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**Biathlon Canada Submits Four Athletes for Nomination to  
Canada's Inaugural Youth Olympic Winter Games Team**

**OTTAWA**—Canada will send four of its most promising biathletes to the inaugural Youth Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, January 13-22.

Biathlon Canada announced it will send two women and two men to the international sport and cultural festival. Sarah Beaudry, of Prince George, B.C., and Calgary's Danielle Vrielink will represent the women's team. Calgary's Stuart Harden and Aidan Miller, of Canmore, Alta., will suit up in the men's competitions.

"This is experienced group of young athletes that have made significant progress in our sport," said Joanne Thompson, executive director, Biathlon Canada. "Competing in the Youth Olympic Games will provide them with another opportunity for international competition to test their skills against the world's best in their age group, while gaining more confidence while developing into elite athletes."

The 17-year-old Beaudry and 15-year-old Vrielink represent the oldest and youngest of the four-member Canadian squad. Both athletes represented Canada at the Youth and World Junior Championships last year, and Beaudry also has two Canada Winter Games medals to her credit.

Stuart Harden, 16, will be counted on to lead the charge for the podium. The talented biathlete racked up three medals at the Canada Winter Games in 2011 following a stint at the Youth and Junior World Championships. Aidan Miller, also 16, had two podium finishes at the Canadian Championships this year.

There will be three biathlon competitions at the Games including: sprint, pursuit, and mixed team relay.

Biathlon Canada will issue more details on the Youth Olympic Games in the fall.

Biathlon Canada is the governing body for biathlon in the country and oversees the Canadian Championships, Eastern and Western Canadian Championships, and North American Cups held in Canada. With the support of its valued corporate partners along with the Government of Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee and Own the Podium, Biathlon Canada's mandate is to provide national level programs for the continuous development of biathlon athletes from the grassroots to the elite level. For more information on Biathlon Canada, please visit us at [www.biathloncanada.ca](http://www.biathloncanada.ca) on the Internet.

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