

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED MEETINGS

A. THE 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Barbados is represented at the Commonwealth Games through the Barbados Olympic Association. The Games will be held from April 4th to 15th, 2018 in Queensland, Australia. The Athletics Association of Barbados has the responsibility for selecting the best medal prospects for the track and field events.

The AAB's standards for this competition are viewed as targeted to elite athlete performance and are geared to encourage athletes to strive for excellence.

i) **General Information**

The 2018 Commonwealth Track and Field team will be confirmed by October 31st, 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 Games**

- (A) The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards ends Saturday September 30th, 2017.
- (B) 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.
- (C) 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 recognised source.
- (D) 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.

iii) 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 Commonwealth Games.

If there are insufficient numbers of high level athletes individually qualified to form a relay team that will be competitive at the Commonwealth Games, or if none of the relay team athletes are individually qualified in the specific event (100m for 4 x 100m, 400m for 4 x 400m), the AAB reserves the right not to select a given relay team.