



## **2009 Direct Athlete Support Program**

- ***Purpose***

The purpose of Biathlon Alberta's Direct Athlete Support Program is to help offset expenses incurred by high performance athletes training at the Junior / Senior Men & Women levels.

Public exposure will increase the profile of the sport and Alberta's internationally competitive athletes among the general public and the media.

- ***Eligible Athletes***

Biathlon Alberta members selected or sanctioned to compete for Team Alberta at the 2009 Canadian Championships as Senior Men/Women or Junior Men/Women; or Team Alberta athletes nominated to a Biathlon Canada Training Squad for 2009-2010. Athletes must also have membership in a Biathlon Alberta affiliated club and be a member in good standing of Biathlon Alberta.

- ***Program Overview***

The Alberta Biathlon Club (ABC) Caravan attends numerous events which allow the general public to learn about biathlon and shoot an air rifle. ABC also conducts clinics and camps throughout the summer and fall. Biathlon Alberta organizes a number of training camps for Canada Winter Games eligible athletes, in addition to younger athletes, and also conducts outreach programs in north-central Alberta. The knowledge and experience of athletes who have competed at the national and international level is a valuable asset to share with younger athletes, as well as the general public.

Athletes may select events to work from a schedule of ABC or Biathlon Alberta camps and clinics. The list of eligible events, which will evolve over time, will be sent to eligible athletes by e-mail. Athletes must arrive at a specific time and assist with set-up and take-down. Duties will be determined by Airat Aitniakov or BA camp coaches, but may include helping with air rifle demos, answering questions from the public, handing out brochures and encouraging potential athletes and their parents to check out local programs and clubs. Athletes may be asked to assist with coaching duties and provide a short presentation to participants about their experiences as an athlete. Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games and Canadian Championships are taking place in 2010 as well as the many Nor-am and Calforex competitions. Athletes should promote these events as much as possible during their appearances.

- **Details**
  - Athletes will receive an honorarium of \$250 for each day worked. In most cases, expenses will not be compensated\*.
  - Athletes may apply to attend at as many events as they wish. Assignments will be made at the discretion of the program administrator.
  - Biathlon Alberta will provide postcards of athletes to be distributed at events and sent to the media, advertising upcoming events and competitions. If you wish to use a particular photo, please provide a jpeg image. Please ensure you have permission to use the photo in this manner.

*\*expenses for travel to remote locations may be considered*

### **Athletes eligible for 2009 Direct Athlete Support Program**

#### Senior Men

Phil Eriksson  
 \*Jaime Robb  
 Jon Skinstad  
 \*Nathan Smith  
 \*Tyson Smith

#### Senior Women

Melanie Schultz  
 \*Sandra Keith  
 \*Zina Kocher  
 Cindy Clark

#### Junior Men

Stuart Lodge  
 Elijah MacCulloch  
 \*Joel Pacas  
 Kai Skinstad  
 Beau Thompson

#### Junior Women

\*Rosanna Crawford  
 Kathryn Stone  
 Tatiana Vukadinovic

#### National Training Squad Criteria

\*Tana Chesham  
 \*Scott Gow  
 \*Kurtis Wenzel

\* National Training Squad 2009-2010

# Direct Athlete Support Program – Application Form

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name:		
Address		
City		Postal Code:
Telephone:	Home:	Cell:
Club:		
Email address:		

## BIOGRAPHY: (to be printed on Athlete postcards)

Team or Training squad:
Hometown:
Currently residence:
Top-3 Accomplishments:
Goals:

## EVENT(S) APPLIED FOR:

Event(s):
Date(s):
Location:

Please send applications to:

Email: andy@biathlon.ca  
 Fax: 403.286.7213  
 Regular mail: Room 109, Bob Niven Training Centre  
 88 - Canada Olympic Road S.W.  
 Calgary, AB T3B 5R5

Please submit photos in JPEG format.

## 2009/10 Direct Athlete Support Program - List of Eligible Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 27	ABC	All Sport One Day Biathlon demo	COP, Calgary
July 1	ABC	HBC Run for Canada biathlon demo	Calgary
July 2 – August 28 <i>(camp travels to Canmore Nordic Centre each <b>Wednesday</b>)</i>	ABC	COP Summer Camps	COP, Calgary Canmore
September <i>(multiple opportunities)</i>	BA	School visits	Edmonton
September <i>(multiple opportunities)</i>	BA	Club Presentations, Edmonton Nordic	Edmonton
September <i>(date tbd)</i>	BA	Club Presentation, Hinton Nordic	Hinton
September 12	ABC	Team Challenge Summer Race	COP, Calgary
September <i>(date tbd)</i>	ABC	Student Conference School demo	Athabasca
Sept. 18-20 <i>(Senior athletes only eligible)</i>	BA	CWG Competition Camp	Canmore
Sept. 26	ABC	Summer Biathlon race	Canmore
Oct. 17	ABC	Team Challenge Summer Race	Edmonton or Canmore
Oct. 17-19 <i>(Senior athletes only eligible)</i>	BA	CWG Competition Camp	Canmore
Oct. 24-25	ABC	Calgary Ski Show	Calgary
Oct. 26-27	BA	Beginners Competition/ School Team Challenge	Edmonton
Nov. 14	ABC	Team Challenge Race	COP, Calgary
November <i>(date tbd)</i>	BA	Alberta Winter Games publicity drive	Cold Lake
Dec. 16	ABC	Kinder Cup #1	COP, Calgary
Feb. 4-7	BA	Alberta Winter Games	Cold Lake