



# Selection Criteria for 2025 Canada Summer Games



## Team Staff

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# 2025 Canada Summer Games Team Selection Criteria and Standards

## Team Size and Event Information

### As per Canada Games:

Able-Bodied Athletes - Maximum of 50 total Athletes (up to 27 male, up to 27 female)

- Events: See events in standards below

Para Athletes - Maximum of 4 Athletes (2 male, 2 female)

- Events: WC / Ambulatory 100m, 400m, 1500m, Seated / Ambulatory Shot Put, Discus

Special Olympics Athletes - Maximum of 4 Special Olympics athletes (2 male and 2 female)

- Events: SO 100m, SO 200m

## Able-Bodied Events

All able-bodied athletes must be 16-23 years as of December 31, 2025 (born 2002 to 2009).

Athletes may not be part of Team Alberta for Canada Games and Alberta-NWT team for Legion Nationals.

If selected to the CSG team, athletes will represent the CSG team at the Western Canada Team Challenge in Edmonton from July 18-20, 2025.

## Para-Athletics Events

All Para athletes must be 16-35 years of age as of December 31, 2025 (born 1991 to 2009).

Athletes will compete together in wheelchair track, ambulatory track, seated throws, or ambulatory throws with results being calculated through the WPA Points Scoring Tables or equivalent available in 2025. Men and women will not be combined. Para Athletes are eligible to compete in events where a WPA Point Scoring Table is available for their Sport Class.

“Able Bodied” competitors cannot be entered in Para-Athletics events.

It is preferred that athletes have national classification to be selected to the CSG team.

## Special Olympics Events

Special Olympics athletes must be under 35 years of age as of December 31, 2024 – born in 1990 or later.

For any questions about eligibility or selection, please contact Karen Hurley at [khurley@soalberta.ca](mailto:khurley@soalberta.ca)

## Notice

To be considered for the Canada Games Team, the able-bodied athletes must compete in the designated Canada Games Team Trials at CALTAF Track Classic – June 20/21/22, 2025, unless granted exemption. An exempted athlete with 'A' or 'B' standard of March 20, 2025 and June 22, 2025 **may** be considered relative to Criteria 6 or Criteria 8 (as listed further down in selection criteria), pending team size.

## Exemptions

Athletes wanting to be considered for the Canada Summer Games Team must complete a Team Alberta athlete declaration form and submit it by June 22, 2025, as well as complete the Team Alberta registration upon selection. Selected team athletes are committed to attending all team events, staging and competitions. Failure to attend team events, staging and competitions may jeopardize the athlete's selection to this team.

Additionally, due to the team-scoring element of the Canada Games, athletes should be aware that they might be asked (due to reasons including illness and injury) to compete in an event in which they may not have tried out for.

## Athletes wishing to be selected to Team Alberta's Canada Summer Games Team must:

1. Take part in the Alberta Canada Summer Games Team Trials, athletes must compete in the event(s) that they wish to be selected to the team.
2. Meet the 2025 Canada Summer Games Eligibility Rules, which include the ineligibility of athletes who have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) prior to May 11, 2025.
3. Be Canadian Citizens or a Permanent Resident with proof of residency.
4. Meet the residency requirements for the province of Alberta (have a primary physical residence)  
or
5. Meet the requirements for student athletes who attend school outside their province of primary residence.  
or
6. Meet the non-student athlete requirements for those attending a recognized national training centre outside their province of primary residence.
7. Meet the Selection Criteria, which includes the proposed selection standards.

# Able Bodied

## Selection Criteria, Qualifying Period and Process

Athletes will be considered for selection in the following order and are not restricted to these standards, as Team Staff evaluation will be conducted to better reflect the expected performance levels for team members selected. Standards must be achieved at outdoor competitions within the qualifying window of March 20, 2025 and June 22, 2025.

