



## Selection Criteria

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#### 2. Change History

#### 3. Overview

- a. These Selection Criteria (“Criteria”) set out the selection processes for the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships (WMTRC) team along with the eligibility and qualification requirements that an athlete must satisfy to be considered for selection.
- b. Entries to 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships are limited by the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the following Governing Bodies:
  - i. Athletics Canada (“AC”);
  - ii. Association of Canadian Ultramarathoners (ACU);
  - iii. International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU);
  - iv. international Trail Running Association (ITRA);
  - v. World Mountain Running Association (WMRA);
  - vi. The 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”); and
  - vii. any Canadian multisport governing body (as applicable).
- c. If there are contradictions between any of the Governing Bodies’ bylaws, rules and/or regulations and these Criteria, then the more restrictive will take precedence. Note that this clause is notwithstanding any qualification standards set by a Governing Body, the Selection Panel (defined below) reserves its right to set standards that are stricter than those set by any Governing Body.
- d. The World Mountain & Trail Running Championships Selection Panel (“Selection Panel”) is responsible for the contents of this Criteria and has the sole authority and discretion to make changes to its contents. The Selection Panel has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the selection of athletes based on these criteria. The Selection Panel is covered in Section 11, below.

#### 4. Key Dates

Qualifying Periods	
Events	Dates
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Trail Running Events (Short Trail & Long Trail)
January 1, 2025 – June 27, 2027	Mountain Running Events (Classic Up & Down, Classic Up & Down (Junior/U20), Senior Vertical Uphill)
Important Dates	



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Trail Running Events (Short Trail and Long Trail)	
Description	Dates
Qualification Period starts	January 1, 2025
2026 Canadian Trail Running Championships (50km & 50 Mile)	July 2 – 5, 2026
Qualification Period ends (Trail Running Events)	December 31, 2026
Declaration Deadline (Trail Running Events)	December 31, 2026
Selection Meeting (Trail Running Events)	Week of January 11, 2027
Team Travel Date (TBC)	October 1, 2027
Competition Dates	October 6 - 10, 2027

Mountain Running Events (Vertical Uphill, Classic Up and Down)	
Description	Dates
Qualification Period starts	January 1, 2025
2026 Canadian Mountain Running Championships (Classic Up & Down & Vertical Uphill)	October 10-11, 2026
Initial Selection Meeting (Automatically Qualified Athletes in Mountain Running Events)	Week of January 11, 2027
Qualification Period ends (Mountain Running Events)	June 27, 2027
Declaration Deadline (Mountain Running Events)	June 27, 2027
Final Selection Meeting (Mountain Running Events)	Week of July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2027
Team Travel Date (TBC)	October 1, 2027
Competition Dates	October 6 - 10, 2027

Each date will be considered to start at midnight (00:00am) and end at 11:59pm in the athlete’s local time zone, unless stated otherwise above.

#### 5. Team Objectives

- a. This selection process is designed to align with AC’s Strategic Plan 2028. As such, it seeks to prioritize the selection of athletes who have demonstrated an ability to contribute to the following performance targets at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, presented in priority order:
  - i. To improve upon the individual finishes from 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.
    1. Total number of medals;
      - 2025: 0
    2. Total number of top 10 finishes;



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- 2025: 3
- 3. Total number of athletes finishing in the top half of their field;
  - 2025: 18
- ii. To improve upon the team scoring finish from 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.
  1. Overall Federation Team Result: 7<sup>th</sup>
  2. Classic Vertical Uphill
    - Men's Team – 10<sup>th</sup> Place
    - Women's Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  3. Classic Up & Down
    - Men's Team – 11<sup>th</sup> Place
    - Women's Team – 6<sup>th</sup> Place
  4. Short Trail Race
    - Men's Team – 15<sup>th</sup> Place
    - Women's Team – 9<sup>th</sup> Place
  5. Long Trail Race
    - Men's Team – 14<sup>th</sup> Place
    - Women's Team – 7<sup>th</sup> Place

#### 6. Funding / Travel Expenses

- a. Athletics Canada will provide financial support for the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships. As a result, accommodations (number of nights to be confirmed) and meals will be primarily covered through contributions from Athletics Canada and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- b. Athletes are expected to contribute an estimated \$200 CAD fee, which will help offset costs related to accommodations, meals, and team uniforms.
- c. Athletes will be responsible for covering all travel expenses to and from the championship venue, including airfare, train, or bus transportation from their home location.
- d. This section is subject to change if the financial contribution to accommodations and meals by the LOC is significantly lower than anticipated. Nonetheless, Athletics Canada will strive to meet the standards set out in 6a., 6b, and 6c. even in the case of an unexpected shortfall.

