

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED MEETINGS

A. THE 2017 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

Barbados is represented in Athletics at the Commonwealth Youth Games through the Barbados Olympic Association. The Athletics Association of Barbados (AAB) is responsible for **selecting** one male and one female Youth athlete for the track and field component of these Games. These two athletes must be born in the years 2000 or 2001. The 2017 Games will be held in the Bahamas from 19th to 23rd July.

i) General Information

The 2017 Commonwealth Youth Track and Field team will be confirmed on **19th May 2017**.

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 Commonwealth Youth Games

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 in 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.
- (ii) Performances with wind-assistance above the allowable limits.
- (iii) Hand-timed performances.
- (iv) Performances achieved in relay races.

B. THE 2017 PANAMERICAN/NORTH AMERICAN CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN UNDER 20 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The PanAmerican/ North American Central American and Caribbean Under 20 Athletics Championships is the premier restricted age competition for post-CARIFTA athletes preparing for semi-professional or professional athletics careers. The age group is determined as at December 31 in the year of competition. Therefore the standards for this competition are set to encourage athletes to reach a high level of performance and to strive for excellence. These championships will be held in Trujillo, Peru from 21st to 23rd July 2017.

i) General Information

The 2017 PANAM/ NACAC U20 team will be confirmed by **June 25, 2017**.

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 PANAM/NACAC Under 20 Athletics Championships

- a. A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- b. The “Qualifying Period” to achieve the Standards ends at midnight **June 25, 2017**.
- c. To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the 2017 Barbados National Championships in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered, except under circumstances outlined in the Exceptions clause.
- d. 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.
- e. Performances must be achieved in competitions sanctioned by the National Federation in the country in which they were held.

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 2017 Barbados National Championships.

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 PANAM/NACAC U20 Athletics Championships. The Selection Committee may include in this team, athletes who in its sole discretion are considered to fulfill an AAB objective for future participation in athletics at the international level but who would not have achieved the standard.

THE 2017 IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IAAF World Championships is the World premier event for elite athletes. These championships will be held in London, Great Britain from 4th to 13th August 2017.

Standards for these championships are set by the IAAF. A country may be represented by three athletes all of whom have met the standard.

Alternatively an athlete who wins his event at a NACAC Championship is eligible to compete and is deemed to have reached the standard set by the IAAF.

i) General Information

The IAAF World Championships Track and Field teams will be confirmed by **July 23, 2017**.

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 Championships –

A maximum of three qualifiers for an event may be selected. The “Qualifying Period” to achieve the Standards is **January 2nd, 2017 to midnight July 23rd, 2017**. To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the 2017 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.

The AAB reserves the right to select a given Relay Team only in circumstances where there is a sufficient number of high level athletes qualified in the individual event that comprises the relay event.

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.

v)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.

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

Excerpts from the IAAF's Technical Regulations are included below for your attention.

The entry and participation principles for the IAAF World Championships have been thoroughly reviewed by the IAAF in 2014 and a new Qualification System has been implemented first in Beijing 2015. This has been available since April 2014 in the latest edition of the IAAF Technical Regulations (published on the IAAF website).

The key element of the new System is that the IAAF has established the ideal number of athletes (and relay teams) to start in each event of the Championships and shall ensure that such ideal numbers (see below) are met through a Qualification System which, essentially, combines Entry Standards (only one standard) and Rankings. As in the past, there are still some special qualification opportunities and it will still be possible for Member Federations without any qualified athletes to be represented with one unqualified athlete (subject to certain conditions).

Ideal number of athletes (and relay teams) to start in each event:

Events Target Number

100m (after Preliminary Round for unqualified athletes) 56

200m 56

400m, 800m 46

1500m, 3000mSC 45

100mH, 110mH, 400mH 40

Field Events, Combined Events 32

Relays 16

5000m, 10000m,

Marathon, Race Walks Entries administered by Entry Standard only

3.3.2 Relay Teams

Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:

- 1. Automatically as being one of the first eight placed teams at the 2017 IAAF World Relays in The Bahamas.*
- 2. As a result of being one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places. For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races shall be valid only on condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with IAAF Rules and that at least two different international teams, representing at least two countries, compete in the race.*

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