



2024 U18+15YO BC/YUKON LEGION TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA & STANDARDS

1. OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the selection document for the **2024 U18+15YO BC/Yukon Legion Track & Field Team**. All selections will be made in accordance with these criteria. Athletes and coaches are asked to please familiarize themselves with this document. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Manager for Track & Field, Garrett Collier at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If there have been any changes to this criterion, it will be noted under Section 12 under CHANGE HISTORY

2. IMPORTANT DATES

a. QUALIFICATION PERIODS

DATES	EVENTS	NOTES
March 1, 2024 – July 14, 2024	All Events	See: Appendix A or B for Qualifying Standards

b. IMPORTANT DATES

DATES	EVENTS	NOTES
July 12-14, 2024	BC Athletics Track & Field Championships	Nanaimo, BC
July 14, 2024	Athlete Declaration Due	All Events
August 7-13, 2024	BC/Yukon Command Team Trip	MANDATORY
August 9-11, 2024	Royal Canadian Legion Youth Championships	Calgary, AB

3. TEAM OBJECTIVES

The selection criterion is set to select athletes as probable finalists and/or possible medallists. The specific objectives for this team include:

- a. To have more athletes advance to finals than in the previous year;
- b. To have more athletes achieve podium performances than in the previous year;
- c. To select athletes capable of performing at their personal best level.

4. FUNDING

BC Athletics will provide support (pending confirmation of funding for 2024/2025) to those athletes selected to the 2024 U18+15YO BC/Yukon Command Track & Field Team. For more information, please see the published criteria and standards within this document in addition to the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding and Team Selection](#).

5. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2024 U18+15YO BC/Yukon Command Team, athletes must:

- a. Meet the BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding Support and Team Selection
- b. Have been registered as a BC Athletics Competitive Member at the time of achieving the published selection standard (see Appendix A or B).
- c. Compete at the 2024 BC Athletics Provincial Track & Field Championships / Team Selection Trials.
- d. Submit an **Online Athlete Declaration Form** prior to the published declaration date (see Section 3a).
- d. Achieve the published standard in the event they wish to be considered for (see Appendix A) within the published qualifying period (see Section 3b)
- e. Must comply with Competitive Readiness Requirements as outlined in Section 7.
- f. Must be at least 15 years of age (U18) as of December 31, 2024 (see AC Rule 86e) for the 15YO Team, and 16 or 17 years of age as of December 31, 2024 for the U18 Team.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA + STANDARDS

a. METHODOLOGY

When producing team standards, BC Athletics works with the philosophy of “probably finalist, possible medallist.” The 2024 U18 BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average National 6th ranked performance from 2021, 2022, 2023, OR the average National 8th ranked performance from 2021, 2022, 2023. When the 6th Ranked performance in 2023 was less than the National 6th Ranked 3 year average, the average National 8th ranked performance was used (with some exceptions in field events).

Race Walk: The 5K Race Walk standard is based on the average BC 1st ranked performance from 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023.

The 2024 15YO BC/YUKON Legion Team Standards are based on the average BC Top 2 ranked performance from 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, and the average National Championship 3rd place performance from 2018, 2019, 2021, 202, 2023. These two averages were averaged to establish the 2024 15 YO Performance Standard.

Race Walk: The 1500m Race Walk standard is based on the average BC 1st ranked performance from 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023.

b. ELIGIBLE PERFORMANCES

All performances must appear on the [Athletics Canada Outdoor Rankings](#). It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure eligible performances appear in the rankings to be

considered for selection. Please submit results to results@athletics.ca. For performances that take place on the last day of the qualification period (see Section 3a), please email the Program Manager for Track & Field at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

c. IN-ELIGIBLE PERFORMANCES

For purposes of selection the following performances will not be eligible for selection or funding:

i. Wind-Aided Performances.

→ **New in 2024** – Wind Aided performances up to 2.5m/s will only be accepted in the finals of the selection trials for all events that require a wind reading. These performances will only be eligible for selection if the athlete has achieved the wind legal published standard (see Appendix A or B) prior to the finals of the selection trials. In instances where an athlete achieves the published standard and wins in the finals of an event that requires a wind reading and has previously registered a wind legal performance surpassing the published standard during the published qualifying period, that athletes will be considered as Winner, In Standard (see Section 6d1)

ii. Hand-Timed Performances for events 800m and shorter.

→ Hand-Timed performances in individual and relay events, 800m and shorter will not be accepted for the purposes of team selection. For other events, hand timed results will be accepted for selection when accompanied by documentation signed by the chief track referee.

d. SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes who have achieved the published standards (see Appendix A or B) will be considered in the following order:

1. **WINNER, IN STANDARD**, in the finals of the selection trials.
2. **NON-WINNER, IN STANDARD**, in the finals of the selection trials.
3. **WINNER IN NON-STANDARD**, in the finals of the selection trials, but having achieved the published standard (see Appendix A or B) during the published qualifying period (see Section 3a).
4. **NON-WINNER, IN NON-STANDARD**, in the finals of the selection trials, but having achieved the publish standard (see Appendix A or B) within the published qualifying period (see Section 3a).
5. **EXEMPTIONS**: Athletes unable to compete in the selection meet for the reasons listed below will have their performances considered at this step. Athletes considered at this step will be ranked according to their best performance achieved during the published qualifying period (see Section 3a). Notification is required prior to the start of the first day of competition of the selection trials through the **BC Team Online Exemption Form**.
6. **OTHER** athletes may be considered to nearness to standard and medal potential based on the results of the selection trails.

