

2008 IAAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION CRITERIA

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Location and Dates

- Bydgoszcz, Poland
- Competition Dates: July 8th – 13th, 2008
- Travel Dates: July 4th to July 14th, 2008

1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Date	Event/Note	Location/Notes
April 24 th , 2008	Beginning of Qualifying Period*	*for exceptions, see section 4.0
June 1st, 2008	Athlete Declaration Deadline	
June 22 nd , 2008	End of Qualifying Period	
July 3 rd /4 th , 2008	Team staging	Toronto (TBC)
July 4 th , 2008	Depart Canada	Canada -> Poland
July 8 th – 13 th , 2008	Competition Dates	Bydgoszcz, Poland
July 14 th , 2008	Return to Canada	Poland -> Canada

1.3 Eligibility

- Must be a registered current member (athlete) of Athletics Canada (AC)
- Must hold Canadian Citizenship by the Final Selection Date
- Must comply with AC rules concerning residency (AC By-Laws, Appendix A, Rule 016)
- Must submit an Athlete Declaration Form as per the dates outlined in Section 1.2
- Must be born in 1989, 1990, or 1991
- Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in Section 5.0
- Must otherwise be eligible to participate in the 2008 World Junior Championships

1.4 Funding

This National Team will be partially self-funded. Although AC will help support the team through its own budget, as well as funds provided by the IAAF rebate program, all athletes are required to attend to some costs associated with this event. Costs may include, but not limited to: airfare, accommodations, meals, shipping, etc. Expected costs for this event will be communicated once they are known and will be determined upon confirmation of final team size.

1.5 Events

100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000 (Women), 5000, 10000 (Men), 3000mSC, 100mH/110mH, 400mH, HJ, PV, LJ, TJ, SP, DT, HT, JT, DEC/HEP, 10kRW

1.6 Maximum per Event

Up to two (2) athletes per event with standard may be selected.

1.7 Qualifying Trials

There will be no qualifying trials for this national team event.

1.8 Qualifying Period(s)

The Qualifying Period to achieve AC standards (Appendix A) is between April 24th, 2008 and June 22nd, 2008. Only athletes that have met the standard and have submitted a declaration form by **June 1st, 2008** (as per Section 1.10) will be eligible for selection.

Exceptions - Combined Events, Race Walks, and 10,000m (see section 4.0)

1.9 Final Selection Date

The AC National Team Committee (NTC) will make its final team selections following the completion of the Qualifying Period, and after all appeals, if any have been heard, as per Section 6.0. The final team selection will be made no later than the IAAF final entry deadline for this competition.

1.10 Final Declaration Date

Athletes are required to submit the Athlete Declaration Form available at (<http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=256>) no later than **June 1st, 2008**. Failure to submit this form by the deadline will render the athlete ineligible for selection. 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

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

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 2008 National Team – Selection Rules Book (<http://www.athletics.ca/files//NationalTeamPrograms/NationalTeams/Policy/NATIONALTEAMSELECTIONRULESBOOKFINAL2008.PDF>) which will be updated and published by March 1st, 2008.

2.0 TEAM OBJECTIVES

2.1 Objectives

These criteria are set out to select athletes who meet the following specific objectives:

- To select the most competitive athletes born in 1989, 1990, and 1991 available who are prepared to achieve seasonal best performances at the World Junior Championships;
- To provide a positive international competitive and cultural experience for first year and returning national team athletes, and to prepare them for future National Teams;
- Team Goal: to match or improve upon the performance of the 2006 team in Beijing:
 - Number of medals - 2
 - Number of top 8 finishes – 3



- Number of top 16 finishes – 7
- Increase % of seasonal bests

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

(all events except Combined Events, Race Walks, and 10,000m)

Eligibility Pool

3.1 All eligible, **declared** athletes achieving standard during the Qualifying Period (Section 1.8) will be placed in the eligibility pool. **It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit eligible performances to Athletics Canada in order to be considered for selection.**

Final Selection Process

3.2 Eligible athletes achieving the standards listed in Appendix A will be ranked in their event according to their best performance. The top two (2) eligible athletes in each event who have achieved the standard within the Qualifying Period will be selected.

3.3 Any ties will be broken in the following priority order: 1) Head-to-Head result, 2) 2nd best performance within the qualifying period, 3) Most recently achieved standard.

