



## Track & Field, Cross Country, Road Running

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## National Championship Funding Policy

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Annually Athletics Alberta funds various levels of athletes to Canadian Championships. Athletics Alberta has always maintained the need to have representation at the various championships. To the majority of events athletes do not comprise a team but qualify individually. It is to these events this policy will apply. The policy will not apply to events in which Athletics Alberta specifically selects a team prior to the event and the team competes representing 'Athletics Alberta' or 'Team Alberta.' This policy will outline how travel funds to athlete will be determined, and distributed within the budget category.

### Definition

Travel Funds: will refer to those funds designated within Athletics Alberta's budget for the use to assist athletes to attend various National Championships opportunities. The budget line reflects the total amount in the program and the policy determines the individual amount.

Events: will refer to those competitive opportunities available to all athletes, and designated funded events by the Association within the budget. Any additional funded events will require Program Committee and Board approval. Senior National Track and Field Championships, Junior National Track and Field Championships, and National Cross Country Championships are currently the only events approved for funding.

### Eligibility

All athletes registered with an Athletics Alberta member club will be eligible to receive athlete travel funds for meet attendance.

### Guidelines

1. All individual events within the meet will be considered equally regardless of the depth of competition or the participants.
2. All performances will be equaled (i.e. if one hand time exists within a group of electronic times then the hand time will be converted).
3. All funding will be retroactive; to be provided to the club after funding is determined. Funds will not be approved ahead of time.
4. It is the responsibility of the athlete/club to make their own travel arrangement, and do their own event entries.
5. Events where Athletics Alberta selects and funds (fully or partially) a provincial team will not be eligible for National Championship Funding.

### Selection Process

1. Following the event completion, and receipt of the official event results, the Provincial Technical Officer/Program Administrator will follow the policy herein to determine the eligible funding recipients.
2. The athletes eligible for funding will be determined by placing within the event. A minimum level of performance will be expected to allow for any funding at the Canadian Track and Field Championships.

The minimum standards are as follows:

- Canadian Junior AADP Junior 'C' standard
- Canadian Senior AADP 22-23 'C' standard
- (Junior athletes wishing to be considered for National Senior Championship funding, must meet the Canadian Senior minimum standard)

3. The placing will be considered in order to the depth of funding level; i.e. All first place finishers will be considered first, followed by second place, then third place and so on till the appropriate number of placings have been achieved, as per the budget decision (i.e. 18 athletes) and the minimum standard.
4. If at the final funding place more than one athlete qualifies for the position, individual performances within the event will become a consideration. (i.e. at the 18th and final position 5 athletes are eligible as they all finished in equal positions within their event). These individual performances will be compared using the IAAF Points Tables, and the athlete(s) with the highest score will be selected to receive funds.
5. Athletes that are currently receiving Athletics Canada Carding are eligible for Athletics Alberta National Championship Funding with respect to educational institution restrictions.

#### **Funding Procedures**

1. The Provincial Technical Officer/Program Administrator of Athletics Alberta will compile a list of Athletics Alberta Members at the National Championships.
2. Based on the determined reimbursement, cheques will be distributed to all clubs representing the amount of the athletes participating.
3. The list of eligible for funding athletes will be compiled after National Cross Country Championships in December.

#### **Appeals**

1. To appeal the athlete selections or funding distribution, written concerns should be forwarded to the Programs Committee c/o the Athletics Alberta office.
2. Concerns or appeals on budget categories and event selection should be addressed at the Association's General meeting.

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