



**Team Alberta Selection Criteria
2019 Canadian Biathlon Championships
Whistler, British Columbia
March 26 – 31, 2019**

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 2019 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 2019 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.

2018/19 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									
1	Selection Trials, WC/IBUC/JIBUC	Nov. 6-9, 2018	Canmore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
2	Calforex #1, NorAm Cup#1	Dec. 1-2, 2018	Canmore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
3	Calforex #2,	Dec 8-9, 2018	Canmore					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Calforex #3,	Jan. 12-13, 2019	Grande Prairie					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Calforex #4,	Jan. 26 - 27, 2019	Camrose	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Total Races			7	7	7	7	6	6	8	8

Selection Process for Team Alberta

Pre-selected Athletes

Athletes selected to compete as part of 2018-2019 Biathlon Canada teams in the first World Cup, and IBU Cup and WYJCH, 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 NOT be included on the Pre-selected list, but are invited to attend if they are available. 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 4 of 7 races held for Women and Men,

Best 4 of 7 races held, for Junior Women and Junior Men and,

Best 4 of 6 races held for Youth Women and Youth Men.

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% of races held” (rounding up if an odd number of races are held). For example, 4 of 8 competitions or 4 of 7 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 elmar@biathlon.ca of their intention to participate by February 19th, 2019. 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 8th, 2019. Athletes who have earned a spot as a selected athlete will be contacted by Biathlon Alberta and asked to confirm in writing (email to elmar@biathlon.ca) their acceptance, no later than February 12th, 2019. 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 selected athlete team spots

A list of those eligible for sanctioning will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than February 8th, 2019. Athletes on the sanctioned list must submit a written application for sanctioning to elmar@biathlon.ca by February 12th 2019. The Selection Committee, which will be comprised of three members of the Biathlon Alberta board, will review the applications and notify selected athletes for the remaining sanctioned positions via e-mail no later than February 19th, 2019. Selected sanctioned athletes must confirm in writing (email to elmar@biathlon.ca) their acceptance, no later than February 22nd, 2019. 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 calculations above to be considered there must be a minimum of

three **Alberta** athletes participating in the race. If only 2 Alberta athletes, the top percentage will be 95% and if only 1 Alberta Athlete is racing they will be awarded 90% regardless of their position 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, with the exception of the Masters category, who are expected to provide their own logistical support.

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 Whistler and ground transportation while in Whistler, B.C. 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, 2019.

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, 2019 to elmar@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.