

## BIATHLON AGE GROUP(S)

- Air Rifle 2 (Boys & Girls) 11 - 12 years old (Year of birth: 2007-2008)
- Dev 1 (Boys & Girls) 13 - 14 years old (Year of birth: 2005-2006)
- Dev 2 (Boys & Girls) 15 - 16 years old (Year of birth: 2003-2004)

\*Ages as of December 31, 2019

Competing in an older age group (skiing-up) is permitted, provided an athlete fits into the range of age eligibility for Biathlon Events at the Alberta Winter Games.

## ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

- 12 competitors per zone
- 3 coaches or chaperones per zone (# of females min 1 # of males min 1)

Air Rifle (11-12 years): 2 male/female athletes

Dev 1 (13-14 years): 2 male/female athletes

Dev 2 (15-16 years): 2 male/female athletes

Note: Should a zone have six (6) or fewer competitors, the zone will be allocated a maximum of two (2) coaches/chaperones.

## FILL POLICY

1. Only athletes who participate in zone trials are eligible for selection. The top two athletes in each category, in each zone trial, are automatically selected, up to a maximum of twelve (12) athletes per zone.

2. Any unfilled spots within a zone quota may be taken up by athletes who participated in another zone trial.

3. To fill these empty spots, the Biathlon Provincial Sport Coordinator will establish a province-wide ranking order, by category, based on the zone trial and/or Calforex competitions. Empty slots will be filled preferentially in this order:

- Same category; same age category (provided available accommodation); any category (provided available accommodation).

4. Athletes selected under this policy will be registered with and compete for their home Zone at the Games. 5. Zones which have significantly more than twelve (12) athletes selected may apply for permission to send an extra coach/chaperone. Selections must be submitted for approval to the Alberta Sport Connection by **January 6, 2020**.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Athletes

- All athletes must be members of Biathlon Alberta.
- Athletes will compete for the Zone in which they reside.
- Athletes who have competed as Senior Boys/Senior Girls at the Canadian National Biathlon Championships are not eligible For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit [www.albertawintergames.ca](http://www.albertawintergames.ca)

### Coaches

- **NCCP Certification** - A minimum of one (1) member per zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 1 in Biathlon or Community Coaching Gold trained.
- All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

## AFFILIATION

Biathlon Alberta membership is required for all athletes and coaches participating in zone playoffs and the Alberta Games. Contact Biathlon Alberta ([www.biathlon.ca](http://www.biathlon.ca)) in Calgary at (403) 202-6548 or e-mail [info@biathlon.ca](mailto:info@biathlon.ca) for details.

## PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2020 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00<sup>[BA1]</sup><sup>[BA2]</sup>. This fee will go towards offsetting the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games. Please note that the registration deadline for Biathlon is **January 06, 2020**.

Category	Age	Individual	Sprint	Mass Start
Air Rifle 2 Boys/Girls	12 years old and younger	5.0 km (PPP)	3.0 km (PP)	4.0 km (PPP)
Dev 1 Boys/Girls	14 years old and younger	5.0 km (PPP)	3.0 km (PP)	4.0 km (PPP)
Dev 2 Boys/Girls	16 years old and younger	6.25 km (PPPP)	3.75 km (PP)	5.0 km (PPP)

IBU rules with applicable Biathlon Alberta modifications will apply: • Biathlon Alberta modifications for Air Rifle and Dev categories are available here: <http://biathlon.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/BA-Hosting-Policy-Sept-2018-FINAL.pdf> (Refer to appendices D through G)

- Competitors will be assessed 40 second penalties in the Individual event and will ski 100m penalty loops in Sprint and Mass Start events.
- Individual, sprint races and mass start will be run in same-gender categories.

#### **PROTEST PROCEDURES**

- Protests are to be filed to the Competition Secretary within fifteen (15) minutes of provisional results being posted as per Biathlon Alberta policy.

#### **EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

As per IBU rules. Ski length requirement will not be enforced

#### **ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES**

- Events hosted on one (1) weekend will be designated by Zone Representatives to select athletes for the Alberta Winter Games.
- In case of cancellation due to weather, an alternate competition or results from previous races may be used. To determine the date and location of zone playoffs/selection please visit [www.biathlon.ca](http://www.biathlon.ca) or <https://albertasport.ca/alberta-games/winter-games/sports/>

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The Provincial Sport Coordinator indicated above has been appointed by Biathlon Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the association's participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Biathlon in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator, or visit [www.biathlon.ca](http://www.biathlon.ca)