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## Athletics Canada nominates 26 athletes to Paralympic Games; 40 to Olympic Games

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**CALGARY** -Athletics Canada announced today the athletes that have been put forth to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for nomination to the 2012 Paralympic Games team and 2012 Olympic Games team.

Laurier Primeau, athletics Paralympic Games head coach, "The athletes headed to London have proven through their performances that they are able to compete with the best in the world on a consistent basis. We will move forward into our final preparation phase with high expectations, athletes and staff have a singular focus now, to elicit the best result of the year at the most important competition of their lives."

Alex Gardiner, athletics Olympic Games head coach, "This is the largest Olympic team Athletics Canada has selected in recent history. The Trials in Calgary proved to be the crucible we wanted to test our readiness for London. Competition was fierce and results have strengthened our confidence that we can have 4 or 5 athletes challenge for the podium and another half dozen achieve a top 8 or finalist position."

Gardiner adds, "Our professional approach to athlete preparation supported by our major partner Own the Podium is proving out. We have a world class team of coaches, scientists and medical experts keeping the team healthy and focused."

### 2012 Paralympic Games nominees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Personal Coach</b>
Rachael Burrows	T34 200m	Barrie, ON	Amanda Fader
Josh Cassidy	T54 marathon	Ottawa, ON	Amanda Fader
Earle Connor	T42 100m	Calgary, AB	Les Gramantik
Nathan Dewitt	T34 100m	Surrey, BC	James Hustvedt
Braedon Dolfo	T11-13 4x100m	Langley, BC	Kim Chapdelaine / Dwayne Lotnick
Jason Dunkerley	T11 1500m	Ottawa, ON	Ray Elrick
Jonathan Dunkerley	T11-13 4x100m	Ottawa, ON	Ray Elrick
Alexandre Dupont	T53-54 4x400m	Bradwell, SK	Rick Reelie
Michel Filteau	T54 marathon	St. Jean Baptiste, QC	Jean Laroche
Keira-Lyn Frie	T54 5000m	Saskatoon, SK	Rick Reelie
Eric Gauthier	T53-54 4x400m	St-Faustin Lac-Carré, QC	Jean Laroche
Andrew Heffernan	Guide runner for Brandon King	Ottawa, ON	Hugh Conlin
Joshua Karanja	Guide runner for Jason	Ottawa, ON	Ian Clark

	Dunkerley		
Brandon King	T11-13 4x100m	Brampton, ON	Hugh Conlin / Jennifer O'Brien
Brent Lakatos	T53 400m	Dorval, QC	
Colin Mathieson	T53-54 4x400m	Winnipeg, MB	Jean Laroche
Virginia McLachlan	T35 200m	Windsor, ON	Ben Warnock
Alister McQueen	T44 100m	Calgary, AB	Al Holm
Kyle Pettet	F34 shot put	Brampton, ON	Ken Hall
Leah Robinson	T37 400m	Mannheim, ON	Bruce Glebe
Diane Roy	T54 400m	Sherbrooke, QC	Jean Laroche
Michelle Stilwell	T52 100m	Nanoose Bay, BC	Peter Lawless
Curtis Thom	T54 400m / T53-54 4x400m	Mississauga, ON	Ken Thom / Bob Schrader
Dustin Walsh	T11-13 4x100m	Coquitlam, BC	Don Steen
Dylan Williamson	Guide runner for Dustin Walsh	Fort Langley, BC	Don Steen
Sean Young	Guide runner for Jonathan Dunkerley	Ottawa, ON	Ray Elrick

## 2012 Olympic Games nominees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Personal Coach</b>
Mohammed Ahmed	10000m	St. Catherines, ON	Stuart Galloway / Mick Byrne
Dylan Armstrong	Shot put	Kamloops, BC	Anatoliy Bondarchuk
Melissa Bishop	800m	Eganville, ON	Ray Elrick / Dennis Fairall
Mélanie Blouin	Pole vault	Quebec, QC	Neil Martindale
Nathan Brannen	1500m	Cambridge, ON	Wynn Gmitroski
Jared Connaughton	200m	Charlottetown, PEI	Monte Stratton
Reid Coolsaet	Marathon	Hamilton, ON	Dave Scott-Thomas
Derek Drouin	High jump	Corunna, ON	Joel Skinner
Crystal Emmanuel	200m	Scarborough, ON	Desai Williams
Sultana Frizell	Hammer throw	Perth, ON	Anatoliy Bondarchuk
Alex Genest	3000mSC	Lac-aux-Sables, QC	Dave Scott-Thomas
Phylicia George	100m / 100mH	Markham, ON	Anthony McCleary / Desai Williams
Eric Gillis	Marathon	Antigonish, NS	Dave Scott-Thomas
Elizabeth Gleadle	Javelin	Vancouver, BC	Larry Steinke
Inaki Gomez	20km RW	Vancouver, BC	Gerry Dragomir
Geoff Harris	800m	Halifax, NS	Heather Hennigar
Akeem Haynes	4x100m	Calgary, AB	John Cannon
Nikkita Holder	100mH	Pickering, ON	Desai Williams / Anthony McCleary
Julie Labonté	Shot put	Sainte-Justine, QC	Craig Carter / Daniel Labonté
Cameron Levins	5000m	Black Creek, BC	Eric Houle
Segun Makinde	4x100m	Ottawa, ON	Glenroy Gilbert

Jenna Martin	400m	Bridgewater, NS	Charles Scarrow
Michael Mason	High jump	Nanoose Bay, BC	Ziggy Szelagowicz
Curtis Moss	Javelin	Burnaby, BC	Don Steen
Justin Rodhe	Shot put	Kamloops, BC	Anatoliy Bondarchuk
Rachel Seaman	20km RW	Peterborough, ON	Tim Seaman
Nicole Sifuentes	1500m	Winnipeg, MB	Mike McGuire
Gavin Smellie	4x100m	Etobicoke, ON	Glenroy Gilbert
Jessica Smith	800m	North Vancouver, BC	Brit Townsend
Oluseyi Smith	4x100m	Ottawa, ON	Quin Sekulich
Heather Steacy	Hammer throw	Lethbridge, AB	Larry Steinke
Jim Steacy	Hammer throw	Lethbridge, AB	Larry Steinke
Hilary Stellingwerff	1500m	Sarnia, ON	Dave Scott-Thomas
Brianne Theisen	Heptathlon	Humboldt, SK	Harry Marra
Damian Warner	Decathlon	London, ON	Gar Leyshon
Ian Warner	4x100m	Markham, ON	Nate Wiens
Justyn Warner	100m / 4x100m	Markham, ON	Desai Williams / Anthony McCleary
Sarah Wells	400mH	Unionville, ON	David Hunt
Dylan Wykes	Marathon	Kingston, ON	Richard Lee
Jessica Zelinka	Heptathlon / 100mH	London, ON	Les Gramantik

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