



Cross-Country Nationals

Athletics Alberta Provincial Team

Athlete Selection Criteria and Guidelines

Purpose of the Criteria:

To guide selection of branch representatives for Team Alberta at the AC Cross-Country Nationals.

***** PLEASE NOTE THIS TEAM IS 100% UNFUNDED BY ATHLETICS ALBERTA. *****

Branch representatives selected to be on Team Alberta will be chosen from athletes who are attending the championship **on their own, without any financial support** or assistance from the provincial governing body. Being a part of this provincial team does not entitle anyone to additional funding requests.

Being selected to this provincial team will allow an athlete to potentially achieve an XC National team medal. The team will be selected using pre-approved events listed in the criteria below.

The Competition:

The XC National Championship is an open event with the purpose to identify Team/Club Champions, Team/Region-Branch Champions, and Individual Champions in male and female categories. This event will be held in Ottawa on Nov 27, 2021.

The Competition Scoring:

Team points will be counted at the Canadian XC National Championship so the top 3 region-branch teams in Canada can be awarded national medals. Regions and branches can name up to 6 athletes with first 4 athletes to score. The age groups that will include region-branch championships are u18, u20, Senior, and Masters for male and female. An Athletics Alberta branch team will be selected in each of these categories, pending available athletes:

Team Objectives:

- To select athletes born in the appropriate age category, who are prepared to help win the Region-Branch Team Championship
- To provide a positive mentorship, and development opportunities for athletes at Cross Country Nationals

- To prepare athletes for future Provincial, National, and Varsity Team assignments
- To produce the best possible scoring team available for the Cross-Country Nationals

Team Clothing:

There is **NO** assigned nor provided team clothing. **Athletes in attendance are there to represent their club.** Athletics Alberta will send complementary armbands that may be worn. These will be distributed on site by an identified coach representative from Alberta.

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to Team Alberta must:

1. Take part in an identified sanctioned selection meet.
2. Be a member of Athletics Alberta in good standing.
3. Be Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants.
4. Meet the residency requirements to be eligible to compete for the province in which they are residing.
5. Meet the Selection Criteria, which may include proposed selection criteria.
6. Athletes who lack sportsmanship and have behavioral issues may not be selected to the team.
7. If unable to attend the at pre-approved competition for a medical or scholastic commitment but wish to be considered, please contact info@athleticsalberta.com
 - a. The office must be contacted by 3:00 pm on **November 5th, 2021.**

Selection Criteria and Process

Note: The Alberta Cross-Country Provincials will be the priority trials meet for team selection of events.

Athletes will be considered for selection in the following order:

The following criteria are a guideline for selection but can be modified by the selection committee to fulfill the goal of the team:

1. First place at Athletics Alberta Cross-Country Provincials.
2. Non-winner at Athletics Alberta Cross-Country Provincials with a first, or second place performance elsewhere achieved in the current outdoor season.
3. Other athletes will be considered by placing at the sanctioned selection meets, ability to add depth to a team, and medal potential, but not limited to this order. (Timed results in previous competitions will also be a factor.)

(Please note: Due to limitations in team size, achieving first place at a meet other than the Athletics Alberta Provincial Championship does not guarantee selection).

All alternative performances achieved must be obtained at AA approved cross-country meets. The following have been pre-approved:

- Alberta Series Meets (as per the Athletics Alberta calendar)
- ACAC Cross Country Meets
- U-Sport Cross-Country Meets

- Alberta High School Cross-Country Provincial Championship
- NCAA Cross-Country Meets

Declaration:

- Athletes wishing to be considered must declare their intent by Mon Nov 8 at 11:59 pm at the JotForm [here](#).
- *****Reminder that proof of full vaccination is required to compete at ACXC nationals*****
- The team will be announced on <https://athleticsalberta.com/> by Wed Nov 10, 2021.
- Any appeals must be received to info@athleticsalberta.com by 1:00 pm on Fri Nov 12, 2021.

Selection committee:

- The selection committee will include the VP programs, the Athletics Alberta Technical Manager Operations, and selected registered coaches from within the province.

Withdrawing from the team:

- If you are chosen for the team and are unable to participate in the competition, please contact info@athleticsalberta.com as soon as possible.