



Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2010 National Biathlon Championships

An underlying principle of this document is that Biathlon Alberta will encourage athletes to attend Biathlon National Championships (NCH). **Biathlon Alberta will enable as many competitive athletes to attend this event as is possible under the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy.**

Team Alberta, attending the NCH, will be comprised of both **Selected** and **Sanctioned** athletes: “**Selected Athletes**” refers to the 24 athletes selected according to the process described below. These athletes constitute the “official team of record” representing Alberta at the NCH. “**Sanctioned Athletes**” are those athletes deemed to have met minimum performance criteria for attending the National Championships and therefore sanctioned by Biathlon Alberta to attend the National Championships as part of Team Alberta.

Eligibility:

All athletes, either Selected or Sanctioned, must be members in good standing with Biathlon Alberta. Athletes eligible for selection to the National Championships Team will be those who compete in the following categories:

Senior Boys/Senior Girls
Junior Men/Junior Women

Youth Men/Youth Women
Men/Women

Selection Process for Team Alberta:

Pre-selected:

Athletes named to Biathlon Canada teams for European tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH. These include European Cup, World Cup and/or World Junior/Youth tours. Pre-selected athletes will be credited with 100% for purposes of ranking.

Selection from Ranked List:

A ranked list of eligible Alberta athletes will be published using the best 3 of 6 competitions denoted as selection races for Senior Boy/Girls and 3 of 4 competitions for Youth/Junior Men/Women (see *Event Cancellation & Percentage Calculation*). Individual athlete percentages will then be taken out of their category and ranked among all categories, creating a single list. Starting at 100%, positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 24 selected athletes.

Selection Competitions

For the 2010 Nationals, the selection events are:

Senior Boys/Girls

Calforex Cup #2, Canmore	December 19-20, 2009
Calforex Cup #3, Camrose	January 9-10, 2010
Calforex Cup #4, Edmonton	January 30-31, 2010

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women

NorAm Cup #2, Canmore	December 5-6, 2009
Calforex Cup #3, Canmore	December 19-20, 2009

Selection Process for Sanctioned athletes

Senior Boy/Girl, Youth Men/Women and Junior Men/Women:

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, athletes who obtained at least 85% in the selection process will be named to Team Alberta for NCH as Sanctioned Athletes. If the athlete is close to 85%, the Selection Committee will review the application and, in consultation with the athlete and his/her club coach, make a decision on the athlete's eligibility.

Senior Men/Women: Senior Men/Women who do not make an IBU Cup or World Cup tour and wish to be sanctioned for National Championships must achieve an average of 85% at NORAM #1, November 28-29, Canmore, or match the 85% Sprint time benchmark established by this strong field at Calforex #2 or Calforex #3.

At The Event

Biathlon Alberta will register all Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes and lead the Alberta Team on the field of play. Logistical support will be provided to all athletes.

Costs

Team fees for both Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board.

Event Cancellation

Senior Boys/Girls:

- If 4 single-day races are cancelled, the best 2 (of 2) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 5 single-day races are cancelled, the remaining race will be used for selection purposes in addition to each athlete's best result at NorAm #1/Calforex #1, November 28/29, Canmore;
- If all identified selection races are cancelled, both races at NorAm #1/Calforex #1 will be used for selection purposes;

- *Biathlon Alberta therefore encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for NCH to attend all Calforex Cup events.*

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women:

- In the event that 2 single-day selection races are cancelled, the ranking list will be based on the best 2 (of 2) results;
- In the event that 3 single-day selection races are cancelled, the ranking list will be based on results from the remaining race, plus each athlete's best result at NorAm #1/Calforex #1.
- In the event that both NorAm #2 and Calforex Cup #2 are cancelled, results from both days of NorAm #1/Calforex Cup #1 will be used to rank athletes.
- *Biathlon Alberta therefore encourages all athletes wishing to make Team Alberta for NCH to attend all December NorAm Cup and Calforex Cup events.*

Appeals

The selection and sanctioning process is subject to the [Biathlon Alberta Grievance](#) policy.

Percentage Calculation

Percentages for each competition will be based on a percentage of the fastest time *by an*

Alberta athlete 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-time = 20:00 min.; Athlete-time = 22:00 min

Percent = $20/22 * 100 = 90.90$

Percentages will be rounded to 2 decimal places.

Best-of Calculation:

Each athlete's highest 3 of 4 percentages will be selected from the competition results.

The arithmetic mean of these values will be calculated. For ranking purposes, averages will be rounded to 2 decimal places.