#### 7. 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championship Events

##### a. Events

The Selection Panel may select athletes for the events listed immediately below. Each event is contested separately by men and by women, unless stated otherwise:

##### i. Trail Running:

Long Trail



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Short Trail

- ii. **Mountain Running:**
  - Classic Up & Down
  - Classic Up & Down (Junior/U20)
  - Senior Vertical Uphill

b. **Maximum Entries per Event**

- i. **Trail Running:**
  - Long Trail - up to six (6) athletes may be selected.
  - Short Trail - up to six (6) athletes may be selected.
- ii. **Mountain Running:**
  - Classic Up & Down - up to four (4) athletes may be selected.
  - Classic Up & Down (Junior/U20) - up to four (4) athletes may be selected.
  - Senior Vertical Uphill - up to four (4) athletes may be selected.

c. **Maximum Events per Athlete**

- i. **LOC restrictions:** There are no restrictions on the number of events for which an athlete may be selected, although Scheduling Conflicts (see below) may make some “doubles” impractical.
- ii. **Scheduling conflicts:** Where the Selection Panel believe that a likely scheduling conflict will impact an individual athlete’s and/or the overall team’s ability to meet the Team Objectives (Section 5) they may limit the number of events for which they select the impacted athlete(s). Generally, an athlete competing in either of the Short or Long Trail events would not be permitted to “double” in another event, but requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. For clarity, an athlete who has been selected 'automatically' for more than one event will only have an automatic entry into their first choice of event and their selection in other events will be dependent on the competition schedule and final approval by the Selection Panel.

## 8. Selection Process

- a. The Selection Panel (Section 11) will make decisions in person or electronically, guided by these Criteria, on the Selection Meeting Date[s].
- b. A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete (Section 13) who has achieved one or more Eligible Performances (Section 14).



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c. The Selection Panel will only consider Qualified Athletes (see above).

i. **Selection Process – Classic Up & Down Event (Senior)**

The Selection Process for the Senior Teams for the Classic Up & Down race will involve four (4) steps. These steps will be followed until a maximum of four (4) athletes have been selected.

**Step 1 – Automatic Selection (Canadian Championships)**

The top two placing eligible athletes (Section 13) at the 2026 Canadian Mountain Running Championships (Classic Up and Down) will be selected. If either of the top two placing eligible athletes declines their spot, then the third-place finisher will be automatically selected. Athletes placing outside of the top three will not be automatically selected but can be selected in Step 4.

These athletes will be named during the initial selection meeting.

**Step 2 – Automatic Selection (World Championships)**

Athletes placing in the top 20 at the 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships will be selected based on descending order until the maximum team size of four (4) has been reached.

These athletes will be named during the initial selection meeting.

**Step 3 – World Rankings**

If any spots remain, they will be filled by those athletes ranked in the Top 25 of the Mountain Running World Rankings at the end of the Qualifying Period (see Section 4) and will be selected based on descending order until the maximum team size of four (4) has been reached. Under this Step, a top 25 ranked athlete will be given the opportunity to declare for only one of the Classic Up & Down and Vertical Uphill in accordance with Section 7 c. ii. and is eligible to be selected in Step 4 in the other event.

**Step 4 – At Large Qualifier**

If any spots remain, they will be filled by the Selection Panel based on performances at any mountain running, trail running, cross-country, road running or track (5000m, 10,000m and 3000m SC only) events in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Preference will be given to those eligible athletes (Section 13) who competed at the 2025, 2026 and 2027 (if applicable) Canadian Mountain Running Championships, 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, and other domestic & international mountain races recognized for having competitive fields. Athletes competing exclusively at



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local “grassroots” events, with limited depth of field, are unlikely to be selected.

In making these decisions related to individual events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
- Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Athlete strengths (e.g., climbing ability, descending skills, skills on technical courses);
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- Competition evidence of the ability to perform on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- Recent performance trends; and
- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events.

#### ii. Selection Process – Classic Up & Down Event (Junior/U20)

The Selection Process for the Junior/U20 Teams will involve two (2) steps. These steps will be followed until a maximum of four (4) athletes have been selected.

