



Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2012 National Biathlon Championships March 13 – 18, Valcartier, Quebec

Team Alberta, attending the National Championships (NCH), will be comprised of both **Selected** and **Sanctioned** athletes: “**Selected Athletes**” refers to the 18 IBU athletes and 6 Senior Boy/Girl 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 are 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 of 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 competing as part of Biathlon Canada teams in the 1st or 2nd trimesters of the IBU and/or World Cup Tours or Youth Olympic Winter Games will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH. Pre-selected athletes will be credited with 100% for purposes of ranking.

Selection from Ranked List:

Six Selected spots will be reserved for Senior Boys/Girls using the best 3 of 4 competitions denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls. A ranked list of eligible Alberta athletes in the IBU categories will be published using the best 3 of 4 competitions for Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, and Senior Men/Women (see *Event Cancellation & Percentage Calculation*). Individual athlete percentages will then be taken out of their category and ranked among all IBU categories, creating a single list. Starting at 100%, positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 18 selected IBU athletes.

Selection Competitions

Selection events for the 2012 National Championships are:

Senior Boys/Girls

Calforex Cup #2	Canmore	January 7/8, 2012
Calforex Cup #3	Grande Prairie	January 28/29, 2012

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Men/Women

NorAm Cup,	Canmore	December 3/4, 2011
Calforex Cup #2	Canmore	January 7/8, 2012

Selection Process for Sanctioned Athletes

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, remaining athletes who obtained at least 85% in the selection process may apply for sanctioning. Sanction requests in writing and the sanction fee will be due within 7 days of the publication of the selected list. The number of sanction requests granted is at the discretion of the selection committee, based on logistical requirements of the tour.

At The Event

Biathlon Alberta will register all selected and sanctioned athletes and lead the Alberta team on the field of play. Logistical support will be provided to all Team Alberta athletes, both selected and sanctioned.

Costs

Team fees for both Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board. Sanctioned Athletes will pay the full cost of the tour.

Selection Event Cancellation

- If 2 single-day races are cancelled, the best 2 (of 2) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 3 single-day races are cancelled, the remaining race will be used for selection purposes;

Appeals

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

Force Majeure

The Selection Committee will consider claims of “force majeure” if an athlete has a justifiable reason for missing selection races (such as documented illness or “act of

God”). An application for force majeure written by the athlete must be made within one week of the missed selection event. The letter must describe the circumstances that caused the athlete to miss the race and include a letter from a physician if the claim is for medical reasons. In considering a claim of “force majeure” the Selection Committee will consider performances posted at other races as well as at training camps in order to make an informed decision.

Percentage Calculations

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 Calculations:

Each athlete’s best 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.

Masters’ Athletes

Athletes aged **30** and above are eligible to compete in Master Men and Master Women categories at the National Championships. Any Biathlon Alberta Masters athlete wishing to compete at the National Championship is asked to contact Biathlon Alberta by the 31st of January, 2012.

Masters’ athletes will be offered coaching and waxing support, for which a team fee will be levied; in addition, athlete registrations must be put forward by Biathlon Alberta. No accommodation or transportation support will be offered Masters athletes.