7. COMPETITIVE READINESS

Selected athletes are expected to be competition ready at the time of selection and leading up to, and at, the provincial team events. As part of demonstrating competitive readiness, athletes will be required to complete the steps below.

a. BC TEAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

All selected athletes and their primary coaches must complete, sign and submit the BC Team Selection Acknowledgement Form prior to receiving team information (travel, accommodations etc..). As a part of this form, both athlete and primary coach must disclose to BC Athletics any reasons (injury or illness) that may affect their competitive readiness.

b. COMPETITIVE READINESS

If a selected athlete presents reasons (injury or illness) that may result in questionable competitive readiness, BC Athletics will work with the athlete and coach on a case-by-case basis to certify the athlete's competitive readiness.

c. EVALUATIONS

Athletes with questionable competitive readiness will be required to submit a "Back to Competitive Readiness Plan" and required to prove fitness. This may be through proof of fitness at a competition, of video proof of fitness to be submitted on a case-by-case basis. In some cases, medical documentation may be used as an evaluation tool if competition is not possible.

d. VIOLATION OF COMPETITIVE READINESS

If an athlete and personal coach falsely certify that a selected athlete is competitive ready resulting in poor performance or non-performance at the BC Team event, the athlete and personal coach could be:

- i. Responsible for refunding BC Athletics the total costs incurred for team travel, entries, equipment transportation and any additional costs associated with the BC Team.
- ii. Deemed members not-in-good standing with BC Athletics and limited or suspended from any further BC Team Program opportunities.

BC Athletics will consider these situations on a case-by-case basis.

8. OFFICIAL TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PRELIMINARY EMAILS

Athletes who are preliminarily selected to the BC Senior Team roster will be contacted via email to confirm their selection to the team. Athletes receiving a preliminary email are

reminded that these emails are not final confirmation of team selection until after all appeals have been processed. Final confirmation will be through website and social media postings.

b. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Once the final team roster has been decided and preliminary emails are sent with confirmations received, BC Athletics will post the final team roster on the BC Athletics website and social media channels. Athletes will have their name, event(s), club, and primary coach listed on the roster.

9. APPEALS

a. WHO CAN APPEAL

Only athletes who have achieved the published standard (see Appendix A) during the published qualifying period (see Section 3a) or have met the selection criteria (see Section 6) may submit an appeal

b. APPEAL PROCESS

After BC Athletics have posted the BC Senior Team roster on the BC Athletics website, athletes who meet the criteria under Section 9a (above) must submit an appeal within 24 hours of the posting of the team (see Section 8) through the BC Team Program Appeal for Selection form.

Once an eligible appeal has been received, BC Athletics in consultation with the Appeals Committee (Program Manager for Track & Field and the Track & Field Committee) will render a decision. Once the appeals committee has made their decision, the decision will be considered final, and the appeal will be closed.

10. TEAM INFORMATION

Please read below for all important BC Team information. If you have any questions, please contact the BC Athletics Program Manager for Track & Field at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org

a. TEAM EVENTS

2024 BC/Yukon Legion U18+15YO Team are:

- i. Royal Canadian Legion Youth Championships (August 9-11, 2024) – Calgary, AB

b. TEAM SIZE

BC Athletics is permitted, by the Canadian Legion Command, to select a team of:

- i. **25** - U18 aged athletes for the BC U18 Team; and
- ii. **15** - 15 Year Old athletes for the BC U16 Team.

New in 2024: Of the 40 spots listed above (25 U28 / 15 U16), the BC/Yukon Legion Team will hold **2 sports for Yukon Athletics Athletes**. If no athletes from Yukon Athletics are named to the team, those 2 spots will be filled by BC Athletes based on the results of the Selection Trials.

c. TEAM STAFF

BC Athletics Team Staff will be announced on the BC Athletics website prior to the selection of any team. BC Athletics will name staff to be onsite for all event areas/disciplines. If deemed necessary by BC Athletics and the Head Coach, additional staff may be added.

d. TEAM FEES

All athletes selected to the BC/YUKON Legion Track & Field Team are required to pay BC Team Fees. This payment can be made either by the athlete or their Club. For more information on BC Team Fees including costs per teams, and a breakdown, please consult the [BC Athletics General Criteria for Funding and Team Selection](#).

All athletes selected to the U18 & 15 YO BC/YUKON Legion Team are required to pay 50% of accommodations and meals (amount TBD by the Canadian Legion Command). Each athlete OR Club will be invoiced for this amount prior to departure.

e. TEAM ENTRIES

Legion Team Size Restrictions

As per Canadian Legion Command rules a limit has been established as to the number of competitors who may be entered in each of the age categories established for the athletes. BC/YUKON Team is limited is **two (2)** athletes per event. Any legion athlete may enter a maximum of **three (3)** events and the relay races. Athletes entering the multi-event disciplines are eligible to compete in their provincial team's relay, and in individual events on their day off.

