

# VP Technical Report

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It was an exciting year for Biathlon Alberta, here are some of the highlights;

## Membership Highlights

Alberta's athlete membership participating in the Calforex series was 261 in the 17/18 ski season. Alberta has a total membership of 457 in 11 clubs. We also saw an increase in the number of coaches from 56 to 62 over the last year. Over the last few years we have seen a significant increase in active officials. Currently we have 46 Officials listed.

We encourage anyone interested in volunteering as an official to let Barb Sands know. We are unable to run our race events without this important role adequately filled.

## Calforex Highlights

Alberta's 17/18 Calforex race series saw the participation of 1,156 athletes. This is slightly down by 32 athletes over the previous year. This could be due to the race cancellation. However Alberta saw an increase of almost 30% participation over the previous three years, regardless of race cancellations. Total seasonal participation was up from 738 in 14/15 to 1,021 in 15/16 to 1,188 in 16/17 and slightly down to 1156 in 17/18.

I would like to make a special note; all of this success for the Calforex race series could not have been realised without our volunteers, officials and hosting clubs. So thank you one and all for your ongoing participation in the Calforex race series.

## Canadian National Championships Highlights

Alberta claimed the same number of medals over the last two years, with a total medal count of 42. However, Alberta took 7 more gold medals this year over the previous year. For a total of 23 gold medals. Just an awesome effort by athletes, coaches and volunteers.

## International Highlights

On the international stage, Alberta athletes continued to achieve personal bests on the World Cup circuit, results were very impressive. Roseanna Crawford had a two personal best and her first podium with a bronze at World Cup event. Seven of Alberta's athletes, placed in the top 10 of a variety of international races.

## Looking forward in 2018/19...

Biathlon Alberta has an exciting year coming up, with the Calforex race series already in place. The schedule is now available on the Biathlon Alberta web site.

I want to take a moment, to thank all of those who have tirelessly volunteered for our race series, we could not have done it without you. Again thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.