

2007 NACAC Combined Events Championships (Senior Men's Decathlon and Senior Women's Heptathlon) Selection Criteria

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Location and Dates

- Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- May 26-27, 2007

1.2 Travelling Dates and Team Member Obligations

| Dates | Item | Note / Location |
|-----------------|--|--|
| May 1, 2006 | Beginning of Qualifying Period | Final qualifying period start March 1, 2007 |
| April 16, 2007 | Declaration Deadline | Submit online |
| April 30, 2007 | End of the Qualifying Period | Final qualifying period ends April 30, 2007 |
| May 1, 2007 | Final Team Selection | |
| May 4, 2007 | National Team Forms due (Personal, Medical and Uniform forms) | All required forms can be found here: http://www.athletics.ca/article.asp?id=4967#national |
| May 24, 2007 | Team Departure Date | |
| May 26-27, 2007 | Competition Dates | |
| May 28, 2007 | Return Date | |

1.3 Eligibility

- Must be a registered member (athlete) of Athletics Canada
- Must hold a Canadian Citizenship by the final selection date
- Must submit an Athlete Declaration form by April 16, 2007
- Must comply with the Competitive Readiness Requirements of Section 5.0
- Must comply with Athletics Canada rules concerning Canadian residency
- Must be otherwise eligible to compete in this event

1.4 Funding

This is a self-funded team although accommodations and meals will be covered by the host organizing committee.

1.5 Events

Senior Men's Decathlon
Senior Women's Heptathlon

1.6 Maximum Per Event

Up to two (2) women and two (2) men may be selected per event.

1.7 Qualifying Trials

No trials

1.8 Qualifying Period(s)

The "Qualifying Period" is May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007
Final qualifying period is March 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007

1.9 Final Selection Date

The Athletics Canada National Team Committee will make its final team selections on May 1, 2007

1.10 Final Declaration Date

Athletes are required to submit the Athlete Declaration Form on or before April 16, 2007 available online at:

<http://www.athletics.ca/cmslib/general/2007%20NT%20Athlete%20Declaration%20-%20Online%20PDF%20-%20FINALRevJan200719161929.pdf>

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.

1.11 Team List Announcement

Athletics Canada will announce the team list through established communication channels (Provincial Branches, Athletics Canada web-site, Athletics Canada Bulletin). Athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly by AC.

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 2007 National Team - Selection Rules Book (updated February 2007), which is available on the Athletics Canada website at the following link:

<http://www.athletics.ca/cmslib/general/National%20Team%20-20Selection%20Rules%20Book%20-%20FINAL%202007.pdf>



2.0 TEAM OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To select the best athletes who have achieved the minimum standards and who are prepared to compete at their peak level in May 2007.
- 2.2 To provide a positive international competitive and cultural experience for both 1st year and returning national team members; and to prepare athletes for future National Team assignments.

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 Eligibility Pool

3.1.1 The Eligibility Pool is defined as all eligible athletes (see Section 1.3) who have achieved the Minimum Standard (see Section 3.1.2) during the Qualifying Period (see Section 1.8), have submitted the Athlete Declaration Form (see Section 1.10) by the Final Selection Date; and who comply with the Competitive Readiness Requirements of Section 5.0 of this Document.

3.1.2 The minimum standards are as follows:

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| Men | Decathlon | 7200 pts. |
| Women | Heptathlon | 5200 pts. |

3.2 Final Selection Process

3.2.1 Athletes from the Eligibility Pool who achieve the Minimum standard **in the final qualifying period, March 1, 2007 – April 30, 2007, will have the first priority for selection.**

3.2.2 Athletes who have achieved the minimum standard in the period of May 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007 will have to prove fitness in the final selection period to be eligible for selection.

4.0 SELECTION PROCESS FOR OTHER EVENTS

N/A

5.0 COMPETITIVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Competitive Readiness

Selected athletes must remain competitive ready leading up to this national team event. Athletes who do not remain competitive ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team and replaced by the next selectable and competitive ready athlete. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at this national team event. (Notification must be sent to the team Head Coach, Event Area Leader or to the National Office, Attention Scott MacDonald, National Team Director at smacdonald@athletics.ca).

“Competitive ready” is defined as the ability of the athlete (at 100% effort) to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in making the team in the first place. The final decision as to whether an athlete is competitive-ready will be



made by the National Team Committee (NTC) based on its expert opinion on the athlete's probability of being competitive ready. The NTC will use all available information at its disposal to come to a decision, including the athlete's training and competition plan, "fitness and competitive readiness indicators", submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete's personal coach and any other relevant performance related information.

In the case of injuries or illnesses, the NTC will consider recommendation made by the Athletics Canada Coordinating Physician, or designate, in making a final decision as to the athlete being Competitive-ready. Injured or ill athletes will be subject to a final proof of readiness test to be determined by the team Head Coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach. At a minimum, this test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. Athletes who are injured or ill will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the athlete is not competitive ready once onsite at the event, he or she may be asked to return home immediately.

6.0 APPEALS

- 6.1 Only athletes who have achieved the minimum standard during the Qualifying Period may submit an appeal for selection to the National Team Committee (NTC). Please refer to the 2007 National Team - Selection Rules Book (updated February 2007) for complete instructions. This document is available on the Athletics Canada website at the following link:

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