



PENTATHLON CANADA
Qualification and Selection Process
National Teams
2019 Pan American Games
2020 Olympic Games

This document outlines Pentathlon Canada's ranking lists, National Team selection policies as well as major competition qualification requirements.

This document shall remain current until December 31, 2020.

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Added Criteria for Appendix C

Note: additional changes are Indicated through underlining and strikeouts



Introduction

Pentathlon Canada is dedicated to developing high performance athletes with a focus on competing at the highest levels of international competitions. This document outlines our policies as they pertain to International Ranking and Selection. These policies will remain in effect for the period 2017-2020 and include qualification standards and processes for qualification for the 2019 Pan American Games and the 2020 Olympic Summer Games.

For clarifications or questions on the content of the INP, please contact the Pentathlon Canada president at president@pentathloncanada.ca

Amendments

Amendments to this document will be allowed due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes can be made after a process involving consultation with the executive of Pentathlon Canada and the COC. Amendments will be allowed only in the instance of unforeseen circumstances that do not allow for the fair and objective application of the International Nomination Process.

Any changes to this document will be communicated to the national team members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the Internal Nomination Procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes which are necessary due to a typographical error or lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes.



National Team Standards

The National Team Standards are described in detail in [Appendix D](#) of this document.

Revisions to national team standards if any will be announced by December 15 of each year for the next years' competitions.

International Competition Eligibility Criteria

Pentathlon Canada must approve all athlete registration for any competition outside of Canada. Athletes must notify Pentathlon Canada in writing of their intentions.

Athletes wishing to compete internationally for Canada for the following categories of competitions must meet the approved National Team Standards:

- 1) World Cups
- 2) Senior World Championships

In addition, for any junior or senior competition outside of Canada, athletes wishing to ride must first be approved by the Pentathlon Canada riding TD and have a valid UIPM riding license.

Other than World Cups and World Championships, there are no minimum performance standards for any other international competitions. The 2019 Pan Am Games are by selection only.

International Team Selection

Eligibility for Team Selection will be dependent on the following prerequisites:

1. Athletes have attained National Team Standards.
2. Athletes will have competed in their respective most recent provincial championships and the most recent National Championships or have received a written waiver from their respective provincial and national organizations for nonattendance at either competition. Criteria for a waiver shall include but not be limited to; injury, school requirements, personal family emergencies, conflicting international competitions or other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Selection Committee.



3. Athlete is a member in good standing of their respective provincial modern pentathlon association.
4. Athletes have signed the Pentathlon Canada athletes' agreement.

Ranking Lists UIPM Pentathlon World Ranking List

The UIPM has an international PWR (Pentathlon World Ranking) list which is used as a world ranking list. This list will be used by Pentathlon Canada at the beginning of the 2019 competition season (i.e. January 1, 2019) to determine which athletes are ranked first, second, third, etc. in Canada.

Selection for competitions with restricted entry

For competitions with a limited number of entries per country (World Cups, continentals), priority in choosing to attend a competition will go in order of finish at the most recent Canadian National Championships.

Selection for World Championships

For World Championships starting with 2017, the top two UIPM PWR-ranked, Canadian athletes of each gender will gain selection, and the remaining two spots of each gender will be awarded based on results at the most recent Canadian National Championships.

Athlete selection for qualifying competitions in 2019

Entry into World Cups and the World Championships is restricted to a designated number of athletes per country per the UIPM rules and described in [Appendix A](#). Therefore, competition spots for these competitions for athletes who have attained the National Team Standards will be allocated in 2019 based on the UIPM PWR rankings as of 1 Jan 2019. For the 2019 competition year, only performances done in the 2018 competition season will be used. In this way, a ranking list of Canadian athletes will be established and maintained by the Selection Committee.

~~When the criteria and details for Lima 2019 become available, the Pentathlon Canada executive and Selection Committee will determine a system of allocating competition slots so that all declared athletes have a fair and equal chance at attaining qualification scores.~~



Ties

In the event of a tie, after all the qualification events have been completed, athletes will be selected by results from World Championships. If the tie is still not resolved, the selectors will go to results from the most recent Canadian National Championships. All ties will be ruled on by the Selection Committee.

Pan American Games 2019 Team Selection

Athletes wishing to qualify for the 2019 Pan American Games shall find the qualification requirements in [Appendix C](#).

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification

For selection to the Olympic Games in 2020, qualification criteria and timelines will be posted here as soon as they become available from the COC and the UIPM.

Timelines

Although Timelines are an essential element to this Team Selection Process, they are not a component of the Team Selection Policy and may be amended by COC Staff with the approval of the Selection Committee.

