



ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OF BARBADOS

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

Overview:

The Athletics Association of Barbados Inc. (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.

The AAB 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 Board of the AAB (hereinafter called the Board) for final ratification of selectees.

Criteria:

1. **A. Athletes must be registered athletes of the AAB in good standing*, be Barbadian citizens and possess current Barbados passports and/or proof of citizenship.**

B. To be eligible for selection for national duty, athletes must compete at the various championships and/or a designated 'Trials' meet unless they have been granted exemptions by the AAB in advance. All applications for exemption (accompanied by medical verification) must be submitted in writing to the AAB's office at least at least two (2) weeks 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).

- 2. An achievement of the meet organizer's entry/qualification standard for an event does not guarantee selection. The AAB shall set performance/qualification standards, through the Standards Committee, for regional and international competitions.**
- 3. Achievement of a performance/qualification standard set by the Board does not guarantee selection as attendance in national team training sessions, the current form and physical fitness of the athlete determined by a fitness subcommittee of the AAB shall 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.**
- 4. Performances must be achieved during an official competition organized in conformity with IAAF rules. The qualifying periods will be specified by the Board.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. Wind readings must be within the allowable limit for performances to be considered.**
- 7. Athletes who have been named to training squads must meet with the Squad as required by the Board. Permission for any other arrangements for training (outside of the AAB's) must be approved by the selected management personnel.**
- 8. 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.**
- 9. Athletes must compete in the events for which they have been selected.**
- 10. Athletes selected for the relay pool must be available when required for relay practice. Failure to attend practice will result in de-selection from the relay pool.**

- 11. Athletes who were injured or ill will be subjected to a proof of competitive readiness test to be determined by the team's Manager and Head Coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach and/or a fitness test conducted by a subcommittee appointed by the Board. 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.**
- 12. When an athlete is injured subsequent to selection, the athlete or his/her representative must disclose the injury to the AAB. The athlete may be required to be examined by medical personnel appointed by the Board and may be required to submit to fitness testing under the auspices of the AAB.**
- 13. All athletes selected for National teams are required to sign the AAB's Code of Conduct except in the case of minors, whose parents shall sign on their behalf.**
14. Failure to comply with stated criteria shall result in de-selection.

**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. The NACAC Under 18 and Under23 Championships

The NACAC U18 and U23 competitions will be held jointly this year in **Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico from 05th to 7th July.**

These Championships are open to athletes born in the following years representing countries affiliated to the NACAC Area.

(a) U23: Athletes born in 1997, 1998 and 1999

(b) U18: Athletes born in 2002 and 2003

Athletes selected to compete at these championships would be required to meet the standard established by the Board of the AAB. These qualifying standards are posted on the AAB's website @ aab.sports.bb

To this end, the AAB's **Under 18** standards for this competition are viewed as developmental and are geared to encourage athletes to reach a required level and to strive for excellence.

The **Under 23** competition is the one which allow the Board to evaluate athletes as they transition from the junior level to the more competitive senior/elite level.

i)General Information

The 2019 NACAC **Under 18 and Under 23** teams will be confirmed by **June 10, 2019**.

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 Under 18 and Under 23

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the standards is **January 1, 2019 to June 10, 2019** (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete in the 2019 season 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 athletes with the two best performances.

iv) Exceptions

In the event that an athlete has been granted exemption from competing at a qualifying meet (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 these Championships.

The Selection Committee may include in this team, athletes who in its sole discretion are considered to fulfill an AAB's 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 June 02, 2019.

B. PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

i) General Information

Pan American Junior Championships is the premier hemispheric competition for athletes in 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 2019 Pan American Junior Championships will be held in Costa Rica. The team will be confirmed by June 10, 2019.

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 Pan American Junior Championships

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the **Standards is January 1, 2019 to June 9, 2019** (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at a championship in 2019 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 Pan American Junior Championships.

NACAC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS U13 & U15 2019

The 2019 NACAC Age Group U13 & U15 Championships will be held in El Salvador from July 26 to 27, 2019. The team will be confirmed by June 19, 2019.

Eligibility

Athletes must be registered athletes of the AAB in good standing, be Barbadian citizens, and possess current Barbados passport. Athletes residing in Barbados for 4 or more years are eligible to compete. (N.B. eligible athletes must provide proof of residence.)

General Selection Principles for NACAC Age Group U13 & U15 Championships

- To be eligible for selection in the U13 age group, an athlete cannot be younger than 10 years old. (All athletes in this age-group must be born in 2007, 2008 and 2009)
- To be eligible for selection in the U15 age group, an athlete cannot be younger than 13 years old. (All athletes in this age-group must be born in 2005 and 2006)
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the standards is January 01 to June 17, 2019.

THE 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Barbados is represented at the **Pan American Games** through the Barbados Olympic Association. The Athletics Association of Barbados has the responsibility of selecting the best medal prospects at these competitions.

As such the AAB's standards for these competitions are viewed as targeting elite athletes and are geared to encourage athletes to strive for excellence.

i) General Information

The Track and Field component of the Pan American Games will be held from **August 6 to 11, 2019**. The team will be confirmed by **June 24, 2019**. The Games will be held in **Lima, Peru**.

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 Pan American Games

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The "Qualifying Period" to achieve the Standards is January 1, 2019 to June 24, 2019.
- To be eligible for selection athletes **must compete at the 2019 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.

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 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 Pan American Games.

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