##### **Step 1 – Automatic Selection (Canadian Championships)**

The top placing U20/Junior eligible athlete (Section 13) at the 2026 Mountain Running Championships (Canadian Classic Up & Down) will be selected. If the top-placing athlete declines their spot, the next placing athletes will not be automatically selected but can be selected in Step 2.

This athlete will be named during the initial selection meeting.

##### **Step 2 – At Large Qualifier**

If any spots remain, they will be filled by the Selection Panel based on performances at any mountain running, trail running, cross-country, road running or track (5000m, 10,000m and 3000m SC only) events in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Preference will be given to those eligible athletes (Section 13) who competed at the 2025, 2026 and 2027 (if applicable) Canadian Mountain Running Championships and other domestic & international races recognized



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for having competitive fields. Athletes competing exclusively at local “grassroots” events, with limited depth of field, are unlikely to be selected.

In making these decisions related to individual events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
- Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Athlete strengths (e.g., climbing ability, descending skills, skills on technical terrain);
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- Competition evidence of the ability to perform on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- Recent performance trends; and
- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events.

#### iii. Selection Process – Vertical Uphill Event (Senior)

The Selection Process for the Senior Teams for the Vertical Uphill race will involve four (4) steps. These steps will be followed until a maximum of four (4) athletes have been selected.

##### **Step 1 – Automatic Selection (Canadian Championships)**

The top two placing eligible athletes (Section 13) at the 2026 Canadian Mountain Running Championships (Vertical Uphill Event) will be selected. If either of the top two placing eligible athletes declines their spot, then the third-place finisher will be automatically selected. Athletes placing outside of the top three will not be automatically selected but can be selected in Step 4.

These athletes will be named during the initial selection meeting.

##### **Step 2 – Automatic Selection (World Championships)**

Athletes placing in the top 20 at the 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships will be selected based on descending order until the maximum team size of four (4) has been reached.

These athletes will be named during the initial selection meeting.



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#### Step 4 – At Large Qualifier

If any spots remain, they will be filled by the Selection Panel based on performances at any mountain running, trail running, cross-country, road running or track (5000m, 10,000m and 3000m SC only) events in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Preference will be given to those eligible athletes (Section 13) who competed at the 2025, 2026 and 2027 (if applicable) Canadian Mountain Running Championships, 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, and other domestic & international mountain races recognized for having competitive fields. Athletes competing exclusively at local “grassroots” events, with limited depth of field, are unlikely to be selected.

In making these decisions related to individual events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
- Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Athlete strengths (e.g., climbing ability, descending skills, skills on technical terrain);
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- Competition evidence of the ability to perform on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- Recent performance trends; and
- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events.

#### iv. Selection Process - Long Trail



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The Selection Process for the Long Trail event will involve three (3) steps. These steps will be followed until a maximum of six (6) athletes have been selected.

#### Step 1 – Automatic Selection (Canadian Championships)

The top three placing eligible athletes (Section 13) at the 2026 Canadian Trail Running Championships (Quebec Mega Trail (80km Distance)) will be selected. If any of the top-three placing athletes decline their spot, the athletes placing outside of the top three will not be automatically selected but can be selected in Step 3.

#### Step 2 – Automatic Selection (World Championships)

Athletes placing in the top 20 at the 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships will be selected based on descending order until the maximum team size of six (6) has been reached.

#### Step 3 – At Large Qualifier

Remaining spots will be filled by the Selection Panel based on performances at any mountain running, trail running, and/or road running events in 2025 and 2026. Preference will be given to those eligible athletes (Section 13) who competed at the 2025 & 2026 Canadian Trail Running Championships, 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, 2025 or 2026 Ultra-trail Cape Town 100km, and other domestic & international trail races recognized for having competitive fields. Athletes competing exclusively at local “grassroots” events, with limited depth of field, are unlikely to be selected.

In making these decisions related to individual events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
- Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Athlete strengths (e.g., climbing ability, descending skills, skills on technical terrain);
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- Competition evidence of the ability to perform on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- Recent performance trends; and
- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events.



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#### v. Selection Process - Short Trail

The Selection Process for the Short Trail event will involve three (3) steps. These steps will be followed until a maximum of six (6) athletes have been selected.

##### **Step 1 – Automatic Selection (Canadian Championships)**

The top three placing eligible athletes (Section 13) at the 2026 Canadian Trail Running Championships (Quebec Mega Trail (50km Distance)) will be selected. If any of the top-three placing athletes decline their spot, the athletes placing outside of the top three will not be automatically selected but can be selected in Step 3.

