



## **Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2014 Western Canadian Championships Prince George, British Columbia    January 30 – February 6, 2014**

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The 2014 Western Canadian Biathlon Championships represents an important step in Team Alberta's preparations for the 2015 Canada Winter Games, with both events taking place in Prince George, BC. The purpose of this tour is to provide Canada Games-eligible athletes an opportunity to become familiar with the venue in both competition and training, and also provide support staff an opportunity to become familiar with the venue and conditions.

***Note: Selection to this Tour does not imply selection to Team Alberta for the 2015 Canada Winter Games. A separate and distinct selection process will be created to select athletes to the CWG Team.***

### **Team Size/Eligibility**

The maximum team size for this tour will be twelve athletes, supported by three staff. Athletes eligible for selection to this tour must be members of Biathlon Alberta born 1994 through 1997, and otherwise [eligible for the 2015 Canada Games](#).

### **Selection Process**

As the team must be selected early in the 2013/14 season, a portion of the team selection will be retrospective. A ranking list of eight male athletes and eight female athletes will be created from four criteria in descending order of priority:

- 1. Athletes selected to Biathlon Canada's 2013 World Youth Championships Team**
  1. Matthew Strum
  2. Stuart Harden
  
- 2. Medalists at 2013 National Championships – Youth categories**
  3. Aidan Millar
  1. Danielle Vrielink
  
- 3. Medalists at 2013 National Championships – Senior Boy/Senior Girl categories**
  4. Pearce Hanna
  2. Darya Sepandj
  3. Bryn Robertson
  4. Kirsten Gillett

#### **4. Committee Selection**

Due to the difficulty in evaluating athletes competing across three categories against one another early in the 2013/14 season, remaining positions on the team will be selected by a three-person committee comprised of Karin Kaarsoo – VP Technical, Geret Coyne – Biathlon Alberta Canada Games Program Consultant, and one other member of the Biathlon Alberta Board. The Committee, while not limited to, will focus their consideration and evaluation of athletes on the following:

- Results earned at the first two 2013/14 NorAm/Calforex events and Calforex Cup #3
- 2012/13 Calforex Cup ranking
- Testing results from Canada Winter Games camps

Should a selected athlete refuse his or her position on the team, or no longer be eligible for selection, the Selection Committee will replace that athlete with the next athlete from the respective male or female ranking list. Should positions on the team remain available after this process has been completed, the Selection Committee retains the right, at their discretion, to add athletes not named to the initial lists of eight men and eight women.

Athletes will be notified of selection to the team by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### **Costs**

This Tour is supported generously by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation. A tour fee not to exceed \$250 may be levied; otherwise, all transportation, accommodation, race registration, wax, and coaching support costs will be covered.

#### **Appeals**

This selection 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.