



2016 Western Canadian Tri-Prov Team Alberta Selection Criteria

Purpose of the program:

The Western Canadian Championships purpose is to create a team of development and prosperity in athletic competitions with respects to the points scoring criteria of the Western Canadian Championship held in a pre-determined western province every year.

The Competition:

The Western Canadian Championship is a team scored event between invited western Canadian provinces and territories. Provincial teams are allowed to enter as many athletes as they like for the total team and as many as they like in each event. The **top 2** from each province will score points for their team regardless of overall placing; this aspect, prioritizes that the provincial team has representation in all point scoring positions.

Team Objectives:

- To select athletes born in the appropriate years, who are prepared to help win the Western Canadian Championship as a team;
- To provide a positive mentorship, and development opportunities for athletes in a team environment;
- To prepare athletes for future Provincial, National, and Varsity Team assignments;
- To produce the best possible scoring team available for the Western Canadian competition;

There will be two age groups selected for this Alberta Team. Youth athletes on the team will be composed of those athletes aged 17 and under as of December 31st, 2016 (born in 2000 and 1999). Midget athletes on the team will be composed of those athletes aged 15 and under as of December 31st, 2016 (born in 2001 and 2002). In 2016 there will be a maximum team size of **108** athletes, 12 coaches; including apprentice coaches, and 4 chaperones.

Athletes wanting to be considered for this Alberta Team must complete an Alberta Team athlete declaration form and submit it to the Athletics Alberta office by **June 30, 2016** or at trials no later than **noon, July 4, 2016**. Online declaration forms will also be available at the meet; all athletes interested in being selected to this team must visit the Athletics Alberta tent during the meet, and try out clothing sizes.

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

1. Take part in the selection meet.
2. Be a member of Athletics Alberta in good standing.
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 includes the 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 office for more information. The office must be contacted by **June 30, 2016**.

Note: The Sherwood Park Track Classic will be the 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 the standard does not guarantee selection).

The following criteria are a guideline for selection and up to a maximum of **108 athletes*** will be selected as follows:

1. First place at trials with standard in a legal performance at trials.
2. First place at trials with standard in a legal performance elsewhere achieved in the current outdoor season.
3. Second place at trials with standard in a legal performance at trials.
4. Second place at trials with standard in a legal performance elsewhere achieved in the current outdoor season.
5. First place at trials.
6. Second place at trials.
7. Non-winner with standard in a legal performance at trials.
8. Non-winner with standard in a legal performance elsewhere achieved in the current outdoor season.
9. Other athletes will be considered by placing at the trials meet, ability to double in events, ability to add depth to a relay team, nearness to standard, and medal potential, preferably but not limited to this order.

***Non-winner:**

Refers to an athlete who places outside of the top 2 at trials.

Withdrawing from the team:

- If an athlete chooses to withdraw from the team less than **2 weeks prior** to the team competition and a suitable replacement cannot be found, no refund will be issued.
- If an athlete chooses to withdraw from the team **3 weeks prior** to team competition, and a suitable replacement cannot be found – 50% of the team fee will be issued.