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Western Canada Team Challenge – U16/U18 Provincial Team

The U16/U18 Western Canada Team Challenge Provincial team program is a provincially focused competition opportunity run by Athletics Manitoba. The program targets athletes born in 2011/12 (U16) and 2009/10 (U18). The program's goal is twofold: to provide a competitive opportunity for our top athletes and to identify and engage new talent in the performance pathway of track and field.

The U16/U18 provincial teams will be competing in **Regina, SK on the weekend of July 17-19TH (Travel on 17th and leaving Regina as soon as the meet is complete)** against teams from Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, and Yukon.

The standards used for athlete identification can be found at the end of this document. Please note that achieving the standard places the athlete in the selection pool; it does NOT guarantee selection. Standards in the events must have been met or exceeded at a sanctioned competition between the dates of April 1st 2026 and June 27th, 2026.

General Information

Provincial team fee: **\$450.00+ GST** (Base Amount + \$110.25 - if you do not have an Athletics MB Membership). This cost will include the Team Manitoba gear package, meet entry fee, accommodations, travel, a team dinner and team snacks/provisions throughout the weekend.

Team Size:

Able bodied: 40 per age category (20 split per gender)

Para: no set maximum

Team Staff: 10

Western Canada Team Challenge Meet: July 17th-19th in Regina, SK

Trials: [Athletics Manitoba Outdoor Age Class Championships - June 26th-27th \(Winnipeg, MB\)](#)

Team Practice: All Team Members will be expected to attend scheduled practices. Dates will be communicated once the final team has been selected.

Selection Criteria

- In order to be considered for team selection athletes must,
 - complete the online team [DECLARATION FORM](#)
 - compete at the [Athletics Manitoba Outdoor Age Class Provincial Championships](#) in the events they wish to compete in at the Team Challenge,
 - exceed the standards listed below*
- *Except for Para athletes – there are no minimum standards for team selection. All other requirements apply.

NOTE: If an athlete is unable to attend the Athletics Manitoba Outdoor Age Class Championships, they must still complete the declaration form AND submit a detailed appeal letter explaining why they are unable to participate at Trials. The selection process does allow for the consideration of appeals, however not ALL appeals are considered equal. Only under extenuating circumstances will an appeal for selection be granted (see below).

- Selection process will assume a team split of 20 male and 20 female athletes per team (U16, U18).
 - In the case where there are insufficient eligible athletes of one gender or age group, those spots will be reallocated (first within the age group, and then within the team as a whole).
- An athlete's ability to contribute to relays will also be considered during the selection process.
- In alignment with the program's overall mandate, and to continue the development of rural programs, the goal will be to allocate approximately 20% of team spots to rural athletes who have achieved standard.
- Athletes will be notified before **July 5th** if they have been selected to the Team.
 - Athletes who have not been selected to the team **will** also be notified.



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The process to finalize team selections will occur in the order listed below. Once the team size is reached based on going through each of the steps, the selection process will end.

1. First place at the selection trials, having achieved the A standard
2. Second place at the selection trials, having achieved the A standard
3. Third place at the selection trials, having achieved the A standard
4. Consideration of appeals from an athlete who has achieved the A standard (see Appeals section)
5. First place at the selection trials, having achieved the B standard
6. Second place at the selection trials, having achieved the B standard
7. Third place at the selection trials, having achieved the B standard
8. Consideration of appeals from an athlete who has achieved the B standard (see Appeals section)
9. Consideration of athlete(s) with specific ability to contribute to a relay
10. First place at the selection trials, having achieved the C standard
11. Second place at the selection trials, having achieved the C standard
12. Third place at the selection trials, having achieved the C standard
13. Consideration of appeals from an athlete who has achieved the C standard (see Appeals section)
14. Consideration of athletes having achieved first place at the selection trials, but no standard
15. The Team Manager and Event Coaches will have the authority to add an athlete into an event if there are no eligible athletes in that event.
16. The Team Manager and Event Coaches will have the authority to add additional rural athletes into an event as necessary.

*Having achieved standards at or prior to the trials

APPEALS:

Only athletes who have met the athlete eligibility requirements and who have achieved a standard in 2026 (April 1st and onward) may submit an appeal for selection to the U16, U18 Teams. Appeals are only accepted if an athlete is not able to compete in their event at the trials. All appeals whether medical or extenuating circumstances must be submitted with supporting documentation indicating that the athlete will be competition ready by the Western Canada Team Challenge.

COMPETITIVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS:

Once selected to the team, athletes with questionable competitive readiness due to lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes will be required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the Games. Notification must be sent to the Team Manager.

Failure to report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the team.

“Competitive readiness” is the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the Western Canada Team Challenge in Winnipeg, MB, using the same level of ability that was used when qualifying for the team. If an athlete’s competitive readiness is in question, a performance test involving the Personal Coach, Team Coaches or Team Manager will be arranged. This test will vary in accordance with the event, injury or illness. Failure to demonstrate adequate health, fitness, and/or readiness an appropriate time before the 2026 Western Canada Team Challenge may result in removal from the team.

[2026 Standards](#)

Western Canada Team Challenge Team Standards can be found [HERE](#). Please still declare interest in the team online at the above link!

REGISTRATION FOR MB AGE CLASS PROVINCIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE [HERE](#)