



Tentative Cross-Country Nationals Alberta Provincial Athlete Selection Criteria and Guidelines

PENDING APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (as of November 1, 2019)

Purpose of the Provincial Team:

To nominate branch representatives for the Cross-Country Nationals competition as directed by Athletics Canada and the Athletics Alberta Cross-Country Selection Committee.

Team Funding:

This is not a financially supported Team of Athletics Alberta.

***** PLEASE NOTE***** Representatives asked to represent or be present on the Alberta Provincial Team 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 at the National Championships does not entitle anyone to any funding demands or requests. **THIS TEAM IS 100% UNFUNDED BY ATHLETICS ALBERTA.** ***

The nomination will be held using pre-determined sanctioned 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 Championships, and Individual Championships in male and female categories.

The Competition Scoring:

At the Canadian XC National Championship there will be Region-Branch Team points awarded. The points awarded will accumulate to name the top 3 region-branch teams in Canada. Regions and Branches can name up to 6 athletes with first 4 athletes to score. Regions and Branches can put forth more than 1 team per recognized age group in the competition if the Region or Branch has the available athletes. There are three individual age groups allowed to compete at the National Championships BUT only two categories are eligible for Region-Branch Team points.



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.** If available, Athletics Alberta will send complementary attire to be worn. If the athletes in attendance, choose to wear the items provided they can with approval from their club representative.

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

1. Take part in an identified sanctioned selection meet.
2. Be a member of Athletics Alberta in good standing.
3. Submit their intent to be apart of the team selection using the online form.
2. Be Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants.
3. Meet the residency requirements in order to compete for the province in which they are residing.
4. Meet the Selection Criteria, which may include proposed selection standards.
5. Athletes who lack sportsmanship and have behavioral issues may not be selected to the team.
6. If unable to attend the Team Trials for a medical or scholastic commitment but wish to be considered, please contact the office for more information. The office must be contacted prior to **November 12th, 2019.**

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



Selection Criteria and Process

Athletes will be considered for selection in the following order: (**Please note:** Due to limitations in team size, achieving first place at a non-Alberta Athletic Provincial does not guarantee selection).

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. Second place at Athletics Alberta Athletics Cross-Country Provincials.
3. Non-winner at Athletics Alberta Cross-Country Provincials.
4. Non-winner with a first, or second place performance elsewhere achieved in the current outdoor season.
5. Other athletes will be considered by placing at the sanctioned selection meets, ability to add depth to a relay team, and medal potential, but not limited to this order.

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

- Alberta New Balance meets
- ACAC
- ASAA High School Provincials
- U-Sport Cross-Country Meets
- NCAA Sanctioned Cross-Country meets

***Non-winner:**

Refers to an athlete who places outside of the top performances at provincials.

Withdrawing from the team:

- If you are chosen for the Team and you have applied but are not willing to go please inform the selection committee ASAP.