



2023 Canada Winter Games Biathlon Manitoba Selection Policy



Eligibility

Eligible athletes must be current Biathlon Manitoba members, registered with a Biathlon Manitoba sanctioned club, and born in 2003 through 2007. Exceptions to this may be considered by the CWG Organizers. Athletes born prior to 2003 will not be considered.

Selection Information

Team Manitoba will include four female, and four male athletes. One female, and one male alternate athlete may also be identified. Alternate athletes will not travel to the Games unless a selected athlete withdraws or is otherwise unable to participate.

For each gender three athletes will be selected based on a percentage calculation from the designated Selection Event, and one athlete chosen from a discretionary selection. If an athlete selected by percentage refuses their spot, the next highest percentage will be chosen. If an athlete selected by discretion refuses their spot, the next athlete will be chosen by discretion. Both alternate athletes will be chosen by discretionary selection.

For each gender, selection priority will be offered in the following order:

First Selection: Highest percentage

Second Selection: Second highest percentage

Third Selection: Third highest percentage

Fourth Selection: Discretionary selection

Fifth Selection (Alternate): Discretionary Selection

Selection Event Competition Category

All athletes will be required to race in the Junior Women/Men category.

Selection Event

Event: CalForex Cup #1

Location: Canmore, Alberta

Date: TBD (~ Nov. 15 - Dec. 15, 2022)

of Competitions: 2

Competition Types: TBD

Cost: TBD

The designated Selection Event will be CalForex Cup #1 in Canmore Alberta. The Selection Event will take place during a 6-7 day Biathlon Manitoba early-on-snow training camp. The camp length will allow athletes to acclimate and understand the competition course. The camp will finish with the CalForex Cup on the final two days. Attendance of the early-on-snow camp is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

Reasonable notice will be provided for the training camp cost, dates, and competition types when the 2022/2023 Biathlon Canada Competition Calendar is released.

If the designated Selection Event in Canmore is cancelled, a replacement Selection Event will be designated by the Selection Committee to occur before January 7, 2023. The replacement Selection Event will take place at the Falcon Lake Ski Resort. Reasonable notice will be provided for the competition types, date and time of the replacement Selection Event.

Percentage Calculation Selection

Percentages for each competition will be based on the fastest time by a Manitoba athlete in the category. Percentages will be rounded to two decimal places. The calculated mean of the two competitions, rounded to two decimal places, will be used as the final percentage to rank athletes at the Selection Event.

Eg: Percentage Calculation Selection

Competition 1			
	MB Athlete A	MB Athlete B	MB Athlete C
Competition Time	15:03.44	16:54.52	19:43.28
Comp. Percent Calc. (Fastest MB Time / Athlete Time)	1.00	0.8904946463	0.7636322668
Percent Rounded	100%	89.05%	76.36%

Competition 2			
	MB Athlete A	MB Athlete B	MB Athlete C
Competition Time	25:48.44	27:53.12	25:54.48
Comp. Percent Calc. (Fastest MB Time / Athlete Time)	1.00	0.9256116025	0.9960981048
Percent Rounded	100%	92.56%	99.61%

Calculated Mean / Ranking			
	MB Athlete A	MB Athlete B	MB Athlete C
Calculated Mean	$(100 + 100) / 2 = 100$	$(89.05 + 92.56) / 2 = 90.81$	$(76.36 + 99.61) / 2 = 87.99$
Ranking Priority	1	2	3

Discretionary Selection

The Selection Committee may make the discretionary selection based on a combination of the following: percentage calculation from the Selection Event, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 season results (All Biathlon Canada sanctioned competitions), 2022/2023 season testing results, dedication to training and maintenance of training log, or any other type of informative data provided by the CWG coaching staff.

To increase chances of selection under discretionary circumstances, athletes are encouraged to diligently complete all aspects of the full selection criteria.

Full Selection Criteria

1. Athletes must submit a letter of intent to attend the 2023 Canada Games to the Executive Director by June 30, 2022.
2. Athletes must attend 60% or more of all Manitoba Cup competitions held in the 2021/2022 season. Athlete attendance is highly recommended, however not mandatory at the 2022 Biathlon Manitoba Provincial Championships.
 - a. Athletes residing outside of Manitoba in a non permanent status, for the purpose of high performance biathlon training, or pursuing full time post secondary education (defined as ≥ 3 courses per semester), are exempt from Section 2. However, these athletes are still recommended to attend the 2022 Biathlon Manitoba Provincial Championships.
 - b. Athletes who are permanent residents outside of Manitoba, but intend to race for Manitoba are not exempt from Section 2. In addition, they must achieve the necessary criteria on the Canada Games technical package in order to be considered.
3. Athletes must attend the designated Selection Event.
4. Athletes will maintain a training log for the 2022/2023 season and remain in contact at regular intervals with designated Manitoba CWG coaching staff.

- Athletes selected to represent Canada at the 2022 or 2023 IBU Youth / Junior World Championships, or IBU Junior Cup will be automatically selected. Athletes selected by this clause will take the highest selection positions, but will not affect the ranking order of percentage and discretionary selection. (e.g. 2 athletes of the same gender selected by this clause leaves 1 slot to be chosen by percentage at the Selection Event, and 1 discretionary selection)

Force Majeure

“Force Majeure” may be considered in the selection process. The Selection Committee will consider claims of “Force Majeure” if an athlete has a justifiable reason for missing the Selection Event (e.g. documented illness). The athlete must notify the Executive Director in writing within 72 hours from the end of the Selection Event. The letter must describe the circumstances that caused the athlete to miss the competition(s) and include a letter from a physician if the claim is for medical reasons. The Selection Committee will consider 2021/2022, and 2022/2023 season results (All Biathlon Canada sanctioned competitions), 2022/2023 season testing results, evidence of dedication to training, or any other type of informative data provided by the athlete or designated CWG coaching staff. “Force Majeure” will only be considered, and applied to the discretionary selection spots for male and female athletes. Athletes chosen by percentage will still retain the top three spots of priority.

Team Manitoba Announcement

Athletes will be selected to represent Team Manitoba by the Biathlon Manitoba Canada Winter Games Selection Committee, and will be announced no sooner than 72 hours after the end of the Selection Event, and no later than January 7, 2023.

Appeals

Any appeals to the Selection Committee’s decision must be submitted in writing and received by the Executive Director within 72 hours from the official release of the Team Manitoba roster. All appeals will be presented to the Selection Committee and subjected to the Biathlon Manitoba appeals procedures on a case by case basis.

Selection Committee

The CWG Selection Committee will be chosen using the criteria outlined in the Biathlon Manitoba Selection Committee Policy. Policy accessible by request to the Executive Director.

Canada Games Council Eligibility Criteria

The 2023 Eligibility Criteria of the Canada Games Council supersedes the 2023 Canada Winter Games Biathlon Manitoba Selection Policy.