



Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2014 National Biathlon Championships Charlo, New Brunswick March 11 – 16, 2014

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. “**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 selected to compete as part of Biathlon Canada teams in the 1st or 2nd IBU Tours or 1st or 2nd World Cup tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH. For ranking purposes on the selection list pre-selected athletes will be credited with 100%.

Selection from Ranked Lists

Two lists will be created to rank athletes for selection:

1. IBU athletes: A list of eligible Alberta athletes in the IBU categories will be published using the **best 4 of 6 competitions** denoted as selection races for Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, and Men/Women. Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked amongst all Alberta IBU category athletes, creating a single list. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 18 selected IBU athletes.

2. Senior Boy/Girl athletes: A separate list will be created for Senior Boys/Girls using the **best 4 of 6 competitions** denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls. Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked amongst all Alberta Senior Boy/Girl athletes, creating a single list. Positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 6 selected Senior Boy/Girl athletes.

- Athletes who ski out of their respective age class (race-up) at selection events will be classified, for purposes of selection percentage ranking, in the category in which they raced-up for those competitions.
- Refer below to *Event Cancellation & Percentage Calculation* for a description of how the ranking is calculated.

Selection Competitions

Selection events for the 2014 National Championships are:

Senior Boys/Girls		
NorAm Cup #2	Canmore	November 30/December 1, 2013
Calforex Cup #3	Canmore	January 4/5, 2014
Calforex Cup # 4	Edmonton	January 25/26, 2014
Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Men/Women		
NorAm Cup #1	Canmore	November 24/25, 2013
NorAm Cup #2	Canmore	November 30/December 1, 2013
Calforex Cup #3	Canmore	January 4/5, 2014

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 sanctioned status to attend the National Championships. Sanction requests are due in writing within 7 days of publication of the selected/eligible-for-sanctioning list. The number of sanction requests granted is at the discretion of the selection committee, based on logistical requirements of the tour.

Selected/Sanctioned Athlete lists

The lists of selected athletes, and a list of athletes eligible for sanctioning, will be posted on the Biathlon Alberta website no later than February 6th, 2014.

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. Team fees will cover registration, coaching and wax support, accommodation and food, in addition to ground transportation between Moncton International Airport, Charlo accommodation and the Charlo range. Return transportation from Alberta to Moncton is not included in the team fee. Team fees are due no later than February 28th, 2014.

Selection Event Cancellation

- If 2 single-day races are cancelled, the best 4 (of 4) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 3 single-day races are cancelled, the best 3 (of 3) remaining races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 4 single-day races are cancelled, the best 2 (of 2) remaining races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 5 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 Dispute Resolution 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 must be made in writing, and 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.

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, 2014.

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.