Biathlon Alberta 2027 Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria

Team Alberta has authorized a team of up to eight athletes, four men and four women to compete in biathlon at the upcoming Canada Winter Games in Québec City, March 7-14, 2027.

Eligible Athletes:

To be considered for this team, athletes must meet the following criteria;

- Reside in Alberta
- Be a member in good standing of Biathlon Alberta
- Born in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Compete in all competitions of the designated Selection Events. All athletes seeking consideration for CWG selection must compete in the Youth Category or submit a discretionary nomination request to Jack Pengelly, operations@biathlon.ca prior to the first selection event.
- Comply with all other Canada Winter Games eligibility policy and regulations as outlined in the Canada Winter Games Technical Packages or other publications issued by the Canada Winter Games Committee.
- Possession of a PAL or Minor's PAL

Team Selection:

The Selection Event will take place during Calforex Cup #1 in Canmore November 27-28, 2026, unless otherwise stipulated in advance. Biathlon Alberta may establish a waxing protocol for the Selection Event. If a waxing

protocol is implemented, all athletes seeking consideration for team selection will be required to comply with the protocol.

The back up event will be December 5-6, 2026 in Vernon, BC.

Registration and payment of the appropriate fees for the Selection Event are the responsibility of the athlete.

Percentage Calculation Information:

Relative Performance will be used to rank athletes for each qualifying competition. This will be determined by an athlete's finish time compared to the fastest finish time by an Alberta athlete in their respective category.

Example:

Fastest Alberta Finish Time = 20:15 min; Athlete B Finish Time = 22:59 min

Relative Performance for Athlete B = ((20*60)+15)/((22 * 60)+59) = 88.11%

(percentages rounded to 2 decimal places)

Athletes will be ranked according to their mean relative performance of the two qualifying competitions at the selection event. The total number of athletes chosen in any one category is limited by the Technical Package for the Games. The three highest ranked eligible men and women will be selected.

Junior World Championships Trials & CWG Trials

Biathlon Alberta understands that some athletes may choose to participate in the JWCH Trials during Calforex 1, and while also seeking to be considered for CWG selection. Since these athletes will be competing in the

Junior category at Calforex 1, it will not be possible to use Relative Performance to compare them with Youth competitors. To accommodate these athletes and ensure Team Alberta has the strongest team possible, Biathlon Alberta will allow these athletes to submit a discretionary nomination to the selection committee. This must be submitted before November 27, 2026.

As a result, the final spot for men and women will be determined based on the relative performance selection lists, with consideration also given to any discretionary nominations that are put forward. The selection committee will consider all relevant information from the 2026/27 season (including but not limited to: Biathlon Canada Trials, Calforex #1, and BC Cup #1.) A discretionary athlete will only be chosen if the Selection Committee determines that the athlete demonstrated a performance level that, had they competed in the Youth category, would most likely have qualified them for the team.

Any concerns resulting from this selection process will be dealt with following the Biathlon Alberta Dispute Resolution Policy. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with the Biathlon Alberta Appeal Policy, available on our website HERE.

Team Announcement
Selected athletes are required to confirm their participation on Team Alberta by December 15, 2026. The list of athletes selected to Team Alberta will be announced no later than December 21, 2026.

Selection Committee
The Selection Committee will consist of:

- Two Biathlon Alberta Board Members
- Biathlon Alberta Director of Operations

Modification of Selection Criteria

Biathlon Alberta reserves the right to amend these Selection Criteria where necessary due to circumstances beyond its control, including but not limited to event cancellation, changes to competition schedules, or amendments made by the Canada Winter Games Council or Biathlon Canada. Any changes will be communicated to all eligible athletes as soon as reasonably possible.