Biathlon Alberta

Awards Policy

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BIATHLON ALBERTA – AWARDS POLICY

Biathlon Alberta recognizes the commitment and dedication of athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers, and their substantial contributions made to the development of biathlon in Alberta.

On an annual basis, Biathlon Alberta will:

1. **Present the following awards**

- Calforex Cup Category Awards
- Richard Boruta Memorial Award – Coach of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Alberta Biathlon Club Official of the Year
- Ruedi Setz Memorial Award
- Athlete of the Year
  (Youth Men, Youth Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Men, Women categories)
- Top Gun and Junior Top Gun
- Veli Niinimaa Perfect Shot Award (0.22 calibre)

2. **Coordinate nominations for Biathlon Canada awards.**

The coordination of award nominations and selection of recipients falls under the duties of the Awards subcommittee.

1. CALFOREX CUP – SERIES DESCRIPTION AND POLICY

The Calforex Cup series of events represents the top level of provincial competition in Alberta. The series serves as a vehicle for athlete development and talent identification, and also as a mechanism for Provincial Team selection. Calforex Cup events may, on occasion, be held in conjunction with other events, such as a NorAm Cup, Western Canadian Championship, or Provincial Championship. Each year, Biathlon Alberta will endeavour to schedule events in a variety of venues around the province.

Awards

Each category winner will receive an award, to be presented annually.

Calforex Cup Policies and Procedures

- Points are awarded to competitors in all categories, according to the points schedule below.
- Points are awarded only to members of Biathlon Alberta; out-of-province athletes are welcome to compete in Caflorex Cup events, but are not eligible for points.
- Points are awarded to Biathlon Alberta athletes as per finish position; athletes will not be awarded points for a higher placing with respect to out-of-province athletes.

PLACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
POINTS	50	46	43	40	37	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	15	14	13	12	10

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- Athletes who compete in every competition during the season will have their worst result discarded from their year-end point total. If any competition(s) are missed, all results earned will count towards their year-end point total. Competitions that are cancelled/postponed due to weather will not count as missed competitions by the athlete.

- If four or less competitions can be held during the season (e.g. due to weather cancellations), then all competitions will count towards an athlete's year-end point total
- Ties in the final standing will be broken as follows: number of wins, number of second places, number of third places, number of fourth places .... If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the number of points earned at the Alberta Provincial Championship.
- Points will be regularly updated and posted at www.biathlon.ca

2. Richard Boruta Memorial Award – Coach of the Year

The Richard Boruta Memorial Award for Coach of the Year is presented annually to the Biathlon Alberta Coach who demonstrates respect for officials, opponents, and parents while espousing a philosophy of fair play. This coach demonstrates concern for the all-round development of the athlete, and instils guidelines reflecting responsible conduct beyond the playing field.

Furthermore, this coach presents by example a positive image of coaching, applies relevant training theory and coaching techniques, and demonstrates the ability to improve the athletic performance of a team or individual.

3. Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded annually to a Biathlon Alberta member who has made significant contributions to the sport of biathlon and truly exemplifies the volunteer spirit.

4. Alberta Biathlon Club Official of the Year

The ABC Official of the Year Award is presented annually to a Biathlon Alberta member who has significantly contributed to the officiating of Biathlon Alberta competitions. This individual respects the rules and regulations of biathlon while demonstrating a philosophy of fair play.

5. Ruedi Setz Memorial Award

The Ruedi Setz Memorial Award was established in Ruedi's memory by his family following his sudden death in November 1989. Ruedi Setz was an enthusiastic builder of the sport of Biathlon
– a strong competitor who was one of Alberta's premier athletes.

The award honours a Biathlon Alberta athlete who has displayed exemplary standards

of sportsmanship, and made a significant contribution in assisting the development of the sport. The recipient will not necessarily have exhibited the highest performance level during the competition year.

6. **Biathlon Alberta Athlete of the Year Awards**

Athlete- of-the-Year Awards are presented annually in the following categories: Youth Women, Youth Men, Junior Women, Junior Men, Women, and Men. Awards are presented to the athletes who have achieved the best results in International competition, in addition to the Canadian Championships.

7. **Top Gun and Junior Top Gun Awards**

Biathlon Alberta presents annually the Top Gun and Junior Top Gun Awards to athletes who record the best shooting percentages in Calforex Cup competitions.

Athletes who compete in every competition during the season will have their worst shooting result discarded from their year-end shooting score. If any competition(s) are missed, all results earned will count towards their year-end shooting score. Competitions that are cancelled/postponed due to weather will not count as missed competitions by the athlete. If four or less competitions can be held during the season, then all competitions will count towards an athlete's shooting score. To be eligible for Top Gun or Junior Top Gun an athlete's shooting percentage must be at least 80%

Eligible athletes for the Top Gun Award must shoot in prone and standing positions. The Junior Top Gun Award is awarded to athletes in classes which shoot only in the prone position without the aid of a rifle rest.

8. **Veli Niinimaa Perfect Shot Awards**

Veli Niinimaa Perfect Shot Award is presented annually to the athlete scoring the greatest number of clean shooting rounds in .22 calibre Calforex Cup competition.

Policy History	
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