



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 World Athletics (WA).

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 designated 'Trials' 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 twenty-four (24) hours 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 the relevant 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 at national team training sessions, the current form and the 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 official competitions organized in conformity with WA's 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 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.

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 adverse 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 or regulation of the AAB or WA.*

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED MEETINGS

A. THE 2020 CARIFTA GAMES

The CARIFTA Games, the premier junior athletic competition in the Caribbean, is viewed by the Athletics Association of Barbados as the first level of formal competition for athletes in the Under 17 and Under 20 Age Groups. (The age groups are determined as at **31st December** in the year of competition).

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

i) General Information

The 2020 Carifta team will be confirmed by **15th March 2020**.

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. 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**

- A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.
- The “Qualifying Period” to achieve the standards is **1st January 2020 to 15th March 2020** (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes **MUST** compete at the National Junior Championships in 2020 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’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 **1st January to 15th March 2020** and who did not compete at the National Junior Championships.