



2017 Team Ontario Canadian Cross Country Championships

Team Selection Criteria

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Overview

The **Canadian Cross Country Championships** will be hosted in Kingston, Ontario on Nov 25, 2017. Athletics Ontario is pleased to announce this important competitive opportunity for Youth, Junior and Senior men’s and women’s cross country athletes. Team selection will be done at the Athletics Ontario Cross Country Championships.

General Information

DATES	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/ INFORMATION
Oct 2, 2017-Nov 12	Declaration for team	Declaration Link
Nov 12, 2017	AO XC Championships	Morrison Meadows, Bracebridge
November 12, 2017	Declaration closes	
Nov 15, 2017	Team Ontario Announced	To be started at the conclusion of the Selection Meet (above)
Nov 25, 2017	Canadian XC Championships	Kingston, ON

Eligibility

1. Registered competitive member of Athletics Ontario and in good standing
2. Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and be prepared to show documentation
3. Must compete in the Athletics Ontario Provincial Championships (Youth Junior/Senior) to earn the first three spots
4. Must submit a declaration form by the end of competition on November 12

Team Selection Guidelines

1. Total number of athletes allowed on team: 36
2. Maximum number of female athletes allowed on team: 18 (6 Youth, 6 Junior 6 Senior)
3. Maximum number of male athletes allowed on team: 18 (6 Youth, 6 Junior 6 Senior)



Selection Process

1. The first three finishers in each category at the 2017 Ontario Cross Country Championships will be automatically selected provided they express their intention to enter the 2017 Canadian Cross Country Championships.
2. The remaining athletes will be selected to the best of our ability on the basis of recent results achieved from April 1, 2017 up to the weekend of the AO Championships (Nov 12 2017).
3. The team members will be announced and/or notified after the Provincial and before the National Championships
4. The team will be confirmed and declared to the race organizers just prior to or at the 2017 Canadian Cross Country Championships Technical meeting in Kingston.
5. There is no AO funding for team members – there is honour in representing your province and the participation of athletes will be much appreciated by AO. Team members will receive some apparel (TBD). Athletes may wear their club singlets while also representing AO in the provincial team championship in Kingston.

Declaration Process

Declaration can be done online via [Trackie link](#). Declarations are due Nov 12, 2017.

Appeals

Only athletes who are eligible to be considered for selection (i.e. have met the athlete eligibility requirements) may submit an appeal for selection to the Provincial Team. 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 competition.





Appeal Procedure. An athlete or representative may make an appeal regarding selection using the form that will be available at the Trials. A fee of \$25.00 will be payable and will be refunded if the appeal is successful. The appeal must be filed (in person, by e-mail to kylesmith@athleticsontario.ca) by 12:00 noon, Thursday, November 16 (this date to be confirmed).

Athlete's Responsibilities Following Selection

1. Following the selection, team staff will monitor **physical readiness and health status** of team members and have the authority to make substitutions where these are deemed necessary. An athlete who is deemed unfit or injured may be replaced.
2. All team members must participate in seminars as required by the Team Staff or Team Ontario Mission staff. These may include sessions on drug control, harassment, etc. Times and places for these seminars will be announced.
3. All team members will be required to sign a Code of Behaviour agreement
4. Upon selection to the team, all athletes are expected to participate to their fullest. Withdrawal for reasons unsupported by medical evidence will likely lead to **disciplinary action**, possibly suspension, by the provincial sport governing body.

