



2027 Canada Winter Games - Quebec February 27 - March 14, 2027

Team Manitoba Selection Policy

Eligibility

Eligible athletes must be current Biathlon Manitoba members, registered with a Biathlon Manitoba sanctioned club, and born in 2008 through 2011. Exceptions to this may be considered by the CWG Organizers. Athletes born prior to 2007 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 event unless a selected Team Manitoba 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. Alternates will be identified by 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.

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

- 1:** Highest percentage
- 2:** Second highest percentage
- 3:** Third highest percentage
- 4:** Discretionary selection

Selection Event Competition Category

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

Selection Event

Event: CalForex Cup #1 or NorAm West

Location: Canmore, Alberta

Date: TBD (~ Nov. 26 - Dec. 11, 2026)

of Races: 2

Competition Types: TBD

The selection event will take place during a 6-7 day early on snow training camp. The camp length will allow athletes to acclimate, understand the competition course, and provide training opportunities with other provincial teams. The camp will finish with the selection event on the final two days.

Reasonable notice will be provided for the camp dates and competition types when the 2026 Biathlon Canada Competition Calendar is released.

In the event that the selection event is canceled or postponed to outside of the timeline of the scheduled training camp, a competition will be designated by the Selection Committee to occur before January 7, 2027. Reasonable notice will be provided for the location, competition types, date, and time of the new 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 percentage calculation from the selection event, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 season results (All Biathlon Canada sanctioned competitions), 2026/2027 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 2027 Canada Games to the Executive Director.

2. Athletes must attend 60% or more of all Manitoba Cup competitions held in the 2025/2026 season. Athlete attendance is highly recommended, however not mandatory at the 2026 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 attending 60% or more of all Manitoba Cup competitions. Athletes are still recommended to attend the 2026 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 2026/2027 season and remain in contact at regular intervals with designated Manitoba CWG coaching staff.
5. Athletes selected to represent Canada at the 2026 or 2027 IBU Youth / Junior World Championships, or IBU Junior Cup will be automatically selected.

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 one week 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 prior season results (All Biathlon Canada sanctioned competitions), season testing results, evidence of dedication to training, or any other type of informative data provided by the athlete or designated CWG coaching staff.

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.

Team Manitoba Announcement

Athletes selected to represent Team Manitoba will be announced no later than January 7, 2027.

Canada Games Council Eligibility Criteria

The 2027 Eligibility Criteria of the Canada Games Council supersedes the Biathlon Manitoba CWG Selection Policy.