



## Team Alberta Selection Criteria

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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.

### Eligibility:

All athletes, either Selected or Sanctioned, must be members in good standing with Biathlon Alberta, and eligible for selection to the Canadian National Team. 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 National Team tours will be pre-selected to represent Alberta at the National Championships. Tours include European Cup, World Cup and/or World Junior/Youth. 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 4 competitions denoted as selection races (see also *Event Cancellation*). For each of the four trials the Selection Committee will calculate percentages for all athletes in their category to determine the best 3 of 4 averages (see *Percentage Calculation*). Individual athlete percentages will then 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:

For the 2008-09 Nationals, the selection events are:

Calforex Cup #3, Camrose	January 3 – 4, 2009,
Calforex Cup #4, Grande Prairie	February 7 – 8, 2009

### **Selection Process for Sanctioned Athletes:**

When all Selected Athlete positions are filled, athletes who obtained at least 85%, or close to 85%, in the selection process may apply to Biathlon Alberta to attend NCH as Sanctioned Athletes. The Selection Committee will review all applications and, in consultation with the athlete and his/her club coach, make a decision on the athlete's eligibility.

### **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:**

The cost for Nationals will be set by Biathlon Alberta in an amount to be determined each year. Team fees for both Selected Athletes and Sanctioned Athletes will be determined by the Biathlon Alberta Board.

### **Event Cancellation:**

In the event that any single selection competition is cancelled, the ranking lists will be based on the best 2 out of 3 results. If two competitions are cancelled, the athlete's best result from the Calforex Cup immediately prior to the first selection competition will be included to make three competitions; the ranking lists will be based on the best 2 of 3 results. If more than two competitions are cancelled, both results from the immediately prior Calforex Cup will be used, with the ranking list based on the best 2 out of 3, diminishing to the average of the remaining competitions (2 of 2 then 1). *Biathlon Alberta therefore encourages all athletes wishing to make the Alberta Team for NCH to attend all 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.