Anti Doping

Pentathlon Canada adheres to the World Anti Doping Association (WADA) standards. Athletes contravening these standards who have been sanctioned for banned or restricted substances shall be banned from international competitions for the period set out by WADA, and further, they shall be banned from domestic competitions for a period not less than ½ of the international ban. Furthermore, athletes on all National teams shall make themselves available for random testing as prescribed by The Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport.



Appeals Process

Any appeal of Pentathlon Canada Selection Committee decisions must be brought forward by the athlete him/herself. Only the athlete has standing to file an appeal.

Appeals Committee

The appeals committee will consist of:

1. Pentathlon Canada President (permanent)
2. Athletes rep (if not involved in the appeal) (rotating 1 year term male/female)
3. Pentathlon Canada executive member (appointed for 1 year term)
4. Provincial representative appointed by province (rotating 1 year term by province)
5. One additional 'member at large' or ex officio executive member

Ranking List Appeals

Written notice of appeal should be sent to the Selection Committee. The document must include the following:

1. Description of the appeal
2. Justification including backup documents

A decision will be rendered within 30 days of notice of appeal.

Team/Games Selection Appeals

Written notice of appeal must be sent to the Selection Committee no later than 30 days prior to final selection deadlines for international competitions (including Pan American and Olympic Games). A decision will be rendered within 5 days of notice of appeal.

If both parties are in agreement, the Pentathlon Canada Appeals Process may be bypassed and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeals process.

Competition Eligibility Appeals

Written notice of appeal must be sent to the Selection Committee no later than 30 days before entry deadline for the affected event.

A decision will be rendered within 10 days of notice of appeal.



Team Selection Committee (Decision Making Authority)

The Pentathlon Canada Team Selection Committee is:

- Shaun LaGrange
- Connie Olsen
- George Skene

Names can be substituted at the discretion and approval of the Pentathlon Canada Board of Directors.

The Selection Committee has the final decision-making authority on team and support personnel (such as coaches and nontechnical staff including Assistant Coaches, Manager, Therapist, Doctor, IT Specialist, etc.) nominated for all International Competitions including World Cups, World Cup Finals, World Cup Championships, Pan American Games and Olympic Games.



APPENDIX A

The following excerpt is from the UIPM rules regarding restrictions on the number of athletes which any country can have competing at World Cups, World Cup Final and World Championships.

World Championships for Individuals

The number of participants in the World Championships for Individuals (Senior and Junior) should be 108 or more. Every NF has the right to enter 3 participants.

- i) If the total number of entries is less than 108 pentathletes is not reached, further pentathletes can be invited to participate, until the 108 limit is reached per gender. The first invitation will go to the host federation, the others on the basis of the PWR. No member federation may start with more than 4 pentathletes, but 4 can participate in the Finals.
- ii) The host federation has the automatic right to enter 3 participants (4, if the quota of 108 has not been reached) in each category of the Individual qualifications for the Final competition. The LOC after having received the preliminary entries must confirm in writing the acceptance of the 4th pentathlete.

World Cup Competitions

Every NF has the right to participate with 1 pentathlete per World Cup competition. In exceptional circumstances, the maximum number can be 4 pentathletes per nation. The host NF is allowed to participate with a maximum of 12 pentathletes. All starting pentathletes can participate in the Final part of the World Cup Competition.

To compete at a World Cup competition, a Canadian athlete must have attained National Team Standards or have approval from the Selection Committee.



APPENDIX B

Athlete Selection for 2018

Competitions

There will be two competitions in 2018 for which athlete selection is necessary.

1. Senior World Championships September 6-15, 2018 Mexico City
2. Pan American Championships November 27, 2018 to December 2, 2018 Lima, Peru

The Pan American Championships are the first significant step in the progression toward Tokyo 2020. At this competition, the results of our athletes will determine the number of competition places for Pentathlon Canada at the 2019 Pan American Games which is Canada's direct continental qualifier for Tokyo 2020.

Selection for Senior World Championships

Selection for Senior World Championships in 2018 will be according to the same criteria as in 2017. National Team status is a prerequisite. Priority for entries will go to the top 2 athletes per gender on the UIPM PWR list and then to other athletes in order of finish at 2018 Canadian National Championships. The team for Senior World will consist of up to four individual athletes per gender.

Selection for Pan American Championships

Because this competition is (1) the test event for the 2019 Pan American Games and (2) an opportunity for Pentathlon Canada to gain athlete quota places for the Pan Am Games, we consider it to be the most important competition of the 2018 season.