Additional (Secondary) Events

Selected Athletes may be entered in a maximum of two (2) additional events (3 total) plus relays. Athletes will be considered for secondary events based on the athlete's performance at the selection meet. Athletes may be allowed to enter a secondary event if the performance in the secondary event(s):

- i. Compete in the secondary event(s) they wish to be considered in at the selection trials.
- ii. Are equal to, or surpass, the published team standard (see Appendix A or B).
- iii. The Secondary event entry would not hinder performance in the primary selected event as determined by the BC Athletics Track & Field Committee in consultation with the athlete and personal coach.
- iv. If the performance in the secondary event does not meet Criteria ii (above), then the athlete may still enter the event based on availability. If the performance in the secondary event does not meet Criteria iii (above) and would hinder the

performance of the primary (selected) event, then the athlete would not be able to compete in the secondary event.

- v. If three (3) selected athletes declare to compete in the same event, the top two (2) performances within the qualifying period will be selected to compete in that event based on performance at the selection trials.

f. TEAM TRAVEL

The Canadian Legion Command will book bus transportation to and from the National Youth Legion Track & Field Championships (August 10-16, 2024). All selected athletes must travel with the BC/Yukon Command team on the team bus. The bust will make 2 stops to and from the championships (Locations TBA). Where necessary, BC Athletics will arrange connecting flights to Vancouver for selected athletes not residing along the bus's planned route and who reside outside of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Selected athletes are permitted to stay in Calgary and make alternate arrangements for return to BC only if:

- i. The athlete stays with the team until the last day of the National Youth Legion Camp (Monday August 12, 2024). Athletes may not leave the team prior to the last day (return day) of the National Legion Camp; and
- ii. The athlete will be picked up by the athletes' parents or legal guardians; and
- iii. The athlete/parent/legal guardian has notified the BC Athletics Program Manager for Track & Field (garrett.collier@bcathletics.org) of these arrangements at the time selected athletes receive their team confirmation email.

g. TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS

The Canadian Legion Command has made accommodation arrangements for all provincial command teams. All selected athletes must stay in the assigned team accommodations.

No exceptions will be made.

h. TEAM COMMUNICATION

BC Team Staff and BC Team athletes will be added to a WhatsApp group to make sure information updates are communicated to the team as soon as possible. WhatsApp group will be for athletes only.

i. TEAM MEETINGS

Attendance to all team meetings is mandatory. There will be a Virtual Team Meeting the week prior to the start of the Championship Event. If you are unable to attend meetings, please notify your BC Team Staff Coach to review important information.

11. AMMENDMENTS

BC Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria. If any amendments are made, they will be communicated as soon as possible though they will be highlighted and included in this document (see Section 1). BC Athletics will also communicate amendments through the BC Athletics website, BC Athletics High Performance Newsletter and Emails to declared athletes.

12. CHANGE HISTORY

There are currently no changes to this criterion since its initial posting date.

13. QUESTIONS

If you or your coach have any questions, please contact the Program Manager for Track & Field Garrett Collier at garrett.collier@bcathletics.org.

APPENDIX A

2024 BC/YUKON U18 TEAM STANDARDS

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
12.21	100m	10.92
24.79	200m	22.16
57.57	400m	49.83
2:11.34	800m	1:55.00
4:32.94	1500m	3:57.92
10:07.31	3000m	8:43.26
26:37.10	5000m Walk	23:56.74
14.60	100mH	
	110mH	14.88
63.55	400mH	57.28
7:14.00	2000mSC	6:19.11
1.62m	High Jump	1.90m
3.05m	Pole Vault	3.73m
5.47m	Long Jump	6.58m
11.23m	Triple Jump	13.47m
12.64m	Shot Put	14.69m
36.48m	Discus	45.27m
50.78m	Hammer	53.86m
38.72m	Javelin	54.04m
3997 pts	Heptathlon	
	Decathlon	5317 pts

PLEASE NOTE: As funding can vary each funding year, athletes can coaches are reminded that filling out the Online Athlete Declaration and achieving the published team standard above does not guarantee selection but enters the athlete in the selection pool.

APPENDIX B

2024 BC/YUKON 15YO TEAM STANDARDS

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
12.48	100m	11.47
25.76	200m	23.36
41.51	300m	36.95
2:15.08	800m	2:01.03
3:40.06	1200m	3:16.03
6:35.25	2000m	5:45.08
8:40.91	1500m Walk	7:41.62
12.26	80mH	
	100mH	14.18
46.97	300mH	42.96
5:08.74	1500mSC	4:30.90
1.61m	High Jump	1.78m
2.92m	Pole Vault	3.12m
5.15m	Long Jump	6.22m
10.71m	Triple Jump	12.19m
12.13m	Shot Put	14.40m
34.33	Discus	46.56m
43.31m	Hammer	52.45m
35.61m	Javelin	49.78m
2771 pts	Pentathlon	2730 pts

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