



PENTATHLON CANADA  
Internal Nomination Process (INP)  
Lima 2027 – Pan American Games

This document outlines the process for qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games



## **Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Pentathlon Canada to select athletes to the Lima 2027 Pan Am Games Team.

Policy amendments due to unforeseen competition schedule disruptions will be communicated to Pentathlon Canada members.

## **Decision Making Authority**

The Canadian Olympic Committee mandates Pentathlon Canada to determine the Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes and staff that will be nominated to the COC for the 2027 Pan American Games.

The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (HPD) has the final authority over the selection of the team. After the selection process is completed, if any events remain unfilled, the HPD has the authority to fill those events in accordance with the selection process outlined in this document. If unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by the HPD.

During the 2027 Lima Pan Am Games, decision making authority will reside with the appointed Team Leader. If the Team Leader is absent and cannot fulfill their duties, onsite decision-making authority will reside with the Head Coach.

For clarifications or questions on the content of the INP, please contact the Pentathlon Canada HPD, Ian Soellner, at [ian.soellner@gmail.com](mailto:ian.soellner@gmail.com).

## **Athlete Eligibility**

- Be a Canadian citizen with a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 9, 2028.
- Be a current Pentathlon Canada registered member, in good standing.
- Completed in the most recent Pentathlon National Championships that occurred within the qualification period.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Agreement, and completion of Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders.
- Be in compliance with all UIPM, Pan Am Confederation, and Pan Am Sports eligibility requirements.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than June 14, 2027. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- Athletes must have achieved at minimum 1470 (Senior Men Category) / 1285 (Senior Women Category) points at the Canadian National Championships, UIPM Sanctioned International Category A, B or C Competition, or Pentathlon Canada Cup Event.
- Not be subject to a provisional suspension, other interim measure or period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation or any sanction imposed by Pentathlon Canada, Sport Integrity



Canada, an SDRCC Safeguarding Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal, or any other relevant sport organization that would prevent or restrict the athlete's ability to participate in or adequately prepare for the Games.

### **Pentathlon Canada Selection Criterion and Process**

- A maximum of three (3) Team Canada athlete quota spots, per gender, are available subject to Pan Am Sports final allocation, for a total of 6 athlete per NOC.
- Number of selected athletes is based on the available individual quota spots per category, with a maximum of three (3) athletes per gender
- Number of selected athletes is based on the available relay event quota spots, with a maximum of 2 athletes per relay, per gender.

#### **Individual Event**

- Selection is based on the following in priority order and will be summarized on the Pentathlon Canada 2027 Pan American Games ranking list:
  1. Priority 1: Athlete selection order is based on their ranking using the highest pentathlon score achieved by the athletes at a Senior UIPM Category A, B, C International Pentathlon Competition, or a Pentathlon Canada Cup Event between 1 June 2026 to 1 June 2027.
    - In the event of a tie in UIPM sanctioned international competition scores, the second highest score of each athlete will determine the selection priority.
  2. Priority 2: In the event of a tie in scores that occurred in the same competition the athlete with the best result in the Laser-Run will be placed in the higher position. If the tie remains, the athlete with the best result in the immediately previous phase (fencing or swimming), and so on will be placed in the higher position. If additional quota spots are available following the completion of selection events outlined in Priority 1, the results from the final Pentathlon Canada sanctioned qualification event prior to the end of qualifying period will determine selection of athletes for these remaining quota spots. The unqualified athletes will be ranked based on highest to lowest score.

#### **Relay Event**

- Selection for the Relay Event will be based on the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Ranking list noted above. The top ranked athlete(s) will have first refusal to participate in the relay event. The decision must be completed prior to arrival at the host nation. The athlete ranked next on the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Ranking List will have the option to compete should the higher ranked athlete decline. The process will continue by rank order until the positions are filled.

### **Pan Am Sports Qualification:**

All countries will be entitled to directly qualify one (1) athlete per gender and up to two (2) additional athletes at the 2026 Pan American Championships, July 16-19, 2026.