3.4 For events where there are equivalent standards, priority will be given to those achieving the standard in the event that will be contested at the World Junior Championships.

3.5 See the 2008 National Team – Selection Rules Book (<http://www.athletics.ca/files//NationalTeamPrograms/NationalTeams/Policy/NATIONALTEAMSELECTIONRULESBOOKFINAL2008.PDF>), Section 2.0 for Performance Regulations (will be updated and published by March 1st, 2008).

4.0 SELECTION PROCESS FOR OTHER EVENTS

(Combined Events and Long Distance Events)

4.1 Due to more limited competitive opportunities IN THESE SPECIFIC EVENTS ONLY, standards achieved outdoors in 2008 prior to April 24th, 2008 in the Decathlon, Heptathlon, Race Walks, and 10,000m will be considered.

4.2 For Racewalk, both road and track results will be accepted.

5.0 COMPETITIVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Training and Competition Plan

Upon official selection to the team, it is the obligation of the selected athletes **and** their personal coach to submit a training and competition plan for the period of June 22nd - July 8th, 2008 and to inform team Head Coach, Hugh Conlin (hconlin@athletics.ca) **immediately** of any and all changes to this plan. It is also expected that the athletes will be clearly tapering during the final preparation phase prior to their event in order to be fresh and strong on competition day.

All submitted plans must address the following:

- Planned competitions, travel and training locations.
- Training volumes, intensities and periodization including recovery, injury prevention strategies and medical/paramedical interventions

Submitting Your Plan

Athletes must submit their plans to Director of Development Programs, Hugh Conlin (hconlin@athletics.ca) **upon official selection to the team**. Athletes who fail to submit a plan may be removed from the team and replaced with the next eligible and competitive-ready athlete.



5.2 Competitive Readiness

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 Medical Director (or designate) will determine the 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 Junior Championships. The final decision will be made by the NTC based on the recommendation made by AC's Coordinating Physician (or designate). Injured and or ill athletes will be subject to a final proof of readiness test to be determined by the team Head Coach in conjunction with the 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.

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 be asked to obtain a statement from their physician stating that they are in good health and not at risk to travel and compete.

6.0 APPEALS

- 6.1 Only athletes who have achieved the AC Standards (see Appendix A) outdoors in 2008 may submit an Appeal for Selection.
- 6.2 Appeals for Selection are to be submitted only by filling out the official Athletics Canada form Appeals for Selection; please refer to Section 3.0 of 2008 National Team - Selection Rules Book for exact directions (will be updated and published by March 1st, 2008).



APPENDIX A – ATHLETICS CANADA (AC) SELECTION STANDARDS

2008 World Junior Championships		
Women	Event	Men
11.90	100m	10.65
24.55	200m	21.45
55.24	400m	47.50
02:08.00	800m	1:51.00
04:26.00	1500m	3:48.00
09:35.00	3000m	
16:30.00	5000m*	14:15.00 (or 8:15.00)*
	10000m	31:00.00
14.17	100m H	
	110mH	14.74 (1.067m) or 14.34 (0.99m)*
60.44	400mH	53.00
10:45	3000m SC	9:03.00
50:00	10k Walk	44:05.00
1.80m	High Jump	2.14m
3.95m	Pole Vault	5.05m
6.10m	Long Jump	7.50m
12.90m	Triple Jump	15.60m
14.60m	Shot	18.00m (6k) (or 16.30 (7.26k))*
47.00m	Discus	54.00m (1.75k) (or 50.00 (2k))*
56.56m	Hammer	67.50m (6k) (or 61.00 (7.26k))*
49.50m	Javelin	66.50m
5150	Decathlon*/ Heptathlon	6875 (1.067mHdl/7.26kSP/2kDT) 7050 (1.067mHdl/6kSP/1.75kDT) 7090 (0.995mHdl/6kSP/1.75kDT)

* For events where there are equivalent standards, priority will be given to those achieving the standard in the event that will be contested at the World Junior Championships.

Performances must appear on Athletics Canada's Rankings. It is the responsibility of the athlete to submit eligible performances to AC in order to be considered for selection. Please consult the Rankings section on Athletics Canada's website for further details: <http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=65>.

Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Regulations outlined in section 2.0 of the 2008 National Team – Selection Rules Book (*which will be updated and published by March 1st, 2008.*)

