



## **Team Alberta Selection Criteria 2017 National Biathlon Championships Prince George, British Columbia March 6 – 12, 2017**

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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 2017 Canadian Biathlon 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 chosen according to the process described below.

**Sanctioned Athletes** are those athletes deemed to have met the minimum performance criteria and are therefore eligible for sanctioning by Biathlon Alberta to attend the National Championships as part of Team Alberta.

The maximum team size will be 35 athletes.

### **Eligibility**

Athletes eligible for selection to the National Championships Team are those who compete in the following categories:

Men / Junior Men / Youth Men  
Senior Boys / Senior Girls

Women / Junior Women / Youth Women  
Masters Men / Masters Women

All athletes must be Alberta division members of Biathlon Canada, registered as a competitive athlete in the appropriate category and eligible to compete at Canadian Biathlon Championships ([Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy](#)). Athletes born after 2003 are not eligible to compete at Canadian Nationals. The Selection Committee will make the final determination of eligibility to compete.

## Selection Process for Team Alberta

### Pre-selected Athletes

Athletes selected to compete as part of 2016-2017 Biathlon Canada teams in the first World Cup, IBU Cup or Junior IBU 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%.

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

### Selection from Ranked Lists

#### Three lists will be created to rank athletes for selection:

**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 maximum of 18 selected IBU athletes.

**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.

**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 highest ranked female athlete and highest ranked male athlete will be selected.

The lists of selected athletes will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than January 30th, 2017. Athletes who have earned a spot as a selected athlete will be contacted by Biathlon Alberta and asked to confirm in writing (email) their acceptance, no later than February 6th, 2017.

### Sanctioned Athletes

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, remaining athletes who obtained at least 90% in the selection process are eligible to apply for sanctioning to attend Canadian Nationals.

The list of athletes eligible for sanctioning will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than January 30th, 2017. Athletes eligible for sanction must apply in writing (email) to the Biathlon Alberta, requesting sanctioning to attend Canadian Nationals, no later than February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Selection Committee will inform athletes of their decision no later than February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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## Selection Competitions

Selection will be the best 3 of 6 races with a maximum of 2 sprints used.  
Selection events for the 2017 National Championships are:

### **IBU Categories:**

NorAm/Calforex Cup #1	Canmore	December 3/4, 2016
Calforex Cup #2	Canmore	December 10/11, 2016
Calforex Cup #3	Camrose	January 14/15, 2017

### **Masters, Senior Boy/Girl Categories:**

Calforex Cup #2	Canmore	December 10/11, 2016
Calforex Cup #3	Camrose	January 14/15, 2017
Calforex Cup #4	Edmonton	January 21/22, 2017

## 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 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.

## **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.
- *Biathlon Alberta encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for NCH to attend all Calforex Cup events.*

## 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, wax support, accommodation, food, and ground transportation while in Prince George, BC. Athletes are responsible for their own transportation to and from Prince George.

**Team fees are payable on or before February 24th, 2017.**

## **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 and unavoidable 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 or time trials in order to make an informed decision.