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*BC Wheelchair Sports Association is pleased to announce the*

## **2022-23 BCWSA PROVINCIAL WHEELCHAIR ATHLETICS PROGRAM**

### **General Information**

The purpose of the BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Program is to support athletes competing in wheelchair racing and seated throws at the Train to Train stage and higher of the Long Term Athlete Development Model. Selection for the 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Program will be considered based on athlete's potential to represent BC at national and international level competition, demonstrated commitment to training and evidence of continued improvement.

The 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics season will be from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Provincial Team Coaches:

- Seated Throws: Ana Karanovic ([ana@bcwheelchairsports.com](mailto:ana@bcwheelchairsports.com), 604-333-3520, ext 209)
- Wheelchair Racing: James Hustvedt ([james@bcwheelchairsports.com](mailto:james@bcwheelchairsports.com), 604-616-7106).

The 2022-23 Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team will include the following services:

- Coaching support at selected provincial track & field meets, selected IPC international meets, selected training camps & the 2022 Canadian Track and Field Championships
- Provincial Team Uniform
- Funding to support the cost of airfare equal to the lowest available fare three weeks prior to the 2022 Canadian Track and Field Championships
- Eligibility for additional 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team Funding
- Eligibility for athlete services carding from Canadian Sport Centre Institute.
  - Details regarding this program are available from Michelle McDonell, Program Manager ([michelle@bcwheelchairsports.com](mailto:michelle@bcwheelchairsports.com)).
- Eligibility for the Provincial Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).
  - Details regarding this program are available from Michelle McDonell, Program Manager ([michelle@bcwheelchairsports.com](mailto:michelle@bcwheelchairsports.com)).

## Selection Guidelines

### 1.1 CONSIDERATION STANDARDS

BCWSA has aligned the Provincial Team Criteria and developed certain qualifying standards in accordance with the Athletics Canada **Canadian Athletics Performance Pathway (CAPP)**, Para Consideration Standards.

→ Please refer to: “**BCWSA Wheelchair Athletics Provincial Team Consideration Standards**” document.

It is important to note that the Consideration Standards are based on events for classification groups included in the next upcoming Summer Paralympic Games Cycle. This means that not everyone’s classification or event will be listed on the consideration standards document. In this case, Provincial Team Coaches and Program Coordinator will assess an athlete’s results on an individual basis while also referring to the subjective criteria.

Otherwise:

- An athlete must achieve **at least one** qualifying standard for their classification in **at least one event** under the “BCWSA” column of the Consideration Standards document in their given sport during the 2022 outdoor track & field season.
- Should an athlete not achieve any qualifying standards, they may be considered for the BC Development Team; improvement in results during the outdoor track season will be considered.

### 1.2 OBJECTIVE / SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

Selection will also be based on objective and subjective selection criteria (*ie. training attendance, competition travel, access of additional resources and services, and provincial team potential*) as outlined in the 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team Selection Guidelines Document and Scoring Rubric.

- The degree to which athletes meet the subjective criteria will be assessed in consultation with each athlete’s personal coach
- The rated criteria scores will be measured on a graded scale (*ie. an athlete may score a value in-between the 10-20-30 scale*)
  - *Athletes must meet all the minimum criteria requirements and score a minimum of 50 points from the rated criteria as part of the qualifications for the program.*

### 1.3 SELECTION

BCWSA will be selecting and announcing the BC Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team and BC Development Wheelchair Athletics Team on **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. Any athlete who meets the selection criteria after the selection deadline and prior to the 2022 Canadian Senior Track and Field Championships may be considered for selection at the discretion of the Provincial Team Coaches in consultation with BCWSA Program staff.

- Athletes who do not meet the minimum standards for the provincial team but show potential to represent BC in the future may qualify for **BC Development Team status**. The BC Development Team members may qualify for similar BC Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team services, as determined by the Provincial Team Coaches in consultation with BCWSA Program Staff.
- Athletes who are currently part of the National Development Team or National Team programs under Athletics Canada will be identified as a BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team Member if they meet the minimum criteria outlined in the 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Team Selection Guidelines Document and Scoring Rubric.



### *Appeals*

Athletes have the right to appeal decisions made regarding the team selection for the 2022-23 BCWSA Provincial Wheelchair Athletics Program in accordance with BCWSA's Appeal policy. An appeal may only be heard if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal (as outlined in BCWSA's appeals policy) and must be submitted in writing within **7 days of the team selection** to Ana Karanovic ([ana@bcwheelchairsports.com](mailto:ana@bcwheelchairsports.com)). To access BCWSA's appeals policy, please contact Ana Karanovic.