subject to the rules and regulations as outlined in the National Team – Selection Rules Book which is available on the Athletics Canada website at: <http://www.athletics.ca/article.asp?id=4967#Manual-policies>.

2.0 TEAM OBJECTIVES

- To provide an competitive opportunity for genuine junior and senior international calibre Canadian race walkers, ideally in a team competition environment.
- To select teams that can possibly achieve a Top 8 & Top Half position (as a team) at the 2006 IAAF World Race Walking Cup.
- To select individual athletes that can achieve a Top Half position (as individuals) at the 2006 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 FOR ALL TEAMS (except Senior Men's 50 Km)

- 3.1** Based on official National Rankings, Athletics Canada may selected up to a maximum of five (5) athletes per Senior event and a maximum of three (3) athletes per Junior event who achieved the minimum standards within the Qualifying Period (see Section 1.8).
- 3.2** If the standard has been achieved in 2005, the athlete must prove fitness between February 1 and April 16, 2006 in a previously approved national or international competition. Athletes should contact the National Program Director – Endurance regarding this (see also Section 5.0 below). Normally, in order to prove fitness, the racing distance should not be shorter than 10 Km for the 20 Km event and 5 Km for the 10 Km event. However, in special circumstances, other racing distances may be considered.
- 3.3** A Senior team will only be chosen for a given event where a minimum of four (4) eligible athletes have achieved the Athletics Canada team standard (see Appendix A) within the qualifying period, have declared interest and have met all other requirements. In this case, and at the discretion of the National Team Committee, Athletics Canada will consider entering a complete team (i.e. five (5) athletes) even if the fifth athlete has not met the standard.
- 3.4** A Junior team will only be selected where three (3) athletes have achieved the Team Standard (see Appendix A) during the qualifying period and have satisfied all other conditions, including proof of fitness.
- 3.5** Based on 3.3 or 3.4 above, if there are less than four (4) Senior athletes or three (3) Junior athletes, individual athletes who have met the individual standard may be selected.
- 3.6** The National Team Committee, at its sole discretion, may consider selecting additional athletes 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
 - 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 aged athlete (i.e. born in 1986, 1985 or 1984), 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 being relatively young athletes in optimal training environments who can demonstrate by their talent and performances their ability to reach Athletics Canada's Senior "A" teams (World Championships in Athletics and Olympic Games) in the future OR obtain carding status.
 - Athlete must also demonstrate that within the last few weeks of the qualifying period, he/she is very fit and has demonstrated "competitive readiness" as outlined in Section 5.0.

4.0 SELECTION PROCESS FOR SENIOR MEN'S 50 KM

The Senior Men's 50 Km team will be selected on a case-by-case basis upon special request.



5.0 COMPETITIVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

As indicated at Section 3.0, if the standard has been achieved in 2005, the athlete must prove fitness between February 1 and April 16, 2006 in a previously approved national or international competition. Athletes should contact the National Program Director – Endurance regarding this. Normally, in order to prove fitness, the racing distance should not be shorter than 10 Km for the 20 Km event and 5 Km for the 10 Km event. However, in special circumstances, other racing distances may be considered.

All athletes selected to the 2006 World Race Walking Cup team must make a personal commitment to be fit for the race and inform the National Program Director – Endurance or the National Teams Program Director if they are injured or contract any other medical condition that may prevent them from performing well and with no risk to further injury or to their general health in Spain, mid May. Injury, lack of fitness or insufficient competitive readiness following fulfilment of these criteria may result in de-selection should it preclude 100% readiness for competition in Florida. Final decisions on medical issues prior to departing Canada will involve Athletics Canada's Coordinating Physician, or designate, as well as the athlete and/or personal coach and the National Program Director - Endurance. Final determination will be made by the National Team Selection Committee based on reasonable expectation of 100% readiness to compete.

5.1 Training and Competition Plan

Athletes must also provide an outline of their training and competition program to include "Fitness / Readiness to compete Indicators" for the period of January to May 2006. A declaration form must be completed and signed. In addition to this, all athletes and their personal coaches will be required to work with the assigned staff or National Program Director for program monitoring for the period of January to May 2006. All above elements are mandatory requirements.

5.2 Competitive Readiness

This is to provide clarification of Athletics Canada's expectations on how the "ready to compete/fitness" concept should be understood within the scope of these selection principles and criteria. We are of course keeping in mind that for the majority of these athletes the 2006 Outdoor Track Season should be the first priority of their yearly planning. Therefore, speaking in a relative fashion, we want to make it clear that we are looking for fit athletes that are rested and specifically ready to compete and represent Canada at the highest level possible in the 2006 World Race Walking Cup event.

5.3 Health Questionnaire

All athletes will have to fill out a standard health questionnaire before the trip. Athletes that will be under 18 years of age for the trip will have a section added that will have to be filled out by a physician stating that they are in good health and not at risk to travel and compete.

6.0 APPEALS

6.1 Appeals may be submitted for circumstances related to athlete illness or injury or any other reasonable technical circumstance deemed appropriate by the National Team Committee (NTC). Bearing responsibility for overall selection, the NTC members will use all selection criteria contained in this document to weigh all factors in an appeal to arrive at a decision. All successful appeals that result in an athlete being selected to the team must satisfy the general team objectives and criteria outlined in this document.



- 6.2** Only athletes who have achieved the Athletics Canada Minimum Team Standard (Appendix A) may submit an Appeal for Selection.
- 6.3** Appeals for Selection are to be submitted only by filling out the official Athletics Canada form Appeals for Selection please refer to the Section 3.0 of National Team - Selection Rules Book for exact directions (<http://www.athletics.ca/article.asp?id=4967#Manual-policies>).



Appendix A – Standards*

*To be achieved between January 1st and April 16th, 2006

Minimum Standards – Senior Athletes		
Event	Team Standard	Individual Standard
Men's 50 Km	Upon request by 'proven international calibre' athletes only	
Men's 20 Km	1:34:00	1:30:00
Women's 20 Km	1:45:00	1:40:00

Minimum Standards – Junior Athletes		
Event	Team Standard	Individual Standard
Men's 10 Km	47:00	45:15
Women's 10 Km	52:30	50:30

Funding Standards – Senior Teams*	
Event	Standard
Men's 50 Km	4:00:00
Men's 20 Km	1:24:00
Women's 20 Km	1:34:00

*2005-2006 carded athletes also eligible for funding

