



## Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2016 National Biathlon Championships Valcartier, Quebec 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, 6 Senior Boy/Girl athletes and 2 Masters athletes, selected according to the process described below. “**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	Youth Men/Youth Women
Junior Men/Junior Women	Men/Women
Master’s Men/Master’s Women	

### Selection Process for Team Alberta

#### Pre-selected

Athletes selected to compete as part of 2015-16 Biathlon Canada teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> IBU Cup Tours, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> World Cup tours, or World Youth/Junior Championships 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

Three 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 6 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.

**Note: The top Alberta male and female athletes on the National Team,** will not be included in the rankings. If they are able to attend the National Championships their Team Fees will be covered.

**2. Senior Boy/Girl athletes:** A separate list will be created for Senior Boys/Girls using the **best 3 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.

**3. Master's Men/ Women: (Athletes aged 35 and older)** - a separate list will be created for Master's Men/Women using the **best 3 of 6 competitions** denoted as selection races for Master's Men/Women. *Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked amongst all Alberta Master's Men/Women, creating a single list.* The top female and top male will be selected.

- 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 2016 National Championships are:

NorAm/Calforex Cup #1	Canmore	December 12/13, 2015
Calforex Cup #3	Camrose	January 9/10, 2016
Calforex Cup #4	Edmonton	January 23/24, 2016

**Please Note:** Selection will be the best 3 of 6 races with a maximum of 2 sprints used.

## Selection Process for Sanctioned Athletes

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, remaining athletes who obtained at least 85% in the selection process will be offered sanctioned status to attend the National Championships.

## 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 5th, 2016.

## 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, with Sanctioned Athletes paying the full cost of their participation in the tour. Team fees will cover registration, coaching and wax support,

accommodation, food, and ground transportation while in Quebec City. Athletes are responsible for their own transportation to and from Quebec City. Team fees are due no later than February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## Selection Event Cancellation

- If 3 single-day races are cancelled, the best 3 (of 3) remaining races will be used for selection purposes. Note; selection will be based on the best 3 of 6 races with a maximum of 2 sprints;
- 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 Dispute Resolution 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 must be made in writing, and 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.