



**BOXING CANADA**  
**2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES QUALIFIER**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURE**

**Event:** 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier

**Date:** TBC\*

**Location:** TBC\*

**Age Group:** Elite Men and Women

**Selection Date:** TBC\*

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This document outlines the selection procedures upon which Boxing Canada will determine those athletes from the High-Performance Program (HPP) who will be selected to represent Canada at the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier as members of Boxing Canada's National Team.

The objective of this process is to identify and select athletes that are:

- (1) Consistent with the Boxing Canada Gold Medal Profile (GMP) and Winning Style (WS) parameters, who have displayed competition behaviours and results to achieve top international performances at major events.
- (2) Progressing towards Boxing Canada GMP and WS parameters, who have displayed competition behaviours and results to achieve international performances and trending to achieve World stage performance.

For clarifications or questions relating to this document, please contact Boxing Canada's High-Performance Director (HPD).

## **2. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY**

- a) The development of the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier Athlete Selection Procedure is the responsibility of the HPD. The Boxing Canada High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) will oversee the development of the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier Athlete Selection Procedure.
- b) The HPD is responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All team nominations made by the HPD will be monitored by the HPAG and ratified by Boxing Canada's Board of Directors to ensure that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that it is fair and equitable for all candidates

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### **3. BOXING CANADA IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for consideration for selection to the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier, at the time of selection (TBC), an athlete must:

- a) Be born between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004.
- b) Be a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial boxing association (PTSO) and Boxing Canada at the time of selection and maintain this status until the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier is completed. Unless otherwise authorized, in advance and in writing, athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Boxing Canada at the selection date.
- c) Be a member of the 2023-2024 HPP, defined as the National Team.
- d) Have read, signed and returned to Boxing Canada the executed Athlete Agreement.
- e) Have read, signed and returned the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier Athlete Selection Procedures acknowledgement document to Boxing Canada.
- f) Have completed all relevant CCES anti-doping requirements.
- g) Have a valid Canadian passport with an expiry of at least six (6) months from the conclusion of the 2023 Pan American Games (May 8th, 2024).
- h) Meet the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) and Canadian Olympic Committee's (COC) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events.

### **4. TEAM SIZE**

Boxing Canada will have a team size of thirteen (13) athletes seven [7] males and six [6] females) as determined by the 2023 Pan American Games Handbook ([www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf](http://www.santiago2023.org/descargas/en/Boxing.pdf)). These athletes will be selected based on the criteria described in Section 6.

A domestic pool of up to four (4) athletes per Pan American Games weight category (see Section 5 below) will be developed.



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**5. ELIGIBLE WEIGHT CATEGORIES**

This selection procedure applies to Elite Men and Women Pan American Games weight categories. Given that the boxing competition at the 2023 Pan American Games is a direct qualification event for Paris 2024 Olympic Games, these weight categories are identical to those at the Paris Olympics:

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
51kg	50kg
57 kg	54kg
63.5kg	57kg
71kg	60kg
80kg	66kg
92kg	75kg
+92kg	

Each country may send a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.

**6. BOXING CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA**

6.1 The criteria below will select a pool of athletes who will be considered for participation at the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier.

Positions into the pool of athletes considered for the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier will be determined based on a 3-step process and the following order of priority:

**Step 1/Decision-Making Priority 1: Selection to the pool based on recent performances in international competition**

1. Podium finish at the 2023 IBA Elite Men and Women World Championships in the Pan American Games (Paris 2024 Olympic) weight divisions.

The process will end if the limit of one (1) athlete per Pan American Games weight division is reached.



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**Step 2/ Decision-Making Priority 2: Domestic Selection Competition**

If, after applying Step 1 above, there are open spots in the Pan American Games weight divisions, the athlete winning the domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition scheduled for the summer of 2023 (exact date TBC) will be selected.

The domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition results will be used to place athletes in each division in rank order based on their results at this round-robin competition.

