



Team Alberta Selection Criteria – 2011 National Biathlon Championships

An underlying principle of this document is that Biathlon Alberta will encourage athletes to attend Biathlon National Championships (NCH). **Biathlon Alberta will enable as many competitive athletes to attend this event as is possible under the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy.**

Team Alberta, attending the NCH, will be comprised of both **Selected** and **Sanctioned** athletes: “**Selected Athletes**” refers to the 24 athletes selected according to the process described below. These athletes constitute the “official team of record” representing Alberta at the NCH. “**Sanctioned Athletes**” are those athletes deemed to have met minimum performance criteria for attending the National Championships and therefore sanctioned by Biathlon Alberta to attend the National Championships as part of Team Alberta.

Eligibility:

All athletes, either Selected or Sanctioned, must be members of Biathlon Alberta. Athletes eligible for selection to the National Championships Team will be those who compete in the following categories:

Senior Boys/Senior Girls
Junior Men/Junior Women

Youth Men/Youth Women
Men/Women

Selection Process for Team Alberta

Pre-selected:

Athletes named to Biathlon Canada teams for European tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at NCH. These include European Cup, World Cup and/or World Junior/Youth tours. Pre-selected athletes will be credited with 100% for purposes of ranking.

Selection from Ranked List:

A ranked list of eligible Alberta athletes will be published using the best 3 of 6 competitions denoted as selection races for Senior Boys/Girls and best 2 of 2 competitions for Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, and Senior Men/Women (see *Event Cancellation & Percentage Calculation*). Individual athlete percentages will be taken out of their category and ranked among all categories, creating a single list. Starting at 100%, positions will be filled in order of descending percentage to a total of 24 selected athletes.

Selection Competitions

Selection events for the 2011 National Championships are:

Senior Boys/Girls

Calforex Cup #2/NorAm Cup #3, Canmore	January 8/9, 2011
Calforex Cup #3, Edmonton	January 22/23, 2011
Calforex Cup #4, Grande Prairie	February 19/20, 2011

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Men/Women

Calforex Cup #2/NorAm Cup #3, Canmore	January 8/9, 2011
---------------------------------------	-------------------

Selection Process for Sanctioned athletes

Senior Boy/Girl, Youth Men/Women and Junior Men/Women:

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, athletes who obtained at least 85% in the selection process will be named to Team Alberta for NCH as Sanctioned Athletes. If the athlete is close to 85%, the Selection Committee will review the application and, in consultation with the athlete and his/her coach, make a decision on the athlete's eligibility.

Process for Senior Men/Women Athletes – Selected and Sanctioned

Senior Men/Women who do not make an IBU Cup or World Cup tour and wish to be selected or sanctioned for National Championships may qualify for Team Alberta at Calforex Cup #2/NorAm Cup #3. **A score of 98% will be awarded to the best-placed eligible athlete, regardless of the number of competitors in the category.** Subsequent Senior Men/Women calculations will be based off of this percentage; athlete percentages will then be taken out of their respective category and ranked among all categories, creating a single list.

At The Event

Biathlon Alberta will register all Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes and lead the Alberta Team on the field of play. Logistical support will be provided to all athletes.

Costs

Team fees for both Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board.

Event Cancellation

Senior Boys/Girls:

- If 4 single-day races are canceled, the best 2 (of 2) races will be used for selection purposes;
- If 5 single-day races are canceled, the remaining race will be used for selection purposes;
- *Biathlon Alberta therefore encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for NCH to attend all Calforex Cup events.*

Youth Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Senior Men/Women:

- If Calforex Cup #2/NorAm Cup #3 is canceled, results from NorAm Cup/Calforex #1, December 11-12 in Canmore, will be used.

Appeals

The selection and sanctioning process is subject to the [Biathlon Alberta Grievance](#) policy.

Percentage Calculations – Senior Boy and Girls; Youth and Junior categories

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%

Percentage Calculations – Men and Women

- A score of 98% will be awarded to the best-placed eligible Alberta athlete regardless of the number of competitors in the category. Subsequent Senior Men/Women calculations will be based off of this percentage.

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 Calculations:

Each athlete's best 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.