**Please note:** Due to limitations in team size, achieving the standard does not guarantee selection.

The following criteria will be used at for selection of the 2025 Canada Games Team:

1. Event Winner at trials with a legal 'A' standard at trials.
2. Event Winner at trials with a legal 'A' standard at sanctioned competition in the qualifying window.
3. Event Winner at trials with a legal 'B' standard at trials.
4. Event Winner at trials with a legal 'B' standard at sanctioned competition in the qualifying window.
5. Non-Winner with a legal 'A' standard at trials.
6. Non-Winner with a legal 'A' standard at sanctioned competition in the qualifying window.
7. Non-Winner with a legal 'B' standard at trials.
8. Non-Winner with a legal 'B' standard at sanctioned competition in the qualifying window.
9. Other athletes will be selected to the remaining spots on the team based on their medal potential, ability to double in events, and ability to add to the performance of the relay team.
10. Athletes unable to compete in the selection meet for the reasons as listed below will have their performances considered relative to criteria 6 or 8. Anyone meeting the reasons below are required to send Athletics Alberta's Technical Manager Operations a request for consideration in writing (i.e. email) no later than, the specified timeline below, prior to the start of the first day of competition.

### **Notification Timeline:**

- Illness, including domestic affliction - a medical certificate is required plus a fitness test and the attainment of a standard prior to team appointment **(48-hour notification)**.
- Injury - a medical certificate is required plus a fitness test and the attainment of a standard prior to team appointment **(48 hours notification)**.
- Graduation from Secondary or Post-Secondary School. **(1-week notification)**.
- Conflict with a competition deemed to be of greater importance, i.e. Canadian National Team Competition or Canadian Championship. **(2-week notification)**.

# Para Athletes

## Selection Criteria, Qualifying Period and Process

### Para Athletes

All Para athletes must be 16-35 years of age as of December 31, 2025 (born 1991 to 2009). Selection will largely be based on performance at the CSG Team Trials, but identification camps and seasonal performance will be considered. As the number of para-athletes in the province is limited, selection will be based on the performance as opposed to standards.

#### Events:

Ambulatory and Wheelchair Track – 100m, 400m, 1500m

Ambulatory and Seated Throws – Shot Put, Discus

### QUALIFYING PERIOD

The qualifying period begins March 20, 2025 and ends on June 22, 2025. Only outdoor performances in Athletics Alberta sanctioned competitions will be considered (performances that are in the AC rankings are considered to have been achieved at a sanctioned competition). It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that their performances are documented and listed on the AC rankings.

# Special Olympics

## Selection Criteria, Qualifying Period and Process

### FOR ATHLETES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AT CANADA SUMMER GAMES THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET

1. Athletes must be registered with an accredited Special Olympics Chapter and be active in a Special Olympics program.
2. Athletes must be 13 years of age or older as of the first day of competition.
3. Athletes must have been training in the sport that they are competing in for a minimum of 2 sport seasons prior to the Games in their sport (Policy 5000-35)
4. Athletes must have competed in a qualifying sport event at either a sanctioned Special Olympics qualifying competition\* OR a provincial/territorial level integrated/parallel qualifying competition within the able-bodied sport system (sanctioned by the Provincial/Territorial Sport Governing Body and sanctioned by the Special Olympics Chapter Office) within the year preceding the National Games.
5. In the case where a Chapter designates more than one competition as the qualifying competition all athletes advancing on in the designated event from a Chapter must compete in the same qualifying competition or competitions, i.e. if a Chapter so deems that alpine skiing athletes can qualify in four separate competitions then all of the alpine skiers must compete in those same four separate competitions to be eligible to advance on;

6. Chapters must also forward the results from all competitions that are deemed as the qualifying competition(s) by a said Chapter to ensure that Special Olympics Canada can check athlete eligibility as per Policy 5000-07 - Submission of Provincial/Territorial Games/Championship Results
7. Except in situations outlined below, athletes may only participate in the sport and event(s) in which they qualified in at the sanctioned Chapter Special Olympics qualifying competition.