##### **Step 2 – Automatic Selection (World Championships)**

Athletes placing in the top 20 at the 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships will be selected based on descending order until the maximum team size of six (6) has been reached.

##### **Step 3 – At Large Qualifier**

Remaining spots will be filled by the Selection Panel based on performances at any mountain running, trail running, and/or road running events in 2025 and 2026. Preference will be given to those eligible athletes (Section 13) who competed at the 2025 & 2026 Canadian Trail Running Championships, 2025 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, 2025 or 2026 Ultra-trail Cape Town 55km, and other domestic & international trail races recognized for having competitive fields. Athletes competing exclusively at local “grassroots” events, with limited depth of field, are unlikely to be selected.

In making these decisions related to individual events the Selection Panel will take into account, but not be limited to, the following factors (the order of factors does not imply an order of priority for the Selection Panel):

- Best performance during the Qualifying Period;
- Head-to-head results during the Qualifying Period;
- Results at the National Championships in this event;
- Athlete strengths (e.g., climbing ability, descending skills, skills on technical terrain);
- Health and fitness levels that indicate optimal competitive readiness;
- Competition evidence of the ability to perform on demand, preferably in the same event and at this level of competition;
- Recent performance trends; and



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- The impact of the likely competition schedule for athletes competing in one or more events.

#### 9. Competitive Readiness

- a. All athlete selected by the Selection Committee must demonstrate 'competitive readiness' to be eligible for the team. Competitive readiness will be informed by the Selection Panel based on at least the following: distance behind the winner at the 2026 Canadian Championship Events, overall finishing times at the 2026 Canadian Championship Event or other event, and potential placing at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel reserves the right not to name any athlete to a team, including an automatically selected athlete, if it believes that the athletes who have declared for the team are not capable of finishing within 25% of the winning time at 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.

#### 10. Selection Meeting(s)

- a. The Selection Panel (Section 11) will make decisions on the date(s) as indicated in Section 4 to select the team according to these Criteria. If an athlete is unable to compete at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships and withdraws or is removed from the team after the initial selection, additional athlete(s) to fill the spot will be selected on the basis of the criteria set out above. In the interest of speed and efficiency, these meetings may be held with a smaller sub-committee of the Selection Panel with final approval coming via email from the larger Selection Panel. In the case of selecting additional athletes, performances up to and including the date of the meeting to select the alternate athlete may be considered by the Selection Committee or sub-committee.
- b. The Chair of the Selection Panel will decide on the exact format of electronic meetings, for example by voice or video conferencing or by email.
- c. AC will keep a written record and/or recording of the proceedings of the Selection Meeting and its outcomes, on behalf of the Selection Panel.
- d. Upon the Selection Panel confirming the list of selected athletes, the list will be forwarded to Athletics Canada's National Team Committee (NTC) for final approval.
- e. The outcome will be published via an Official Team Announcement (Section 12).

#### 11. Selection Panel

The Selection Panel is comprised of the following:



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**Voting Members** – Athletics Canada Technical Staff (one), Mountain Running Expert (one), Association of Canadian Ultramarathoners Representative (one), Athletics Canada Branch Representatives (two), and Athlete Representative (one). The Chair of the Selection Panel will only vote in the event of a tie.

**Non-Voting Members** – Can be asked to be present at parts of a Selection Meeting depending on expertise and input required and might include: Athletics Canada coaching and Integrated Support Team (“IST”) staff, statistician, legal advisor, technical specialists, or trail running or mountain running experts, as required.

The 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships Selection Panel, with final approval coming from AC’s National Team Committee, has the sole authority and discretion to make decisions relating to the selection of athletes for the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships up until the Team Travel Date.

From the Team Travel Date onwards, “On-site Decision Making Authority” will apply (Section 17).

#### 12. Official Team Announcement

- a. The composition of the selected team will be announced by AC, on the AC website, as soon as practical after the Selection Meeting. Short and Long Trail teams will also be announced on the ACU website.
- b. Athletes may be contacted directly by the Chair of the Selection Panel prior to the Official Team Announcement to confirm their selection or non-selection.

