

BIATHLON



AGE GROUP(S)

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| Juvenile Boys and Girls: | 11 and 12 years old (Year of birth: 1999-2000) |
| Junior Boys and Girls: | 13 and 14 years old (Year of birth: 1997-1998) |
| Senior Boys and Girls: | 15 and 16 years old (Year of birth: 1995-1996) |

*Ages as of December 31, 2011

Competing in an older age group (skiing-up) is permitted, provided an athlete fits into the range of age eligibility for Biathlon Events at the Alberta Winter Games.

ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

- 12 competitors per zone (2 Juvenile Boys, 2 Juvenile Girls)
(2 Junior Boys, 2 Junior Girls)
(2 Senior Boys, 2 Senior Girls)
- 3 coaches or chaperones per zone (# of females min 1 # of males min 1)

Note: Should a zone have six (6) or fewer competitors, the zone will be allocated a maximum of two (2) coaches/chaperones.

FILL POLICY

1. Only athletes who participate in zone trials are eligible for selection. The top two athletes in each category, in each zone trial, are automatically selected, up to a maximum of twelve (12) athletes per zone.
2. Any unfilled spots within a zone quota may be taken up by athletes who participated in another Zone Trial.
3. To fill these empty spots, the Provincial Biathlon Sport Coordinator will establish a province-wide ranking order, by category, based on the Zone trial and/or Calforex competitions. Empty slots will be filled preferentially in this order:
 - Same category; same age category (provided available accommodation); any category (provided available accommodation).
4. Athletes selected under this policy will be registered with and compete for their home Zone at the Games.
5. Zones which have significantly more than twelve (12) athletes selected may apply for permission to send an extra coach/chaperone.

Selections must be submitted for approval to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation by **January 9, 2012.**

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ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- Athletes who were medal winners in the Senior Boys/Girls category at the previous year's National Championships are not eligible.
- All athletes must be members of Biathlon Alberta.
- Athletes will compete for the Zone in which they reside.

For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertagames.com

Coaches

NCCP Certification—A minimum of one (1) member per zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least **Level 1 in Biathlon** or **Community Coaching Gold Certified**.

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.

AFFILIATION

Biathlon Alberta membership is required for all athletes and coaches participating in zone playoffs and the Alberta Games. Contact Biathlon Alberta (www.biathlon.ca) in Calgary at (403) 202-6548 or e-mail info@biathlon.ca for details.

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2012 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of **\$40.00**. This fee will go towards offsetting the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee must accompany the athlete's registration form for the Provincial Games.

Please note that the registration deadline for Biathlon is **January 9, 2012**.

EVENT(S)

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Individual</u> | <u>Sprint</u> | <u>Mass Start</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Juvenile Boys/Girls | 12 years old and younger | 5.0 km (PPP) | 3.0 km (PP) | 4.0 km (PPP) |
| Junior Boys/Girls | 14 years old and younger | 6.25 km (PPP) | 3.75 km (PP) | 5.0 km (PPPP) |
| Senior Boys/Girls | 16 years old and younger | 7.5 km (PSPS) | 6.0 km (PS) | 6.25 km (PPSS) |

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EVENT(S), cont'd

IBU rules with the following Biathlon Alberta modifications will apply:

- Senior Boys/Girls carry their rifles only on the range.
- Juvenile Boys/Girls and Junior Boys/Girls do not carry rifles.
- Juvenile Boys/Girls and Junior Boys/Girls shoot only in the prone position.
- Competitors in the Juvenile Boys/Girls and Junior Boys/Junior Girls categories will be assessed 40 second penalties in the Individual event and will ski 100m penalty loops in the Sprint and Mass Start events. Competitors in the Senior Boys/Senior Girls categories will be assessed 1 minute penalties in the Individual event and will ski 150m penalty loops.
- Individual, sprint races and mass start will be run in same-gender categories.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

- Protests are to be filed to the Competition Secretary within fifteen (15) minutes of provisional results being posted as per Biathlon Alberta policy.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

As per IBU rules. Ski length requirement will not be enforced

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- Events hosted on one (1) weekend will be designated by Zone Representatives to select athletes for the Alberta Winter Games.
- In case of cancellation due to weather, an alternate competition or results from previous races may be used.

To determine the date and location of zone playoffs/selection please visit www.biathlon.ca or www.albertagames.com

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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IX. SPORT COMPETITION PACKAGE

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) zones has a designated Biathlon representative. To contact your zone sport representative please visit www.albertagames.com for the list and contact information for each zone sport representative.

HOST COMMUNITY SPORT CHAIR

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