Places for the second and third athletes from each country will be awarded based on the ranking of their respective third athletes at the Pan American Championships, until the quota is completed.

The ranking criteria for the best second and third athletes to qualify for the 2027 Lima Pan American Games will be based on finishing order and the total score from all Modern Pentathlon disciplines (Fencing, Obstacle Course, Swimming, Laser Run).

Pan Am Sports will communicate the qualified athlete quotas to each NOC on July 22, 2026.

**Re-Allocated Quota Places:**

In the event an athlete who has been selected to compete at the Lima 2027 – Pan American Games is unable to participate the next ranked athlete on the selection ranking list will be eligible to assume the quota spot if they have met all other selection requirements by June 14, 2027.

**Internal Team Selection Notification:**

Athletes will be notified of their invitation to compete at the 2027 Lima Pan Am Games no later than June 1, 2027.

**Team Nomination Date:**

The COC deadline for Team Nomination is June 17, 2027.

**Team Announcement Date:**

The COC and MPC will work together on a joint Team Announcement, led by the COC Communications team. This announcement will be roughly 14 days after the Team Invitation Deadline.

**Alternate Athletes:**

It is the intention of the Pentathlon Canada high performance program to identify 2 alternates per gender following the 2027 Pan American Games Selection Period to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare substitutes in the eventuality that an athlete must withdraw or is removed from the team prior to the Games. These alternates will be identified by ranking within the Pentathlon Canada 2027 Pan American Games Selection ranking list following the criteria identified in this INP and will train as the “*Games Squad*” right until the Team Nomination Deadline for the 2027 Lima Pan Am Games. Substitutions between June 17 and July 2 will need approval of both the COC and MPC. Substitutions after July 2, 2027, are subject to the Pan Am Sports Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

In announcing the final nomination for the 2027 Lima Pan Am Games, where appropriate and indicated in the selection criteria, Pentathlon Canada will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the 2027 Pan Am Games for any reason. These athletes’ information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes’ information.



Pentathlon Canada shall identify all athletes who meet the criteria for nomination set out in this INP, but who cannot be nominated due to quota limitations, as alternates in their specific events.

Pentathlon Canada shall decide whether athletes nominated as alternates will travel to any pre-Games training camps or to the Games based on the following factors: financial considerations, whether an accreditation can be obtained for the athlete at the Games

#### **Performance Readiness & Injuries:**

Athletes must demonstrate performance readiness by participating in the Canadian National Championships immediately preceding the 2027 Pan American Games. Should the Canadian National Championships not occur in 2027 prior to the 2027 Pan American Games the athlete must have participated in a Pentathlon Canada and or IF sanctioned Pentathlon competition within 4 months of the final selection date of June 6, 2027.

#### **Removal of an Athlete:**

An athlete will be removed from the team for anti-doping rule violation, violation of a Code of Conduct, or missed deadlines for required document submission.

The athlete will be notified by the Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (Ian Soellner) via telephone, email and formal letter.

#### **During the Nomination/Qualification Period**

- The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (*Ian Soellner*) may, at any time, and at their discretion, remove an athlete from the Canadian Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete has been found to have violated the Pentathlon Canada Code of Conduct. The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision to remove them from the Canadian Team.
- As applicable, an athlete may not be nominated or will be removed from the 2027 Pan American Team if, they have been subject to a period of ineligibility or a provisional suspension by any anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete and the period of ineligibility or provisional suspension will be in force during the qualification period or the Games.
- Prior to Team Nomination to the COC, the Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director will have the final authority over removal of any athlete from the athlete pool and/or 2027 Pan American Games Team. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to:

- Inability to maintain high training standards
- Inability to meet performance expectations in competition
- Failure to respect any conditions indicated in the athlete's declaration of interest
- Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by Athlete's personal physician and in consultation with COC Chief Doctor once on-site
- Violation of team rules
- Violation of the National Team Code of Conduct
- Detrimental conduct to the team and/or the image of Pentathlon Canada or the national team program
- Failure to adhere to the anti-doping rules or requirements of any anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete

