



2010-11 Direct Athlete Support Program

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to encourage high-performance, Senior and Junior Alberta athletes to promote the sport and the organization to the public and encourage younger athletes, while supporting the training and travel costs associated with competing at this level. These athletes are not generally provided programs by Biathlon Alberta.

Athlete Eligibility

Athletes eligible for the Direct Athlete Support program include Biathlon Alberta members:

- selected or sanctioned to compete for Team Alberta at the 2010 Canadian Championships as Junior Men/Women or Senior Men/Women;
- or, selected to a Biathlon Canada Team competing in World Cup, IBU Cup, or WYJCH events in the previous season.

Athletes who meet the above criteria, but are not actively training or competing in the current season, are not eligible for support. Athletes must also be members of a Biathlon Alberta affiliated club.

Program Overview

The Alberta Biathlon Club (ABC) Caravan attends numerous events which allow the general public to learn about biathlon and shoot an air rifle. ABC also conducts clinics and camps throughout the summer and fall. Biathlon Alberta organizes a number of training camps for Canada Winter Games eligible athletes, in addition to younger athletes, and also conducts outreach programs in north-central Alberta. The knowledge and experience of athletes who have competed at the national and international level is a valuable asset to share with younger athletes, as well as the general public.

Athletes may select events to work from a schedule of ABC or Biathlon Alberta camps and clinics. The list of eligible events, which will evolve over time, will be sent to eligible athletes by e-mail. Athletes must arrive at a specific time and assist with set-up and

take-down. Duties will be determined by Airat Aitniakov or BA camp coaches, but may include helping with air rifle demos, answering questions from the public, handing out brochures and encouraging potential athletes and their parents to check out local programs and clubs. Athletes may be asked to assist with coaching duties and provide a short presentation to participants about their experiences as an athlete. The Canada Winter Games are taking place in 2011 as well as the many Nor-am and Calforex competitions. Athletes should promote these events as much as possible during their appearances.

- **Details**

- Athletes will receive a daily honorarium as follows:
 - \$150 for a work period of 3 hours or less
 - \$250 for a work period exceeding 3 hours
- Athletes may apply to attend at as many events as they wish. Assignments will be made at the discretion of the program administrator.
- Biathlon Alberta will provide postcards of athletes to be distributed at events and sent to the media, advertising upcoming events and competitions. If you wish to use a particular photo, please provide a jpeg image. Please ensure you have permission to use the photo in this manner.

**expenses for travel to remote locations may be considered*

Athletes eligible for the 2010-11 Direct Athlete Support Program

Senior Men

Nathan Smith
Tyson Smith
Jon Skinstad
Elijah MacCulloch
Beau Thompson
Joel Pacas

Senior Women

Melanie Schultz
Rosanna Crawford
Zina Kocher
Cindy Clark
Kathryn Stone

Junior Men

Scott Gow
Kurtis Wenzel
Aaron Gillmor

Junior Women

Carly Shiell
Jenny Paterson

Youth Men

Christian Gow