



SELECTION POLICY FOR ATHLETES COMPETING ON BEHALF OF BIATHLON MANITOBA AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. In order to compete as a sanctioned athlete on behalf of Biathlon Association of Manitoba (B.A.M.) at the National Championships, an athlete must:

- Be a member of Biathlon Manitoba, Biathlon Canada, and a registered Biathlon Manitoba club, and
- Be eligible to participate in a race category* available at Nationals (e.g. Senior Boys/Girls and above, including Masters), and
- Be actively training and racing with B.A.M. (for example attending sanctioned Manitoba Cup races, camps, clinics, strength programs, and ski and shooting programs), and
- Have access to own biathlon rifle or renting one for the season, and
- Be recommended by a B.A.M. approved coach, and
- Achieve race result** of at least 80% in one of the following three B.A.M. approved selection races:
 1. Western/Eastern Championship race of the current season
 2. NORAM Cup race of the current season
 3. CALFOREX Cup race of the current season
- 4. Have achieved at least 80% in one race of the previous year's National Championships.*** There must be evidence of continued training (via training logs) and participation at BAM sanctioned camps/clinics/local races.

Notes:

*As part of developing our athletes for long term development in the sport (LTAD), Biathlon Manitoba does not encourage athletes racing up in categories.

**Race result must be in the category the athlete will race in at National Championships.

***Those athletes who missed the previous year's National Championships due to attendance at an IBU sanctioned race, are invited to submit an application for consideration.

B. Force Majeure

The Sport Development Committee will consider claims of “force majeure” if an athlete has a justifiable reason for missing the selection race (e.g. documented illness or “Act of God”). The athlete must notify the Executive Director of B.A.M. in writing to request consideration under this clause. The letter must describe the circumstances that caused the athlete to miss the race and include a letter from a physician if the claim is for medical reasons. The Committee will consider such claims of “force majeure” on a case by case basis and will consider results at other races as well as the athlete's training record (e.g. participation at training camps, strength programs, ski and shooting programs).

C. National Team Athletes

A Biathlon Manitoba athlete who is selected for one of Biathlon Canada's National Teams (e.g. World Cup, IBU Cup, World Youth & Junior Championships), will automatically qualify to be a member of Team Manitoba for the Nationals Championships.

D. Coaching and Waxing Support at Nationals

Funding for coaches and wax technicians to attend the National Championships with the athletes is dependent upon sufficient number of athletes approved to participate and also subject to available funding.

E. Costs:

Sanctioned athletes approved by the B.A.M. Board will have their coaching expenses subsidized by B.A.M. and will be responsible for paying their own expenses (e.g. cost of transportation to/from race venue including flights, any

vehicle costs, accommodations, meals registration fees, banquet fees, etc.) to attend National Championships. A wax fee will be charged to each athlete supported by the waxing team. A nominal coaching fee might also be levied depending on funding availability.

Athletes who do not meet the above sanctioned criteria, may apply using the same form to the Sport Development Committee to represent Manitoba at National Championships. This Committee will make a recommendation to the B.A.M. Board who will make the final decision. These athletes will be required to pay a portion of the total coaching cost as well as will be responsible for paying their own expenses (e.g. cost of transportation to/from race venue including flights, any vehicle costs, accommodations, meals registration fees, banquet fees, etc.) to attend National Championships. A wax fee will be charged to each athlete supported by the waxing team.

F. Percentage Calculations:

Percentage for each B.A.M. approved race listed above will be based on a percentage of the *average of the three fastest times* in the category under consideration.

Example:

Place	Participant	Finish Time (mm:ss)
1	Athlete A	22:00
2	Athlete B	22:10
3	Athlete C	22:30
4	Applicant Athlete	22:50

- Average of top 3 finish times = $(22:00 + 22:10 + 22:30) / 3 = 22:13$
- Applicant Athlete's finish time = 22:50
- Percent = $22:13 / 22:50 * 100 = 97.32\%$
(Percentages will be rounded to 2 decimal places.)

G. Interested athletes must complete the "B.A.M. Nationals Application form.xls" and express intent in writing by emailing the form to Biathlon Manitoba at biathlon@sportmanitoba.ca . Manitoba resident athletes attending post-secondary education outside the province may submit a letter to be considered as a sanctioned athlete.

Deadline for submitting the application form will be clearly posted on the Biathlon Manitoba website.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Sport Development Committee.