#### **Post Nomination**

- The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (Ian Soellner) reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination from the Canadian Team:
  - If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organised by Pentathlon Canada prior to the event.
  - If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Agreement
  - If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Code of Conduct.
  - If the athlete has not followed any previously communicated training program and/or competition requirements
  - If the athlete fails to respect any other conditions of nomination as specified by Pentathlon Canada at the time of nomination

After the athlete has been nominated to the Canadian Team, the COC may remove an athlete from the Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete is found to have violated the COC's Code of Conduct, the terms of the COC Athlete Agreement or any other relevant and applicable COC policy.

#### **Confirmation of Entries including Late Athlete Replacement Policy:**



On 1 June, 2027, Pentathlon Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes) it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2027 Pan American Games Team. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2027 Pan American Games Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, Pentathlon Canada shall determine its list of athletes and alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2027 Canadian Pan American Games Team on 7 July, 2027.

Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee, prior to July 2, 2027. Any such replacements after July 2, 2027 are also subject to the Pan Am Sports Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline of time and date and the sport technical meeting for the 2027 Pan American Games, decline their nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee, Pan Am Sports Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and UIPM regulations, by the highest ranked alternate in their event.

In the case of an athlete replacement, note that the Canadian Pan American Games Team privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated.

### **Considerations and Disclaimer**

- Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled, or replaced, Pentathlon Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, and publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
- Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the HPD, and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Pentathlon Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- Federal and provincial regulations regarding quarantines and other restrictions are not in control of the Canadian Olympic Committee or Pentathlon Canada and as such athletes choosing to compete may be subject to restrictions and any associated costs related to them.
- The Canadian Olympic Committee and Pentathlon Canada each have the discretion to decline to send a team, should the risk to members' safety be deemed too high.



### **Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances**

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to Pentathlon National Team Pool Athletes, Coaches and support team. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. In the event of a change to this document, Pentathlon Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Pentathlon Canada that prevents the High-Performance Director (Ian Soellner) from fairly implementing these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the Pentathlon Canada Executive Director (Shelley Callaghan) shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the High-Performance Director in consultation with the Appeals Committee, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from the UIMP or Pan Am Sports that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. In the event that the selection criteria is modified, Pentathlon Canada promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

### **Appeals**

Pentathlon Canada nominations to the COC for the 2027 Pan American Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the [Pentathlon Canada Appeals Policy](#). Any dispute relating to the Pentathlon Canada Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games must be brought according to said Policy or may be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties no later than June 13, one week following the Team Invitation Deadline.

If an appeal is urgent and a decision must be made quickly, both parties may agree to bypass the internal appeal process have the matter heard directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

Internal appeals shall be made in writing to the Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (Ian Soellner) at [ian.soellner@gmail.com](mailto:ian.soellner@gmail.com). The appeals must follow the Pentathlon Canada appeal procedures in place at the time the team is announced.



The external nomination and selection timelines set by the UIPM, Pan Am Sports and COC are very short and therefore appeals must be filed no later than 11:59pm (Pacific Time) on 7 June 2027.

### **INP Publication**

Pentathlon Canada's INP for the 2027 Pan American Games will be published prior to 30 July 2026. The INP will be circulated via email to all 2026-2027 high performance program athletes and coaches and posted on the Pentathlon Canada website. All subsequent amendments to the approved INP will be circulated to all 2026-2027 high performance program athletes and coaches and posted on Pentathlon Canada website.

The Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games will be communicated through Pentathlon Canada official publications, posted on the Pentathlon Canada website and distributed by email to 2026-2027 Pentathlon Canada national team members.

