



## Biathlon Manitoba Rifle Rental & Maintenance Policy

**Effective Date of Policy: April 1, 2025**

This policy will be reviewed annually, after the Canadian Biathlon Championships by the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will recommend changes and present them to the Board of Biathlon Manitoba for approval. This will occur prior to the annual rifle reassignment process.

### Definitions:

- **Applicant:** Is a committed competitive athlete who rents a rifle. A committed athlete is one who attends the majority of clinics, camps, training sessions, races and ski training offered by Biathlon Manitoba and the athlete's ski club.
- **Biathlon Association of Manitoba:** Hereafter, 'BAM', or 'Biathlon Manitoba', is the body or organization for the sport of Biathlon in Manitoba, including the Board of Directors and members.
- **Designated Club Representative:** Is the person duly chosen by a biathlon or cross-country ski club board of directors to rent rifles from BAM on behalf of that club.
- **Percentage:** For the purposes of rifle selection, will be based on race winner's time only. That is:  $\text{Winner's time} / \text{Applicant's time} * 100 = \text{percentage}$ .
- **Technical Committee:** Appointed annually by the Board of Directors of Biathlon Manitoba, responsible for managing rifle rentals for members from Biathlon Manitoba and selecting members or clubs that meet the Rifle Selection Criteria.
- **PAL:** Possession and Acquisition Licence.

### 1. RENTAL CRITERIA:

Applicants must:

- Be current member of BAM in good standing.
- Possess a valid PAL if 18 years of age or older, or possess a Minor's PAL (or provide evidence that the member is in the process of obtaining Minor's PAL (if under the age of 18)).
- For minors: have a parent/legal guardian, over the age of 18, with a valid PAL. living in the residence of the minor applicant.
- Be at least 13 years of age, as of December 31 of the competition season; at the discretion of the Technical Committee, an athlete 12 years of age may be eligible to rent a rifle.
- Be a member in good standing of a biathlon or cross-country ski club approved by BAM.
- Be selected and approved by the Technical Committee.

### 2. RIFLE SELECTION CRITERIA:

Members will be able to choose the rifle of choice according to the rifle selection list. A

prioritized list of athletes will be based upon the following criteria in order:

- a) **International representation of Manitoba:** If more than one athlete is in this category ranking will be based on ranking, in percentage, at the international events. Dissimilar category results will be considered as a single category.
- b) **Biathlon Canada Development Team Members:** If more than one athlete, ranking will be based on results, in percentage, in their category, at the Canadian Biathlon Championships\*. Dissimilar category results will be considered as a single category.
- c) **National Development Centre Athletes:** If more than one athlete, ranking will be based on results, in percentage, in their category, at the Canadian Biathlon Championships\*. Dissimilar category results will be considered as a single category.
- d) **For all others not meeting (a-c) above:** the cumulative total points of multiple race results from the previous race season will be used to determine selection order. An athlete's points will be calculated based on the athlete's winning time relative to the first place winner's time in that category. In addition, the races will be weighted by competition type and by number of participants in the applicant's category.  
e.g. *(winning time/applicant's time) X (race factor) X (# participant*

*factor)* \* Team Aggregate and Relay Competitions will not be considered in results calculations.

Please see the tables below for details and refer to the accompanying Excel file for examples and to calculate total points.

Table 1: Weighting Factor by Race Type

Race Type	Weighting Factor
National Level (Canadian Biathlon Championships, or Canada Winter Games; best single result)	30%
Biathlon Canada Western or Eastern Championships, Calforex or NorAm Cup (Best single result)	25%
Manitoba Provincial Championship	20%
Manitoba Cup (Best single result, not including Provincial Championships)	20%
Manitoba Cup (Second best single result, not including Provincial Championships)	20%

Table 2: Weighting Factor by Number of Participants in Category

# Participants in Category	Weighting Factor
4 or more	100%
3	90%
2	80%
1	70%

The Technical Committee may also consider:

- Adherence to approved training plan.
- Team contract compliance.
- Exceptional circumstances.

### Rifle Rental/Maintenance Fees:

Conditions:

- The rifle rental period is from May 1 to March 31 of the next year. Fees will only be prorated if the rental period begins after January 1 of the rental period.
- BAM reserves the right to limit the number of rifles rented in any given year.
- BAM reserves the right to adjust fees/costs.
- Applicants will receive an invoice and a Rifle Rental/Maintenance Agreement. A copy of the Rifle Rental/Maintenance Agreement will be retained by BAM.
- Applicants may rent a rifle for a maximum of 4 years. This limit applies regardless of whether the 4 years are consecutive or not. This limit is placed to ensure rifles are available to rent by emerging athletes with seasoned athletes encouraged to purchase their own rifle.