Entry to the domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition will be based upon:

1. 2022 IBA World Championship medalists
2. The top two athletes in each standard IBA weight division after the 2023 Senior Elite National Championships being held February 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Brampton, ON.
  - a. The #1 ranked athlete in each standard weight category from this competition will be the winner of the division.
  - b. The #2 to #4 ranked athletes will be determined by a Winning Style assessment conducted by an expert panel. Athletes ranked #2 to #4 will be invited in ranked priority order. Only one athlete from this pool will enter the domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition.

**7. INJURY OF A TEAM MEMBER DURING THE PREPARATION PHASE**

Athletes are required to report all performance-limiting injuries or medical operations that occur after their selection. Boxing Canada's Team Physician will determine the athletes' condition and status in terms of competitive readiness. An injured athlete unable to undergo full training, including regular sparring during the two weeks before departure, may be withdrawn from the team.

Should a #1 ranked male or female 2022 Elite National Team athlete named in the 2023 Canadian Championships Team Delegation Handbook sustain a medically-verified and performance-limiting injury that would prevent their participation in the 2023 Elite National Championships, an exemption will be granted subject to the receipt of medical doctors note detailing the scope of the injury within seven days of the start of the 2023 Elite National Championships. Medical-exempted athletes will be invited to the domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition.

**8. ALTERNATES**



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Only athletes who meet the standards described in Sections 4 and 6 will be considered potential alternates. If a selected athlete becomes unavailable or ineligible to compete at the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier, the next highest-ranked athlete eligible will be named as the replacement based on the criteria outlined in Section 6.

No alternates will be selected or added to the list of Canadian athletes attending the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier past the registration or name change deadline specified by the Pan Am Sport once it has been announced. At the time of writing, no registration dates have been published.

## **9. TRAINING COMMITMENT AND MANDATORY EVENTS**

The HPD and National Coaches will develop a preparation program for the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier. This program may include competitions, camps, testing, and training activities.

Participation and active involvement in all the activities of the pre-Pan American Games Qualifier program is a condition for attending the event and eligibility for any related funding opportunities. Unless authorized in advance by the HPD, failure or incapability to attend the activities scheduled for the preparation program may result in the removal from the team.

The dates and locations for the mandatory events are outlined below and are subject to change:

- Event – Pre-competition 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier Training Camp:
  - Date and location TBA
  - This event aims to ensure the final preparation of all qualifying Team Members is optimal to perform at the Games.

## **10. INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROTOCOLS**

Qualifying team members must comply with all infectious disease protocols prescribed by Boxing Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, Pan Am Sport or the International Olympic Committee to protect personal health, performance and results. Failure to follow these protocols may result in removal from participation as an athlete in the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier. These protocols will be communicated before the event.

## **11. REMOVAL OF A BOXER FROM THE TEAM**

Boxing Canada may, at any time, disqualify any athlete from being considered for, or participating in, the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier if they breach any material obligations under this policy or if they:



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- I. Breach any material obligation under their Athlete Agreement; or
- II. Are found to violate any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Boxing Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

If an athlete is removed from the team after the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier registration change deadline (date TBA), no replacement will be selected for that weight category.

## **12. FUNDING**

Athletes will be responsible for self-funding attendance at Boxing Canada's domestic Pan American Games Qualification Competition and the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier. Athlete funding may be available dependant of final Boxing Canada budget allocations.

## **13. APPEALS**

Appeals to Boxing Canada's nominations will be subject to the Appeal Policy of Boxing Canada, which is available on Boxing Canada's website ([www.boxingcanada.org](http://www.boxingcanada.org)).

## **14. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

Boxing Canada will email all qualifying and non-qualifying HPP athletes to advise them of the selection decisions. Boxing Canada will announce the team on its website and through established communication channels.

