



Team Alberta Subsidy Criteria for 2024 Canadian Biathlon Championships Hinton, Alberta March 23-30, 2024

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 athletes and teams representing Alberta are credible and competitive.

Team Alberta will be composed of selected athletes to a maximum of up to 30 athletes.

Selected Athletes are defined in the following way:

- a) Up to 18 IBU athletes (Senior men/women, Junior men/women, Youth men/women) and;
- b) 6 Senior Boys and 6 Senior Girls

Biathlon Alberta reserves the right to:

- a) Limit team size regardless of percentage due to fiscal limitations
- b) To reschedule races at their sole discretion

Eligibility

All athletes must be Alberta division members of Biathlon Canada in good standing, registered as a competitive athletes in the appropriate category, be eligible to compete at the Canadian National Championships (NCH) under the [Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy](#), and represent an Alberta club during the NCH and all qualification races. Athletes must be 14 years or older as of the starting date identified for NCH, as set by the Biathlon Canada hosting policy in order to be eligible to compete at the 2024 NCH. Athletes must be in possession of a valid PAL and provide a copy to Biathlon Alberta in advance of participating at NCH. Athletes waiting for a minor PAL upgrade to full PAL at 18 years old can apply for an exemption. The Selection Committee will make the final determination of eligibility to compete. (Note; Biathlon Canada needs to see proof of application submission to upgrade PAL for racing at NCH.)

Athletes eligible for selection to Team Alberta compete in the categories outlined in the following table. Athletes who compete 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.

2023/24 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	Calforex Cup 1	Nov 25-26, 2023	Canmore	World Cup, IBU Cup, Junior Cup Tour Pre-Selection Only				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Calforex Cup 2	Dec 2-3, 2023	Canmore					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	WYJCH Trials	Jan 3-7 2024	Valcartier, QC					Yes	Yes	No	No
4	Calforex Cup 3	Jan 13-14, 2024	Grande Prairie					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Calforex Cup 4	Feb 24-25 2024	Edmonton					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Calforex Cup 5	Mar 2-3, 2024	Camrose					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Races								13	13	10	10

Selection Process for Team Alberta

Pre-selected Athletes

Athletes selected to compete as part of 2023-2024 Biathlon Canada teams in the first and second World Cup tour, first and second IBU Cup tour, Jr. IBU Cup tour, World Youth and Junior Championships (WYJCH), Youth Olympics athletes will be pre-selected for Team Alberta. Athletes racing at WYJCH, Youth Olympics, and NCH will only be eligible to receive financial assistance from Biathlon Alberta for one of these events.

In Olympic and Canada Winter Games (CWG) years, athletes selected for the Olympic & CWG team would be pre-selected to represent Team Alberta.

Selection from Ranked Lists

A list will be created to rank athletes for selection for the 18 IBU athletes and 6 Senior Boy and 6 Senior Girl.

Men/Women, Junior Men/Women athletes:

Must be selected for a Biathlon Canada team tour to be eligible for subsidy.

Youth Men/Women athletes:

The remaining spots for Youth Men/Women will be selected by ranked list. A list of eligible Alberta athletes in the Youth Men/Women categories will be published using the best "50% of races held plus one race", for example; the Best 6 of 13 eligible races held for Youth Men/Women.

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 eligible races held plus one race” (rounding up if an odd number of races are held). For example, the best 6 of 10 races are denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 6 selected Senior Boy and 6 selected Senior Girl athletes.

The list of selected athletes will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than March 08, 2024. Athletes who have earned a spot as a selected athlete will be contacted by Biathlon Alberta and asked to confirm in writing (email to GM@biathlon.ca) their acceptance, no later than March 13, 2024. In the event a selected athlete turns down their nomination, Biathlon Alberta will contact the next highest-ranking athlete by percentage on the list directly.

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 qualify for Team Alberta to compete at 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 calculation 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.

Costs

There are no team fees for selected athletes.

Financial Assistance for Nationals

It is Biathlon Alberta’s intent to assist with the costs associated with competing at the NCH for athletes

selected to Team Alberta. The 2024 subsidy has not been set; previous years Biathlon Alberta supported between \$400-750 per athlete. Payments will be made to the athlete's home club.

Conditions for payment of the subsidy:

- Athletes must compete in all events of the NCH
- Athletes must appear on the official results at the NCH
- The financial assistance will be paid after the NCH is complete
- Should an athlete not compete at all events during the NCH they will have to provide a note by a medical professional confirming the inability to race to Biathlon Alberta in order to receive the subsidy.
- Athletes must report to Biathlon Alberta within 24hrs after the race start about their inability to participate in the event via email to the General Manager.
- Athletes who finish in the top three in their category will be required to wear as a minimum the headwear provided by Biathlon Alberta at the podium presentation.
- The subsidies will be paid out to the athlete's club.
- Athletes who have received financial assistance for WYJCH or Youth Olympics this winter from Biathlon Alberta will not be eligible for NCH subsidy.
- Discretionary addition is possible on a case basis so as to not provide financial hardship to athletes and families.

The Board of Biathlon Alberta reserves the right to adjust the value of the subsidy or eliminate the subsidy entirely due to fiscal limitations.

Appeals

The selection process is subject to the [Biathlon Alberta Dispute Resolution Policy](#). Any appeals will need to be submitted by March 11, 2024, to GM@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 "force majeure". 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.