The team for this event will be three men and three women for the individual competitions, plus (if permitted) a fourth athlete of each gender for a relay. This will allow us to gain valuable international experience for a larger group of Canadian pentathletes in anticipation of the 2019 Pan American Games.



Eligibility and Selection

To be eligible for selection to the 2018 Pan American Championships, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Born in 2000 or earlier.
2. Canadian citizen with a valid passport.
3. Possess a current UIPM riding certificate.
4. Read and sign the Athlete Agreement by February 15, 2018.
5. Notify the selection committee by email of their intention to participate in selection by February 15, 2018.
6. Compete at their provincial championships dates to be announced.
7. Compete at summer national championships August 3-6, 2018.

Please note that athletes do *not* need to have met the National Team standards as a prerequisite to participating in the selection process or to be selected for the Pan American Championships.

Selection

The team of three individuals per gender plus an additional relay athlete of each gender will be selected as follows:

1. The first two individual places will go to the top two Canadian athletes per gender on the Individual PWR ranking list as of September 15, 2018. The final competition eligible for earning PWR points toward Pan Am Championships selection will be the Senior World Championships September 6-15, 2018 in Mexico City.
2. The third individual athlete entry per gender goes to the highest-placed Canadian athlete at Canadian National Championships 2018 who is not among the top two on the PWR as of September 15, 2018.
3. The fourth athlete spot, the relay entry, will go to the next highest-placed athlete at Canadian National Championships 2018.

The reserve list of eligible athletes will be in order of finish at Canadian Nationals.



Ties

In the event of a tie, after all the qualification events have been completed, athletes will be selected by results from World Championships. If the tie is still not resolved, the selectors will go to results from the most recent Canadian National Championships. All ties will be ruled on by the Selection Committee.

Appeals

Appeals will be conducted according to the process described on page 6 of the current INP.

Selected athletes will be notified by the selection committee on September 16, 2018 following the publication of the updated PWR lists.

Athletes must confirm with Pentathlon Canada by September 21, 2018. This date may be amended to reflect entry deadlines for Pan Am Championships when they become available.

Relay selection policy for all international competitions

When athletes declare their intention to compete at an international competition, at the same time they shall declare their intention whether or not they are willing to compete in the relay portion (if part of the competition).

The selection committee in consultation with the coach(es) and athletes will determine the relay team members along with alternates (if available) in advance of entries submitted.

An athlete who has declared their intention to compete in the relay and has been accepted is obligated to compete unless a documented injury or exemption is provided by the selection committee. The athlete shall communicate this change in circumstances at their earliest opportunity to the selection committee.

An athlete may lose the right to compete in future relays if they have withdrawn from a previous relay without an exemption provided by the selection committee.



APPENDIX C

2019 Pan American Games Selection Policy

Competition

The Pan American Games (PAG) will take place in Lima, Peru from July 26, 2019 to August 11, 2019. The modern pentathlon events will take place July 27-30, 2019. Lima 2019 will host two individual modern pentathlon competitions – men's and women's – and three relay events - men, women and mixed - in which a team of two athletes from each National Federation (NF) will compete as a team.

The Pan American Games modern pentathlon event is a direct continental qualifier to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The event is a Tier 1 competition per the COC's Lima 2019 Team Selection Policy. In past quadrennials, this competition has earned qualification to the Olympic Games for Canadian pentathletes and is an event of paramount importance in our goal to qualify athletes for Tokyo 2020.

Quota places and number of entries

Allocation process

The following is intended to summarize the Pan American Modern Pentathlon Confederation Qualification System. In the event of a discrepancy, the original Qualification System will prevail. In the event of changes by the Pan American Modern Pentathlon Confederation to the selection and eligibility criteria, Pentathlon Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

Each Pan American Confederation (PC) member nation NF is allowed one quota athlete place. The host country, Peru, is allowed two host country quota places.

After those initial quota spots are allocated, the remaining athlete places will go to NFs in the order of placing of their second best-placed athlete at 2018 Pan American Championship (see Appendix B of this document for more information on this competition).

If the event rosters of 32 men and 32 women are not filled by the end of this round, a third round of NF quota places will be awarded in the order of finish of their third best-ranked athlete.



Reallocation of unused places

After the initial allocation process is complete, member NOCs and NFs will confirm with PC the number of quota places they will enter in the competition.

Any unused quota places will then be reallocated to the NFs of the next best-ranked athletes from the results of the 2018 Pan American Championships who has not yet qualified for the Pan Am Games.

The final deadline for Lima 2019 entries by number is April 26, 2019. Reallocation may occur at this time if quota spaces are left unfilled by a NOC/NF.