### **Staff Selection:**

- Pentathlon Canada nominated team leaders must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee's [Team Leader Position Description](#).
- The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including team leader, coach(s) for the 2027 Pan American Games. 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 selection of team support staff (Team Leader and/or Coach) will be endorsed via a pole vote of Qualified Athletes (majority decision).
- The Team Leader and Coach must be a member in good standing of Pentathlon Canada, have a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 9, 2028, sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Team Agreement and Organising Committee Conditions of Participation form (Eligibility Conditions form for Pan American Games) no later than June 14, 2027.
- All staff must be 18 years or older at the date of Team Nomination, June 17, 2027.
- All coaches must be a registered or chartered professional coach with the Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) no later than June 14, 2027.

### **Timelines Summary:**

| Date                        | Examples                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 30, 2026               | INP published/circulated                                                                                                                |
| February 26, 2027           | Athlete pool named                                                                                                                      |
| June 1, 2026 – June 6, 2027 | Pentathlon Canada Qualification period                                                                                                  |
| June 1, 2026 – June 1, 2027 | Selection event(s) or qualification event(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2026 Pan American Senior Championships.</li></ul> |



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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UIPM Category A, B or C Events June 1, 2026-June 1, 2027</li><li>• Canada Cup Events between October 16, 2026 – June 1, 2027</li></ul> |
| June 6, 2027  | Deadline to declare intent to be considered for selection                                                                                                                      |
| June 6, 2027  | Deadline to have signed the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Agreement, Code Of Conduct, submitted any required documents                                                             |
| June 6, 2027  | Date of applicable IF world ranking for selection purposes                                                                                                                     |
| June 1, 2027  | Date team will be selected                                                                                                                                                     |
| June 6, 2027  | Date athlete must accept their selection (Yes, they will participate in the Games or No, thanks)                                                                               |
| June 7, 2027  | Timeline or deadline for filing an Appeal                                                                                                                                      |
| June 6, 2027  | Date to sign and return the COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form                                                                                         |
| June 7, 2027  | Date team will be nominated to the COC                                                                                                                                         |
| June 14, 2027 | Date of formal team announcement                                                                                                                                               |

**Funding:**

The athletes and support staff are responsible for all expenses for training, competitions, travel, and accommodations for qualification events and the 2027 Pan American Games. Any funds allocated to, or by Pentathlon Canada will be provided as reimbursement where possible.

**Contact:**

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the INP, please contact Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director (Ian Soellner) at phone: 604-702-8012 or email: [ian.soellner@gmail.com](mailto:ian.soellner@gmail.com).

## Glossary:

- Pentathlon Canada Cup Event  
A Pentathlon Canada sanctioned domestic senior competition that includes an obstacle course that aligns with the UIPM Senior even standards, fencing event with a competitive field that includes individual sport fencing athletes of a Provincial and/or National calibre, laser run event that is consistent with UIPM competition standards.
- UIPM Category A, B, C competitions  
[\*UIPM Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations\*](#) (01.02.2026)  
1.4.1 Official UIPM competitions in Modern Pentathlon are:  
  
Category A: Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships and Games, World Cups and World Cup Final, Champion of Champions, CISM World Championships.  
  
Category B: Regional Championships and Games, World Masters Championships and Continental Master Championships and other World Ranking Competitions.  
  
Category C: Other international competitions and international Championships of any kind organised by UIPM member federations. The LOC must have invited the required number of national federations to take part.  
  
Category “A” and “B” competitions fall under the obligatory control of UIPM TDs/NTOs. At Category “C” competitions a TD/NTO may be appointed if they meet the criteria set out at Article 1.19.2

[\*UIPM Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations\*](#) (01.02.2026)

### 1.7.1 UIPM Category “A” Competitions

- i) Olympic Games are organised every four years for both genders in Individual events. Special qualification and participation rules are established between the IOC and UIPM. There are a limited number of participants.
- ii) UIPM World Championships UIPM World Championships are organised annually for Individuals and Relays in Seniors. In principle, World Championships for Seniors should be organised after the conclusion of the World Cup series.
- iii) World Cup Series Each year 4 – 6 World Cup competitions and a World Cup Final are organised over a period of 3 – 6 months. The whole series is called “the World Cup Series”.

