



## Team Alberta 2010 European Tour – Selection Criteria

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As part of Team Alberta preparations for the 2011 Canada Winter Games, Biathlon Alberta will lead a trip of up to 12 athletes to Central Europe in February, 2010. The objective is to provide a high-level competitive experience, similar to the WJYCH, to CWG-eligible athletes. Athletes will take part in a German Cup race.

A minimum of 6 athletes will be required for the Tour to proceed.

### Eligibility

CWG-eligible athletes **born 1990 – 1993 inclusive** (last year Senior Boy/Girl, Youth Men/Women and first year Junior Men/Women)

### Schedule

The tour will be 10-14 days long in the Feb. 5-22 time frame, detailed schedule TBD.

### Selection Process for Team Alberta Euro Tour

#### Selection from ranked list:

Selection races in December will rank Youth and Junior-category athletes in their own category, based on the best 3 of 4 performances. Individual athlete percentages will then be taken out of their category and ranked among both Junior and Youth Men/Women categories, creating a single list. Starting at 100%, positions will be filled in order of descending percentage, to a total of 12 athletes. Eligible Senior Boys/Girls must race up in Youth Men/Women to be eligible for this tour. An 85% benchmark will be used as a minimum qualifier for the European tour.

### Selection Competitions

For the 2010 Team Alberta European Tour, the selection events are:

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

\*These are also selection events for Youth and Junior's wishing to compete for Team Alberta at the 2010 National Championships

### At The Event

Biathlon Alberta will provide **full logistical, waxing and coaching support** to all members of Team Alberta. A Team Leader and Head Coach will be leading the team of up to 12 athletes while in Europe.

## Costs

Biathlon Alberta is able to subsidize a portion of this Tour through an Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife grant. Estimated cost for this trip is \$3500.00 per athlete, including airfare.

## Staff

Team Manager/Coach: Jacqueline Akerman      jacquelineannakerman@gmail.com  
Head Coach: Roddy Ward      roddyward@hotmail.com

## Event Cancellation

In the event that any single selection competition is canceled, the ranking lists will be based on the best 3 of 3 results. If two competitions are canceled, the ranking list will be based on the best 2/2 competitions. If more than 3 selection competitions are canceled both races at NorAm Cup #1 will be used to rank athletes. *Biathlon Alberta therefore encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for the European tour to attend all December NorAm 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.

## Intention to compete

The list of ranked athletes will be produced after the final selection race (December 19-20, 2009). Athletes who intend to partake in this tour with Team Alberta must confirm with Jacqueline Akerman before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and make a deposit of \$200 (*refundable in case of illness or selection to WYJCH team*). If an athlete makes the WYJCH Team after the fact, they can choose to drop their name from the tour list. Full confirmation and fee will be due on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Athletes will be responsible for booking their own flights that arrive in Frankfurt within a designated window.