



Team Alberta 2010 European Tour – Selection Criteria

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 1st, 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 20th, 2010. Athletes will be responsible for booking their own flights that arrive in Frankfurt within a designated window.