The final deadline for Lima 2019 entries by name is June 26, 2019. There will be no further changes to the competition roster after this date.

MODERN PENTATHLON			
Events			
Men (2)	Women (2)		Mixed (1)
Individual Relay	Individual Relay		Relay
Quota			
	Qualification	Host country	Total
Men	30	2	32
Women	30	2	32
Total	60	4	64
Maximum Quota per NOC			
	Men	3	
	Women	3	
	Total	6	



Summary of deadlines

December 15, 2018	The PC will notify PASO and each NOC/NF of the number of quota places that have been obtained
January 30, 2019	The NOC/NF shall advise the PC the number of quota places that the NOC/NF will enter in each event
February 15, 2019	The MPPC will reallocate unused quota places. The MPPC will notify PASO the intention of participation of each NOC
April 26, 2019	Lima 2019 entry by number deadline
May 18, 2019	Notification of athletes
June 21, 2019	Submission of entries to the COC
June 26, 2019	Lima 2019 entry by name deadline
June 30, 2019	Public team announcement in conjunction with COC

Selection of athletes

Pentathlon Canada will select a team of athletes to fill the quota places earned for Lima 2019.

Pentathlon Canada will select athletes for the individual competitions for each gender based on the following criteria:

1. The first athlete selected of each gender will be the top-ranked Canadian athlete on the UIPM PWR list. The deadline for earning points toward the PWR is May 18, 2019.
2. If applicable, the second athlete selected of each gender will be the top-finishing Canadian athlete at the 2019 Canadian National Pentathlon Championships. If the top-ranked athlete has already gained selection via the PWR, then selection will roll



down to the next best finisher at 2019 Canadian Nationals.

3. If a third quota spot becomes available, the third spot for each gender will go to the next best-ranked Canadian athlete on the PWR list who has not yet gained selection to PAG.

The reserve list of eligible athletes will be determined by the order of finish at Canadian Nationals.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Lima 2019 PAG selection, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Canadian citizen as per the Pan American Games Regulations, with a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2020.
2. Be in good standing with Pentathlon Canada.
3. Possess a current UIPM license and riding certificate.
4. Read, sign and return the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Agreement by February 15, 2019.
5. Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and PASO/Lima 2019 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 18, 2019.
6. Notify the selection committee by email of their intent to participate in the selection process by February 15, 2019.
7. Compete at their respective provincial championships in 2019 (provided they are held before May 18, 2018), dates to be announced, unless an exemption has been granted as per the INP.
8. Compete at 2019 Canadian National Pentathlon Championships, dates to be announced, unless an exemption has been granted as per the INP.

Ties

In the event of a tie, after all the qualification events have been completed, athletes will be selected by results from the most recent Canadian National Championships. All ties will be ruled on by the Selection Committee.

Appeals

Appeals will be conducted according to the process described on page 6 of the current INP.

Selected athletes will be notified by the selection committee on May 18, 2019.



Athletes must confirm with Pentathlon Canada by June 1, 2019. This date may be amended per any unforeseen changes in PAG deadlines.

Relay selection

Relay selection for the three relay events – men, women and mixed – will be at the discretion of the national head coach.

Staff selection

The Pentathlon Canada Selection Committee has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leader and/or coach(s) for the 2019 Pan American Games. The Pentathlon Canada nominated head coach must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

The Coach shall be:

- a member in good standing with Pentathlon Canada
- in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada

On-site Decision Making Authority

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2019 Pan American Games all final decision-making authority will reside with the head coach.



APPENDIX D

Pentathlon Canada National Team Standards

Pentathlon Canada's National Team Standard consists of a full pentathlon competition score equal to or exceeding a score of 1200 pentathlon points for women or 1300 pentathlon points for men.

Any sanctioned competition (UIPM or Pentathlon Canada) in which an athlete exceeds or equals the required number of points will qualify that athlete for national team status.

Qualification must be renewed annually, with a qualifying score expiring one year to the date after which it was attained.

NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFYING SCORES	
MEN	WOMEN
TOTAL = 1300 Points	TOTAL = 1200 Points

Points must be accumulated at one competition. Results from different competitions cannot be selected and combined to make a national team standard.

All athletes must have a UIPM riding certification.

Youth A athletes and younger may not compete at senior world championships or senior world cups.

Junior athletes may compete at senior world championships and senior world cups, provided that they also compete at junior world championships. If a junior athlete does not compete at junior worlds, that athlete cannot compete at senior worlds.

All athletes attaining national team status must compete at the Canadian National Pentathlon Championships.

Appeals process

Any appeal of decisions involving national team standards must come from the athlete. Only the athlete has standing to make an appeal.