



Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2013 National Biathlon Championships Whistler Olympic Park, March 15 – 20

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Team Alberta, attending the National Championships (NCH), will be comprised of both **Selected** and **Sanctioned** athletes: “**Selected Athletes**” refers to the 18 IBU athletes and 6 Senior Boy/Girl athletes selected according to the process described below. These athletes constitute the “official team of record” representing Alberta at the NCH. “**Sanctioned Athletes**” are those athletes deemed to have met minimum performance criteria for attending the National Championships and are therefore sanctioned by Biathlon Alberta to attend the National Championships as part of Team Alberta.

Eligibility

All athletes, either Selected or Sanctioned, must be members of Biathlon Alberta. Athletes eligible for selection to the National Championships Team will be those who compete in the following categories:

Senior Boys/Senior Girls
Junior Men/Junior Women

Youth Men/Youth Women
Men/Women

Selection Process for Team Alberta

Pre-selected

Athletes competing as part of Biathlon Canada teams in the 1st or 2nd IBU Tours or 1st or 2nd World Cup tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH. For ranking purposes on the selection list pre-selected athletes will be credited with 100%.

Selection from Ranked Lists

Two lists will be created to rank athletes for selection:

1. IBU athletes: A list of eligible Alberta athletes in the IBU categories will be published using the **best 3 of 4 competitions** denoted as selection races for Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, and Men/Women. 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 total of 18 selected IBU athletes.

2. Senior Boy/Girl athletes: A separate list will be created for Senior Boys/Girls using the **best 4 of 6 competitions** denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls. Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked amongst all Alberta Senior Boy/Girl athletes, creating a single list. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 6 selected Senior Boy/Girl athletes.

- Athletes who ski out of their respective age class (race-up) at selection events will be classified, for purposes of selection percentage ranking, in the category in which they raced-up for those competitions.
- Refer below to *Event Cancellation & Percentage Calculation* for a description of how the ranking is calculated.

Selection Competitions

Selection events for the 2012 National Championships are:

Senior Boys/Girls

Calforex Cup #2	Canmore	January 5/6, 2013
Calforex Cup #3	Edmonton	January 26/27, 2013
Calforex Cup #4	Camrose	February 2/3, 2013

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Men/Women

NorAm Cup 1	Canmore	November 24/25, 2012
Calforex Cup #2*	Canmore	January 5/6, 2013

*Youth/Junior Wax Protocol – Calforex Cup #2

Athletes, competing in Youth and Junior categories at Calforex Cup #2, seeking selection to Team Alberta for the National Championships are subject to the Biathlon Canada waxing protocol in effect for the event. Please consult the event invitation for details on this wax protocol. Should an athlete not participate in the wax protocol, his or her results will not be considered for Team Alberta selection. Please note, the wax protocol applies to Youth and Junior athletes only.

Selection Process for Sanctioned Athletes

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, remaining athletes who obtained at least 85% in the selection process may apply for sanctioned status to attend the National Championships. Sanction requests are due in writing within 7 days of publication of the selected/eligible-for-sanctioning list. The number of sanction requests granted is at the discretion of the selection committee, based on logistical requirements of the tour.

Selected/Sanctioned Athlete lists

The lists of selected athletes, and a list of athletes eligible for sanctioning, will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than February 6th, 2013.

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 Team Alberta athletes, both selected and sanctioned.

Costs

Team fees for both Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board. Sanctioned Athletes will pay the full cost of the tour. Team fees will cover registration, coaching and wax support, accommodation and food, in addition to ground transportation between Vancouver International Airport, Whistler Athletes' Centre and Whistler Olympic Park. Return transportation from Alberta to Vancouver/Whistler is not included in the team fee. Team fees are due no later than February 28th, 2013.

Selection Event Cancellation – IBU categories

- If 2 single-day races are cancelled, the best 2 (of 2) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 3 single-day races are cancelled, the remaining race will be used for selection purposes.

Selection Event Cancellation – Senior Boy/Girl categories

- If 2 single-day races are cancelled, the best 4 (of 4) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 3 single-day races are cancelled, the best 3 (of 3) remaining races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 4 single-day races are cancelled, the best 2 (of 2) remaining races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 5 single-day races are cancelled, the remaining race will be used for selection purposes.

Appeals

The selection and sanctioning process is subject to the [Biathlon Alberta Grievance](#) policy.

Force Majeure

The Selection Committee will consider claims of “force majeure” if an athlete has a justifiable reason for missing selection races (such as documented illness or “Act of God”). An application for force majeure written by the athlete must be made 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 in order to make an informed decision.

Percentage Calculations

Percentages for each competition will be based on a percentage of the fastest time *by an Alberta athlete* in the category under consideration, as follows:

- For categories with one (1) entrant, the winner will be awarded a maximum of 90%.
- For categories with two (2) entrants, the winner will be awarded a maximum of 95%.
- For categories with three (3) or more entrants, the winner will be awarded a maximum of 100%

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.

Best-of Calculations

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

Masters’ Athletes

Athletes aged **30** and above are eligible to compete in Master Men and Master Women categories at the National Championships. Any Biathlon Alberta Masters athlete wishing to compete at the National Championship is asked to contact Biathlon Alberta by the 31st of January, 2012.

Masters’ athletes will be offered coaching and waxing support, for which a team fee will be levied; in addition, athlete registrations must be put forward by Biathlon Alberta. No accommodation or transportation support will be offered Masters athletes.