



2010 Canadian National Biathlon Championships – Team Alberta Masters’ Selection Criteria

Preamble

Master athletes will be offered two categories at the 2010 Canadian National Biathlon Championships: Master Men 35+, and Master Women 35+. In both categories, athletes are required to ski with their rifles. Biathlon Canada has set an expectation that only *qualified* Master athletes compete at the National Championships.

In order to be considered for sanctioning to compete at the National Championships, Masters must ski with their rifles in the selection competitions. Selection will occur in Calforex categories Master Men 35 – 44, Master Men 45+, Master Women 35 – 44, , and Master Women 45+. Separate ranking lists will be created for male and female competitors. Within the male and female Masters’ categories, however, competitors will be ranked without regard to age category, as the respective events are of equal distance.

Selection Criteria

To qualify for sanctioning to the National Championships, Masters 35+ athletes must finish within *85%* of the *highest-ranked Alberta competitor* at any one of the following three events:

- Calforex Cup #2, Canmore
- Calforex Cup #3, Camrose
- Calforex Cup #4, Edmonton

Athletes attaining the 85%-or-higher criteria at one of the selection events automatically qualify for sanctioning, and are asked to notify Biathlon Alberta by February 5th, 2009 of their intention to attend National Championships. Athletes who are close to 85% in the selection process may apply to Biathlon Alberta to attend National Championships. The Selection Committee will review the list of applications and, in consultation with the athlete and his/her club coach, make a decision on the athlete’s eligibility.

At The Event

Biathlon Alberta will register Master athletes and lead Team Alberta and on the field of play. Masters athletes are responsible for their own logistical arrangements (transportation and accommodation) in cooperation with Team Alberta.

Costs

Selected Master Athletes will be responsible for all costs associated with attending the National Championships, including registration, waxing, coaching support, accommodation and transportation. An optional Team Alberta racing suit will be available for purchase.

Percentage Calculation

Percentages for each competition will be based on a percentage of the fastest time *by an Alberta athlete aged 35+* in the category under consideration, as follows:

For categories with one (1) entrant, the winner will be awarded a maximum of **90%**.

For categories with two (2) entrants, the winner will be awarded a maximum of **95%**.

For categories with three (3) or more entrants, the winner will be awarded a maximum of **100%**.

Example:

Winner's time = 20:00 minutes; Athlete's time = 22:00 min

Percent = $20/22 * 100 = 90.90$

Percentages will be rounded to 2 decimal places.