### **Special Olympics**

Special Olympics athletes must be under 35 years of age as of December 31, 2025 – born in 1991 or later. Selection of the 2025 Canada Summer Games Special Olympics Athletics Team Alberta will occur from Canada Games Team Trials at CALTAF Track Classic – June 20/21/22, 2025.

### **Qualifying Period**

The qualifying period ends on June 22, 2025.

#### **Events:**

100m, 200m

# 2025 Canada Summer Games Able Bodied Selection Standards

Standards are based on the Athletics Alberta and Athletics Canada rankings. The standards are adjusted by the Team Staff to better reflect the expected performance levels of Alberta athletes on the 2025 Canada Summer Games team.



## Canada Summer Games Standards

Women

Men

A' Standard	B' Standard	Event	A' Standard	B' Standard
12.12	12.36	100m	10.76	10.97
24.33	24.82	200m	21.90	22.33
56.27	57.39	400m	48.60	49.57
2.09.88	2.12.47	800m	1.51.18	1.53.41
4.26.33	4.31.66	1500m	3.54.31	3.59.00
17.28.76	17.49.74	5000m	14.41.91	14.59.55
14.11	14.40	100mH / 110mH	14.82	15.12
61.53	62.76	400mH	54.21	55.30
10.53.54	11.19.98	3000m SC	9.15.55	9.37.77
1.70	1.66	High Jump	2.01	1.97
5.81	5.69	Long Jump	6.85	6.71
11.70	11.47	Triple Jump	14.54	14.25
3.52	3.38	Pole Vault	4.35	4.26
13.07	12.54	Shot Put	14.44	14.15
42.74	41.03	Discus	44.16	43.28
48.11	46.19	Hammer	49.65	48.66
42.55	40.85	Javelin	57.81	56.66
4742	4553	Hep / Dec	6094	5972

# Appeals Process

1. Appeals may be submitted for circumstances related to athlete illness or injury or any other reasonable technical circumstance deemed appropriate. Bearing responsibility for overall selection, the Athletics Alberta Programs Committee members will use all foregoing selection criteria contained in this document to weigh all factors in an appeal to arrive at a decision. All successful appeals that result in an athlete being selected to the team must satisfy the general team objectives and criteria outlined in this document.
2. Only athletes who have achieved the 2025 Canada Summer Games standard during the qualifying period may submit an Appeal for Selection.
3. Appeals for Selection are to be submitted to Athletics Alberta via email at [operations@athleticsalberta.com](mailto:operations@athleticsalberta.com) and must be received by 12:00 pm (noon) on June 24, 2025, Mountain Standard Time.
4. If a successful appeal will displace another athlete from selection in the same event, the athlete who is making the appeal must substantiate in writing, objective proof that shows consistent superior performance. Such objective proof should include a comparison of performance records during the Qualifying Period; a comparison of the athletes' past performance records at national and international competitions; a comparison of their head-to-head competition record; and a comparison of performances achieved during the last month of the Qualifying Period.
5. In the case of an appeal related to injury or illness, separate documentation from a medical practitioner detailing the nature of the injury should be included along with the Appeal for Selection submission. The final decision will be made by the Athletics Alberta Programs Committee and ideally based on the recommendation made by the Athletics Alberta coordinating physician or designate.
6. Once an Appeal for Selection is reviewed by Athletics Alberta Programs Committee all decisions are final.

The following can be appealed by an affiliate, athlete, a coach, or parent/caregiver:

- Errors in ranking
  - Errors in results
  - Non-endorsement of an athlete
  - Justification for interpretations
- i) Affiliate chairperson must contact the Provincial Office Program Staff, by telephone or in person, to review the rankings.
  - ii) If it is confirmed that an error in calculating the rankings was made, the Affiliate chairperson may formally appeal in writing to the Provincial Office.
  - iii) The specifics of the appeal must then be verified and any other applicants that may be affected must be informed with their specific information verified.
  - iv) The Appeal Committee is notified, reviews the information, and forwards their decision to the Provincial Program Staff.