

**Team Alberta Selection Criteria  
2018 Canadian Biathlon Championships  
Charlo, New Brunswick  
March 20 – 25, 2018**



Each year Biathlon Alberta establishes selection criteria governing the composition and selection of teams that represent Alberta at National competitions. The objectives of establishing criteria are to ensure that:

1. Athletes and teams representing Alberta are credible and competitive;
2. Athletes receive the required information in a complete, accurate and timely manner.

**Team Alberta**, attending the 2018 Canadian Biathlon Championships (NCH), will be comprised of selected and sanctioned athletes to a maximum of 35 athletes.

**Selected Athletes are defined in the following way:**

- a) 18 IBU athletes (Senior men/women, Junior men/women, Youth men/women and
- b) 8 Senior boy/girls

**Sanctioned Athletes are defined in the following way:**

- a) Remaining sanctioned positions up to a maximum team size of 35 athletes will be drawn from all categories referred to in “a” and “b” selected athletes above.
- b) Any athlete must obtain a minimum average performance benchmark of 85% in order to be considered for inclusion on the Alberta team.

**Biathlon Alberta reserves the right to:**

- a) Limit Team size regardless of percentage due to logistical and fiscal limitations.
- b) To reschedule races at their sole discretion.

**Eligibility**

All athletes must be Alberta division members of Biathlon Canada, registered as a competitive athlete in the appropriate category and eligible to compete at the NCH ([Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy](#)). Athletes must be 14 years or older as of the date identified for Nationals, as set by the Biathlon Canada hosting policy in order to be eligible to compete at 2018 Canadian Biathlon Championships (NCH). Athletes must be in possession of a valid PAL and provide a copy to Biathlon Alberta in advance of participating at Nationals. The Selection Committee will make the final determination of eligibility to compete.

Athletes eligible for selection to the NCH Team are those who compete in the categories outlined in the following table. Athletes who ski out of their respective age class (race-up) at selection events will be classified in the race for purposes of selection percentages ranking, in the category in which they raced up for those competitions.

2017/18 Biathlon Alberta Selection / Race Requirement by Category			Category							
			Women	Men	Junior Women	Junior Men	Youth Women	Youth Men	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
Race	Date	Location								
Biathlon Trials	Nov. 7, 9th, 10th 2017	Canmore, Alberta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Nor-Am / Calforex #1	Nov. 24-26 2017	Canmore, Alberta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IBU Selection	December 31st 2017	Canmore, Alberta	Yes	Yes						
YJ Trials	January 4th, 2018	Whistler, B.C.			Yes	Yes	see note	see note		
Nor-Am #2	January 6th and 7th, 2018	Whistler, B.C.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Calforex #2	January 13th, 14th, 2017	Camrose			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calforex #3	January 27- 28th	Edmonton					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calforex #4	Feb. 3 - 4th 2018	Canmore					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Total Races</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Note:</b> YJ Trials do not have a category for Youth, therefore this will not be reflected in this chart										

## Selection Process for Team Alberta

### Pre-selected Athletes

Athletes selected to compete as part of 2017-2018 Biathlon Canada teams in the first World Cup, WYJCH, IBU Cup tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH.

Note: In addition to the 18 IBU athletes, the top Alberta Senior Man and Senior Woman athletes on the National Team will be included. If they are available to attend the NCH, their Team Fees will be covered by Biathlon Alberta.

### Selection from Ranked Lists

**A list will be created to rank athletes for selection for the 18 IBU and 8 Senior Boy/Girl Athletes:**

**IBU athletes:** A list of eligible Alberta athletes in the IBU categories will be published using the best "50% of races held plus one race", for example;

Best 5 of 8 races held for Men and Women,

Best 6 of 10 races held, for Junior Men and Women and,

Best 6 of 10 races held for Youth Men and Women.

In the event of a race cancellation, Biathlon Alberta will revise these ratios.

Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked amongst all Alberta IBU category athletes, creating a single list. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a maximum of 18

selected IBU athletes.