#### 13. Eligible Athletes

To be considered for selection for this team:

- a. **Declaration:**

Athletes must declare their interest to compete by submitting the electronic declaration form, published on the AC website, by the Final Declaration Deadline. Note that by declaring interest for this team, the athlete agrees to be bound by AC Bylaws and Technical Rules and obligations specific within this Selection Criteria which include Team Travel Obligations (Section 15) and the Appeals process (Section 17). Athletes selected to a Short or Long trail event also agree to be bound by ACU rules published on their website.

  - i. Note: It is the athlete’s sole responsibility to provide all relevant information including performances during the Qualification Period to the Selection Committee when completing the declaration form. Although the Selection Committee may conduct searches for additional results beyond what details



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are submitted by the athletes, it has no obligation to do so.

**b. Eligibility to Represent Canada:**

At the time of the Final Team Selection Meeting (Section 4) athletes must

- i. Hold Canadian Citizenship and be otherwise eligible to represent Canada.
- ii. Have submitted a scan of a Canadian passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.

**c. Membership Requirements:**

- i. Athletes must be a registered “Athlete” member of an AC Branch at the time of qualification and through the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.
- ii. Athletes competing at the 2026 Canadian Championships (Selection Trials) must hold Canadian Citizenship and be otherwise eligible to represent Canada under WA rules at the time of the Selection Trials (Section 4) in order to qualify for automatic selection by virtue of their Trials result.
- iii. Athletes competing in the short or long trail distances must also be a current member the Association of Canadian Ultramarathoners at the time of selection and through the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships.

**d. Age Restrictions**

- i. Junior/U20 athletes must be aged 16-19 on December 31, 2027.
- ii. The lower age limit for the senior mountain races is 18 on December 31, 2027.
- iii. The lower age limit for the trail races is 20 on December 31, 2027.

**e. Anti-doping Compliance**

- i. Athletes must comply with the anti-doping rules of AC and ACU, as well as World Athletics (WA), Sport Integrity Canada (SIC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and any other anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete.
- ii. Athletes must complete any anti-doping eLearning courses as required.

**f. Good Standing**

Athletes must be in good standing with all relevant other Governing Bodies as listed in Section 3.b .

**g. Forms and Agreements**

Athletes must sign, submit, and comply with all required forms and agreements, including:

- i. Declaration Form



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- ii. Health Questionnaire (Electronic Pre-Participation Questionnaire)
- iii. Athlete Agreement
- h. **Infectious Diseases**
  - i. Athletics Canada will follow host location and LOC public health restrictions, and as such, vaccination may be a requirement for some national team activities.
  - ii. By accepting team membership all team members confirm that they will comply with mitigation measures, such as social distancing, hand washing and wearing a mask when required/recommended, or risk removal from the team.

#### 14. Final Phase Preparation Requirements

- a. Athletes are expected to demonstrate final phase preparation and be able to deliver a peak performance at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships. An athlete's selection will not be confirmed until they complete the process outlined below and they will be deselected if the process is not completed.
- b. **Injury or Illness**

Athletes seeking selection to the team are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status within the Qualification Period that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships. Notification must be sent immediately to [chris.winter@athletics.ca](mailto:chris.winter@athletics.ca). Upon receipt, AC reserves the right to request additional information if they have any reason to doubt that the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. If, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, the athlete is not deemed to be sufficiently recovered to perform at the expected standard, the athlete may not be selected to the team. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected and held financially responsible for all the athlete's costs associated with the event.

Once selected, AC will work with any selected athlete who experiences illness or injury to support recovery in a manner that minimizes disruption to training and performance preparation. Where full recovery is not achievable in time for this competition, AC will prioritize the athletes' long term health and performance potential. In this context, the Selection Panel reserves the right to withdraw selection of any athlete who, in the Panel's assessment, is not sufficiently healthy or fit to compete at the level consistent with optimal performance at the competition.



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Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, national team staff & coaches will work with the athlete, coach and local/national team IST resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best.

#### 15. Eligible Performances

- a. An Eligible Performance will be a competition result that:
  - i. was achieved within the Qualification Period (Section 4); and
  - ii. was achieved by an Eligible Athlete (Section 13).

