



ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF BARBADOS

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

Overview:

The Athletics Association of Barbados (hereinafter called the AAB) is the national governing body for Track and Field Athletics in Barbados and is a full member of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

The Association applies the selection policy with consideration for the following:

- a) development goals for the sport and the athletes,
- b) high level performance objectives,
- c) levels of competition,
- d) available resources.

Athletes will be required to prove eligibility, maintain and show evidence of their competitive fitness up to the time of competition, and sign a letter of intent and/or code of conduct.

The Athletics Association of Barbados reserves the right to exercise discretionary powers and may select an athlete for any competitive assignment.

The Selection Committee of the AAB shall make recommendations to the Executive Council of the AAB (hereinafter called the Council) for final ratification of selectees.

Criteria:

- 1 A. Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing*, be Barbadian citizens (except in the case of CAC Age Group Championships and Carifta Games where the NACAC AA has made exception for U20 athletes who have lived in Barbados for one (1) year or more), and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.

B. To be eligible for selection for National duty, athletes must compete at the National Championships and/or a designated 'Trials' meet unless they have been granted exemptions by the AAB in advance. Junior, Youth and Juvenile athletes

must compete at the Carifta Selection Championships, National Junior Championships and/or other specially nominated selection competitions. All applications for exemption must be submitted in writing to the AAB's office at least one (1) week in advance of the first day of the Competition or National Championships. The onus is on the athlete to seek confirmation of receipt of this communication. Applications for exemptions for medical reasons must be accompanied by evidence from an approved medical practitioner (i.e. a doctor's certificate must be submitted).

1. An achievement of the meet organizer's entry/qualification standard for an event does not guarantee selection. The AAB shall set qualification standards, through the Standards Committee, for regional and international competitions. Greater consideration will be given to performances achieved closer to the specified competition for which the athlete is seeking to qualify. Therefore an athlete who achieves a qualifying performance standard is required to maintain that level of performance up to the specified competition.
2. Achievement of a qualification standard set by the Council does not guarantee selection as the physical fitness, training status and current form of the athlete determined by a fitness subcommittee of the AAB, will be taken into consideration. The AAB reserves the right to have its Medical team determine the fitness and medical soundness of any athlete considered for selection.
3. Performances must be achieved during an officially- sanctioned competition organized in conformity with IAAF rules. The qualifying periods will be specified by the Association.
4. Performances achieved in competitions outside of Barbados must be supported by a certified copy of the meet results or other proof of the performances. Only properly verified performances from a recognized source will be considered.
5. Wind readings must be within the allowable limit for performances to be considered.
6. Athletes who have been named to Training Squads must meet and train with the Squad as required by the Council.

7. To be eligible for selection, athletes must compete at the National Championships or specified selection championships/trials and must compete in the events for which they wish to be considered.
8. Athletes must compete in the events for which they have been selected.
9. Athletes selected for the relay pool must be available when required for relay practice.
10. Athletes who were injured or ill will be subject to a proof of competitive readiness test to be determined by the team's Head Coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach and will be subjected to a fitness test conducted by a subcommittee appointed by the Council. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. This trial will have a predetermined expected outcome.
11. When an athlete is injured subsequent to selection the athlete or representative must disclose the injury to the AAB. The athlete may be required to be examined by medical personnel appointed by the Council and may be required to submit to fitness testing under the auspices of the AAB.
12. All athletes selected for National teams are required to sign the AAB's Code of Conduct except in the case of minors, the parents of whom shall sign on their behalf.
13. Failure to comply with stated criteria shall result in deselection.

* For the purposes of this document, "Good Standing" means an athlete or affiliate who is current with all applicable fees, has no outstanding reports or submissions of any kind to the AAB, has no pending disciplinary charges or processes currently not concluded with the AAB, and is not in breach of any rule of the IAAF or the AAB.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED MEETINGS

A. CARIFTA GAMES

i) General Information

The 2016 CARIFTA team will be confirmed by 13 March 2016.

Eligibility:

Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passport and/or proof of citizenship. Additionally, an athlete who can provide proof of residency in Barbados for a minimum of one (1) year may represent Barbados at CARIFTA Games.

ii) General Selection Principles for CARIFTA Games

- To be eligible for selection in the U18 age group an athlete cannot be younger than 15 years in 2016.
- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The “Qualifying Period” to achieve the Standards is January 01, 2016 to March 11, 2016 (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the National Junior Championships in 2016 in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered, except under circumstances outlined in the Exceptions clause.
- Performances achieved in competitions other than those administered in Barbados, must be supported by a certified copy of the meet results, or proof of the performances from a recognized source.

iii) Standard Achievement

Where more than two athletes in an individual event have achieved the standard during the Qualifying Period the selection will be determined by the top two (2) finishers at the National Junior Championships.

iv) Exceptions

In the event that an athlete has been granted exemption from competing at the National Junior Championships (due to injury or illness), or becomes injured or ill after selection, the AAB’s Medical designate and/or the fitness subcommittee will determine the fitness of the athlete to compete at the CARIFTA Games.

The Selection Committee may include in this team, athletes who in its sole discretion are considered to fulfill an AAB development objective for future participation in athletics at the local or regional level but who have not achieved the standard.