**Senior Boy/Girl athletes:** A separate list will be created for Senior Boys/Girls using the best “50% plus one race”, for example;

Best 5 of 8 competitions denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 8 selected Senior Boy/Girl athletes.

**Master’s Men/ Women:** are eligible to attend, but are responsible for their own logistics, coaching and waxing needs. Masters athletes must notify [jordan@biathlon.ca](mailto:jordan@biathlon.ca) of their intention to participate by February 19th, 2018. Biathlon Alberta will register all Masters athletes and a fee will be assessed by Biathlon Alberta to cover the registration. A process for disseminating information from the Team Captain’s meetings will be confirmed prior to the start of the event.

The list of selected athletes will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Athletes who have earned a spot as a selected athlete will be contacted by Biathlon Alberta and asked to confirm in writing (email to [jordan@biathlon.ca](mailto:jordan@biathlon.ca)) their acceptance, no later than **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. In the event a selected athlete turns down their nomination, Biathlon Alberta will contact the next highest ranking percentage on the list directly.

### **Remaining 27 to 35 sanctioned athlete team spots**

A list of those eligible for sanctioning will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website on **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Athletes on the sanctioned list must submit a written application for sanctioning to [jordan@biathlon.ca](mailto:jordan@biathlon.ca) by **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. The Selection Committee, which will be comprised of three members of the Biathlon Alberta board, will review the applications and sanctioned positions, to a maximum team size of 35, will be offered via e-mail no later than **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Sanctioning must be accepted by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Eligibility for sanctioning does not guarantee that sanction will be granted. If an athlete does not accept sanctioning when it is offered, the next ranked athletes from any category who obtained at least 85% in the selection process will be added based on descending percentages for a maximum team size of 35.

### **Selection Event Cancellation**

- In the event a selection race is cancelled, Biathlon Alberta will review the remaining race events and set the ratios accordingly.
- Note: Biathlon Alberta reserves the right to reschedule, add races at any time and/or reset selection race ratios.
- *Biathlon Alberta encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for NCH to attend all Calforex Cup events, in the event selection races are cancelled.*

### **Percentage Calculations**

Percentages for each competition will be based on a percentage of the fastest time by an Alberta athlete in the category.

#### **Example**

Winner-time = 20:00 min.; Athlete-time = 22:00 min Percent =  $20/22 * 100 = 90.90$  Percentages will be rounded to 2 decimal places.

**Note;** for a race to be considered there must be a minimum of three athletes participating in the race.

### **Best-of Calculations**

Each athlete’s best percentages will be selected from the competition results. The arithmetic mean of these

values will be calculated.

### **At the Event**

Biathlon Alberta will register all selected and sanctioned athletes and lead the Alberta team on the field of play. Logistical support will be provided to all selected and sanctioned Team Alberta athletes.

### **Costs**

Team fees will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board. Team fees will cover registration, coaching, wax support, accommodation, food, transportation from the designated airport to Charlo and ground transportation while in Charlo, NB. All other transportation costs to and from the designated airport are the responsibility of the Athlete. Team fees are payable on or before **February 24th, 2018**.

### **Appeals**

The selection and sanctioning process is subject to the [Biathlon Alberta Dispute Resolution Policy](#). Any appeals will need to be submitted by February 25, 2017 to [jordan@biathlon.ca](mailto:jordan@biathlon.ca). Appeals will be reviewed by the Biathlon Alberta Nationals Appeal Board. The board will be made up of three members of the Biathlon Alberta board.

### **Force Majeure**

The Selection Committee will consider claims of “force majeure” if an athlete has a justifiable and unavoidable reason for missing selection races, such as documented illness or “Act of God”. A written application for force majeure must be made by the athlete or their legal guardian within one week of the missed selection event.

The letter must describe the circumstances that caused the athlete to miss the race and include a letter from a physician if the claim is for medical reasons. In considering a claim of “force majeure” the Selection Committee will consider performances posted at other races as well as at training camps or time trials in order to make an informed decision.