These competitions are carried out on different continents. NFs may organise only one World Cup competition in each calendar year, in addition to the World Cup Final.

iv) Continental Championships Every UIPM Continental Confederation has the right to organise Continental Championships for Senior. Continental Championships must not take place on the same dates as the World Cup series, World Championships or CISM World Championships. Continental Championships, as well as all other regional competitions organised by UIPM confederations, fall under the application of the UIPM Rules and are an integral part of the annual UIPM Calendar. With the agreement of the Continental Confederation and the LOC, the organiser of the Continental Championships may open the Continental Senior to athletes from other continents than the host continent. If athlete(s) belonging to a continent other than the host continent win the competition, the Continental title and medals will be assigned to the first athlete(s) and team(s) from the host continent.

v) Champion of Champions. The Champion of Champions competition is organised annually for Individuals and Mixed Relay. In principle, it is the last competition of the season. Participants are invited by UIPM according to specific criteria.

vi) CISM World Championships

#### [UIPM Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations](#) (01.02.2026)

##### 1.7.2 UIPM Category “B” Competitions

i) World Ranking Competitions World Ranking Competitions are official international competitions organised for Senior and are open to all eligible participants. They fall under the UIPM Rules and the supervision of a UIPM TD/NTO. They must be included in the annual UIPM Calendar. The results count towards the PWR.

ii) Regional Competitions. “Region” means the territory of more than one UIPM member federation. If a Regional Competition meets the criteria set out at paragraph 1.19.2 ii), a TD/NTO must be appointed and the Regional Competition will become a World Ranking Competition.

#### [UIPM Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations](#) (01.02.2026)

##### 1.7.3 UIPM Category “C” Competitions

This category includes such competitions as:

i) Open national championships. If they meet the criteria set out at Article 1.19.2 and a TD/NTO is appointed, the national Championships will become a World Ranking Competition.

[UIPM Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations](#) (01.02.2026)

1.19.2 Levels of UIPM Competitions

- i) For the purpose of establishing the PWR, the UIPM competitions are divided into four levels:

Level 1: Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup Final

Level 2: Continental Championships/Games, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships that meet the criteria for level 2

Level 3: Regional Championships/Games and International World Ranking Competitions that meet the criteria for level 3 Continental Championships, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships that do not meet the criteria for level 2

Level 4: Continental Championships, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships, Regional Championships and International World Ranking Competitions which do not meet the criteria for level 3.

- ii) ii) Criteria to Determine the Competition Levels 2-4

|       | Level 2 |    |     |       |    |     |
|-------|---------|----|-----|-------|----|-----|
|       | Europe  |    |     | Other |    |     |
|       | Nat     | A  | %   | Nat   | A  | %   |
| Men   | 10      | 32 | 30% | 8     | 26 | 15% |
| Women | 8       | 30 | 30% | 6     | 20 | 15% |

|       | Level 3 |    |     |       |    |     |
|-------|---------|----|-----|-------|----|-----|
|       | Europe  |    |     | Other |    |     |
|       | Nat     | A  | %   | Nat   | A  | %   |
| Men   | 8       | 24 | 20% | 6     | 20 | 10% |
| Women | 6       | 20 | 20% | 4     | 16 | 10% |

|       | Level 4 |    |    |       |    |    |
|-------|---------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|       | Europe  |    |    | Other |    |    |
|       | Nat     | A  | %  | Nat   | A  | %  |
| Men   | 6       | 18 | 5% | 4     | 16 | 0% |
| Women | 4       | 16 | 5% | 3     | 12 | 0% |



**NAT** = Number of Nations: Only nations present at the competition that had minimum one pentathlete competing in all 5 events

**A** = Number of Pentathletes: Only pentathletes that completed all five disciplines in Senior are taken into consideration. DNF and EL are valid results. DNS and DSQ are not counted Athletes must have achieved minimum results of Senior: 875 points men, 800 points women

**(%)** of pentathletes in the top 100 of the current PWR list