



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 and/or code of conduct.

The Athletics Association of Barbados Inc. 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 Directors 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 (except in the case of the NACAC Age Group Championships and Carifta Games where the NACAC Area Association has made exception for U20 athletes who have lived in Barbados for one (1) year or more or are in the process of obtaining their 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.

ALL athletes selected for national duty must be fully vaccinated against covid 19/ the coronavirus. 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). The onus is on the athlete to seek confirmation of receipt of this communication

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 Board 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 WA 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 Board.
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 sub-committee 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.
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 Board 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 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 WA or the AAB.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED MEETINGS

A. CARIFTA GAMES

i) General Information

Carifta 2022 will be held in Jamaica from 16th to 18th April.

The **2022 CARIFTA** team will be confirmed by **28th March 2022.**

Eligibility:

ATHLETES SELECTED FOR NATIONAL DUTY MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID 19/ the CORONAVIRUS.

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 or is in the process of obtaining citizenship may represent Barbados at CARIFTA Games.

ii) **General Selection Principles for CARIFTA Games**

- To be eligible for selection in the **Under17** age group, an athlete must be born in the year **2006 and 2007** and **Under 20** age-group born **2003 or later**.

A maximum of two qualifiers for an event may be selected.

- The “Qualifying Period” to achieve the Standards is **January 01, 2022 to March 27 2022** (midnight local time of the competition).
- To be eligible for selection athletes must compete at the National Junior Championships in 2022 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 27, 2022** and who did not compete at the National Junior Championships /specified selection “trial” meet.

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.

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