Applicants must:

- Attend a BAM rifle cleaning and maintenance clinic.
- Clean the rifle before returning to the Biathlon Manitoba armorer at the end of the rental period.
- Return their rented rifle to the Biathlon Manitoba armorer by Mar 31 of the rental year. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of deposit. (Extensions granted if Nationals or other competition dates extend past Mar 31).
- **Maintain the rented rifle and accessories in the condition received at time of rental. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of deposit as well as any additional restorative costs incurred, above the amount of the deposit (Up to a limit of \$250).**
- Disclose any repairs made to the rented rifle, to the armorer, pay, to BAM, the listed replacement cost of their rented rifle and accessories if they cannot be returned (due to loss, theft, damage, etc.).

## Fee Structure:

In addition to a refundable deposit of \$100.00, rifle rental fees are as follows:

Rifle Type	Individual Rental Fee	Club Rental Fee	Replacement Fee
Marlin	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1000.00
Anschütz 1827/1427	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5000.00
Anschütz 1827F	\$500.00	Not Available	\$6000.00
Izhmash	\$500.00	Not Available	\$5000.00
Lakefield	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1000.00

### A rifle will only be issued upon receipt of all of the following:

- Photocopy of proof of applicant's PAL or Minor's PAL (proof that the PAL application is underway with chief firearm officer) .
- Photocopy of proof of parent/guardian PAL (where applicable).
- Proof of applicant's membership of Biathlon Manitoba for 2025/2026 season.
- Cheque (or eTransfer) payable to Biathlon Manitoba for rifle rental.

## 3. FIREARMS SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

- All BAM members shall follow all relevant Criminal Code of Canada regulations including: the safe handling and operation of firearms, ammunition, and Firearms Licensing. Further, all members shall comply with the Firearms Act and Regulations and all other applicable federal and provincial statutes. Failure to comply may result in termination of BAM membership by the BAM Executive Board and may result in prosecution under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- In the case that a BAM member fails to comply with aforementioned statutes and regulations, BAM reserves the right to review the members breach of compliance and determine whether a termination of BAM membership, a probationary membership, revocation of rifle rental, or some other sanction is appropriate.
- Any BAM member who sells, barter, lends, transfers, delivers or acquires any firearm to or from a person who does not present a valid PAL shall be subject to termination of BAM membership and/or other sanctions as determined by the Board and may be prosecuted under the Criminal Code of Canada unless he/she guides and supervises the operation and handling of the firearm in the same manner in which he or she may lawfully use it.
- BAM shall maintain a current list of those members who are currently renting a BAM rifle as well as a photocopy of the members' PAL's. The list will also include the location at which the rented rifle is stored.
- BAM shall maintain an inventory of all BAM rifles, including: the make, model and serial number.

- BAM recommends that all BAM members obtain training in firearm handling and operation.
- BAM requires that all events, including races, camps, training and maintenance involving the use of firearms and/or ammunition by members who do not hold a valid PAL must be supervised by a person with a valid PAL.
- Any BAM athlete under the age of eighteen renting a rifle must have: an adult parent/guardian that resides at the same address, who also possesses a valid PAL, a valid Minor's PAL and a parent/legal guardian consent and waiver form signed agreeing to the possession of the firearm and ammunition. Co-signature of the Rifle Rental Agreement constitutes consent.
- Any BAM applicant or parent/guardian (if minor applicant) renting a rifle is required to carry the PAL at all times when transporting the rifle to and from training sessions/events.
- Any BAM athlete renting a rifle is required to have their PAL/Minor's PAL available for presentation at all training sessions, events, and competitions, unless accompanied/supervised by a coach, parent/guardian who must present a valid PAL. If an athlete who competes in the carrying category cannot present a valid PAL at sanctioned BAM events, they will not be allowed to carry a rifle during the event and will need to race in an alternate non-carrying category.
- BAM approved Clubs may rent rifles for training athletes, as by a designated club representative approved by the BAM Board of Directors. The designated club representative will bear all responsibility for the rifle care, handling, transportation, and storage. Clubs must pay the Club rental fees. The designated club representative, renting on behalf of their clubs, must comply with all conditions of this document.