The Selection Committee may include in this team athletes who are enrolled in an educational institution outside of Barbados for the period January to March 11, 2016 and who did not compete at the National Junior Championships.

This selection committee reserves the right to select an athlete who has met a qualifying performance standard in one event to compete in another event or relay once he is deemed by the coaching staff to be capable of performing in this event.

B. WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Youth Championships is the highest level of Competition on the under 20 Age Group (the age group is determined as at December 31 in the year of Competition).

As such the AAB's standards for this competition are viewed as geared to the top level of athletes in this age group.

i) General Information

The 2016 World Junior Championships team will be confirmed by June 30, 2016.

Eligibility:

Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.

ii) General Selection Principles for World Junior Championships

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards is January 5, 2016 to June 26, 2016 (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the National Championships in 2016 in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered, except under circumstances outlined in the Exceptions clause.
- Performances achieved in competitions other than those administered in Barbados, must be supported by a certified copy of the meet results, or proof of the performances from a recognized source.

iii) Standard Achievement

Where more than two athletes in an individual event have achieved the standard during the Qualifying Period the selection will be determined by the top two (2) finishers at the National Championships.

iv) Exceptions

In the event that an athlete has been granted exemption from competing at the National Championships (due to injury or illness), or becomes injured or ill after selection, the AAB's Medical designate and/or the fitness subcommittee will determine the fitness of the athlete to compete at the World Youth Championships.

C. NACAC U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS

NACAC U23 Championships is the premier hemispheric competition for Athletes in the 20 - 23 Age Group (the age group is determined as at December 31 in the year of Competition).

As such the AAB's standards for this competition are viewed as geared to the top level of athletes in this age group.

i) General Information

The NACAC U23 Championships team will be confirmed by June 30, 2016.

Eligibility:

Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.

ii) General Selection Principles for NACAC U23 Championships

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards is January 5, 2016 to June 26, 2016 (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the National Championships in 2016 in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered, except under circumstances outlined in the Exceptions clause.
- Performances achieved in competitions other than those administered in Barbados, must be supported by a certified copy of the meet results, or proof of the performances from a recognized source.

iii) Standard Achievement

Where more than two athletes in an individual event have achieved the standard during the Qualifying Period the selection will be determined by the top two (2) finishers at the National Championships.

iv) Exceptions

In the event that an athlete has been granted exemption from competing at the National Championships (due to injury or illness), or becomes injured or ill after selection, the AAB's Medical designate and/or the fitness subcommittee will determine the fitness of the athlete to compete at the NACAC U23 Championships.

D. THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Barbados is represented at the **Olympic Games** through the Barbados Olympic Association. The AAB has the responsibility for selecting the best medal prospects for the Olympic Games.

Standards for participation are set by the IAAF. The AAB's standards for these competitions are viewed as targeting elite athlete and are geared to encourage athletes to strive for excellence.

i) General Information

The Olympic Games Track and Field team will be confirmed by June 30th 2016.

Eligibility:

Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.

ii) General Selection Principles for the Olympic Games

- A maximum of three qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards is January 5, 2016 to June 26, 2016.
- To be eligible for selection athletes **must compete at the 2016 Barbados National Championships in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered**, except under circumstances outlined in the Exceptions clause.
- Performances achieved in competitions other than those administered in Barbados, must be supported by a certified copy of the meet results, or proof of the performances from a recognized source.
- Performances must be achieved in competitions sanctioned by the National Federation of the country in which they were held.
- Relay Team selection is based on standards set by the IAAF and achieved during the qualifying period set by the IAAF.

The following performances will **not** be accepted:

- (i) Performances achieved in mixed (including male and female participants) track and field events.
- (ii) Performances with wind-assistance above the allowable limits.
- (iii) Hand-timed performances.
- (iv) Performances achieved in relay races.

iii) Standard Achievement

Where more than three athletes in an individual event have achieved the standard during the Qualifying Period the selection will be determined by the top three (3) finishers at the Barbados National Championships. The IAAF will invite the competitors based on performance and the number of competitors selected for each event.

iv) Exceptions

In the event that an athlete has been granted exemption from competing at the Barbados National Championships (due to injury or illness), or becomes injured or ill after selection, the AAB's Medical designate and/or the fitness subcommittee will determine the fitness of the athlete to compete at the Olympic Games.

The Selection Committee may include in these teams, athletes who in its sole discretion are considered to fulfill an AAB objective.

E. THE 2016 IAAF WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IAAF World Indoor Championships is the World premier indoor event for elite athletes. Standards for these championships are set by the IAAF. A country may be represented by three athletes all of whom have met the standard and approved by the IAAF based on number preselected for each event.

i) General Information

The IAAF World Indoor Championships Team will be confirmed by 5 March 2016.

Eligibility:

Athletes must be Registered Athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.

ii) General Selection Principles for the IAAF World Indoor Championships

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected, except the following events High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot Put events which shall be straight finals with sixteen athletes starting in each event. Entries will be determined by a combination entry standards and ranking. In all cases a maximum of two athletes from any one member country may compete in each event.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards is January 5th, 2016 to February 27, 2016.
- Performances must be achieved in competitions sanctioned by the National Federation of the country in which they were held.

The following performances will not be accepted:

- (i) Performances achieved in mixed (including male and female participants) track and field events.