#### 16. Team Travel Obligations

- a. Athletes who wish to participate on a National Team are required to comply with the National Team travel plans as they pertain to travel and accommodation schedules for the 2027 WMTRC.
- b. By declaring interest for consideration for this team, athletes will strive to participate in any pre-competition training camp(s) and to participate for the full duration of the event specified in Section 4 (i.e., the 2027 WMTRC).
- c. By accepting a position on this team, athletes also agree to travel on the official traveling dates.
- d. In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to these Team Travel Obligations may be granted at the Selection Panel's sole discretion. The request for an exemption must be made in writing to the Chair of the Selection Panel (i.e., the Athletics Canada representative) in advance of travel dates; requests must be made on or before the Final Declaration Deadline.
- e. Failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations may result in de-selection from this team and may affect current high performance support status (for example CAPP or AAP support) and/or future high performance support eligibility. Any additional costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations will be the sole responsibility of the athlete.

#### 17. On-Site Decision Making Authority

- a. To ensure at-competition decisions may be made quickly and decisively in the best interest of performance, the following delegation of authority and processes for making final confirmation of entries onsite at the event will apply. This includes, but



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is not limited to, decisions around removal of an athlete from the team, injuries and /or use of alternates.

- b. Starting on the Team Travel Date (Section 4) all final Decision Making Authority (“DMA”) will reside with the team’s appointed Head Coach.
- c. As per competition regulations, the athletes entered to compete in individual events will be confirmed during the competition. The timing is to be confirmed by the LOC but typically confirmations will be made before noon two days before the first day of competition and before 9am the day before each remaining day of competition. Any final changes of the team will be made by the Head Coach (or whomever has the DMA).

#### 18. Appeals

- a. **Who Can Appeal**  
Athletes who are directly affected by a selection decision have the right to appeal.
- b. **Filing a First Appeal**
  - i. Athletes should refer to the Commissioner’s Office – Terms of Reference for the full procedure for filing an appeal (see <https://athletics.ca/about-ac/governance/> ).
  - ii. In the first instance, Appeals must be sent to the AC Commissioners’ Office via e-mail (to [commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca](mailto:commissioner@athleticscommissioner.ca)) within the Appeals Period (Section 0 below).
  - iii. All appeals must be accompanied by a fee of \$250 (payable to Athletics Canada). This amount will be returned if the appeal is successful. Contact [appeals@athletics.ca](mailto:appeals@athletics.ca) for payment options.

#### Appeals Period

The Appeals Period starts when the Official Team Announcement is made (see Section 12) and ends **five (5)** calendar days later. (So if the Official Team Announcement is made on Monday the Appeals Period ends at midnight on the following Saturday.)

- a. **Grounds for an Appeal**  
The Commissioners’ Office will determine whether an appeal will be considered, based on the following factors:
  - iv. The Selection Panel failed to follow the processes outlined in this Selection Criteria;



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- v. The selection decision was based on an error of fact; or
- vi. The selection decision was influenced by bias, bias being defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the Selection Panel was unable to consider other views.

**b. Affected Parties**

If it is determined by the Commissioner that a first Appeal, if successful, would displace another athlete nominated to the team as per this Selection Criteria, then that athlete will be consulted as part of the Commissioner's deliberations, and will be bound by the Commissioner's decision.

**c. Injury or illness**

Where an Appeal relates to injury or illness, the athlete must supply documentation from a medical practitioner diagnosing the injury or illness. In deciding such appeals, AC's Commissioners' Office may obtain input from the AC Chief Medical Officer or designate. Any decision by the Commissioner on an appeal relating to illness or injury must take into consideration the athlete's ability to fulfill the Competitive Readiness Requirements contained in this Selection Criteria.

**d. Right to a Second Appeal**

If an athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Commissioner, a formal second appeal may be available, timelines permitting, pursuant to The Commissioner's Office – Terms of Reference (see <http://athletics.ca/federation/governance/policies-rules-laws/>) to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

## 19. Amendments

The Selection Panel reserves the right to amend these Selection Criteria. If amendments are made, they will be communicated as soon as possible through the AC and ACU websites.

Situations may arise that do not allow these criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in these criteria in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Athletics Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, the Selection Panel may amend the Criteria under the following circumstances:

- 1) When additional (or altered) information that is deemed relevant by the Selection Panel to the Criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event



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organizing committee, Sport Canada, the IAU, ITRA, WMRA, World Athletics, or any other relevant organization; and

- 2) To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors, or omissions in the Criteria.

Any amendments made by the Selection Panel are deemed to come into effect immediately upon publication on the AC website. The Selection Panel will publish the amended Criteria by whatever means and wherever the original Criteria were published.

#### 20. Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the process for selection as contemplated in these Selection Criteria to be implemented, the Selection Panel reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of an alternate process for selection.