## **15. IMPORTANT DATES**

Boxing Canada has set the following dates for its selection process

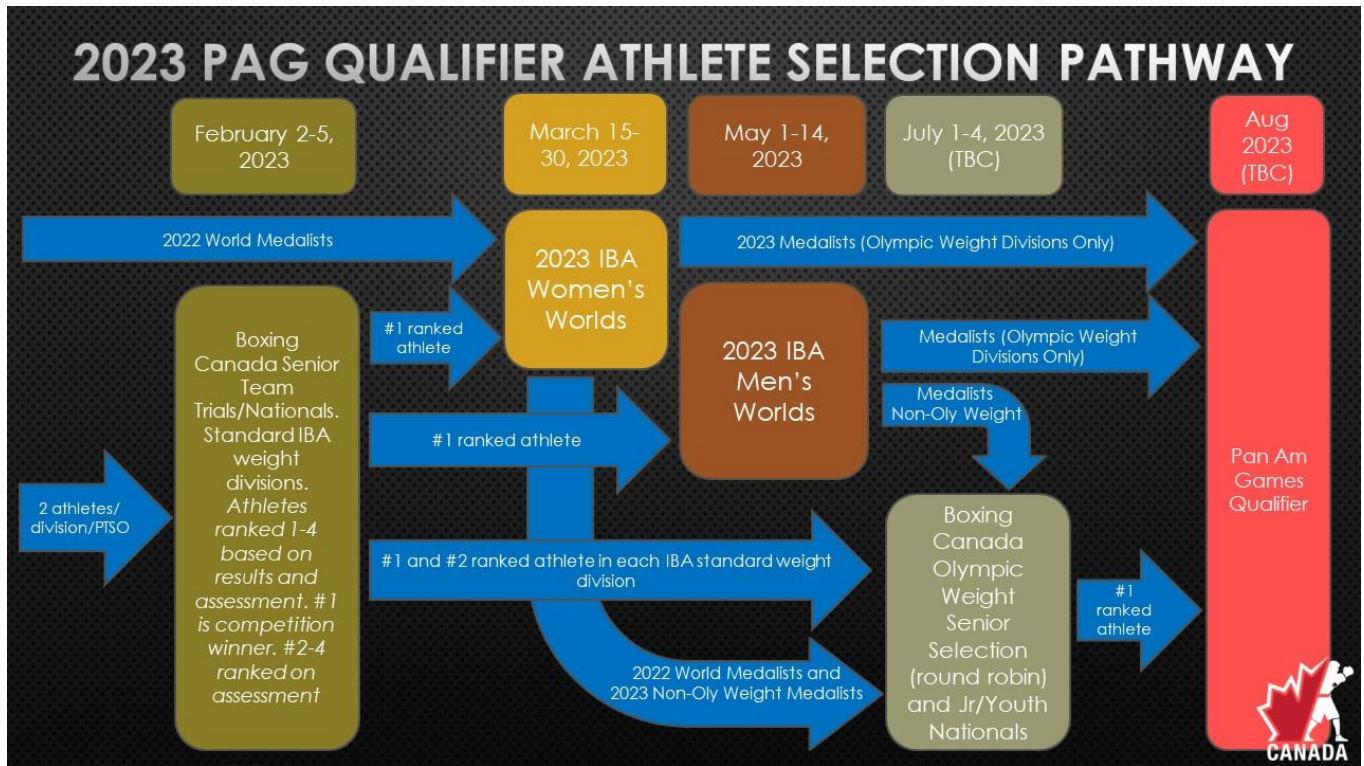
February 10 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023	Publishing of the Selection Criteria for the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier
TBC*	Boxing Canada Team Selection Announcement for the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier
TBC*	Pre-competition camp 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier
TBC*	Team arrival at the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier
TBC*	First day of the competition.
TBC*	Last day of the competition.
TBC*	Team departure from the 2023 Pan American Games Qualifier

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**Appendix 1: Pan America Games Qualifier Graphic**



**NOTE: Entry to the 2023 Women's and Men's IBA World Championships will be open to the gold medalist at the 2023 Senior National Championships, with the exception of those divisions where a 2022 World medalists exists.**