

## 2011 Canada Winter Games Athlete Development Plan & Team Pre-Selection

In preparation for the upcoming 2011 Canada Winter Games, Biathlon Ontario (BiOn) will pre-select a training squad of up to 16 athletes, gender equal, if qualified athletes are available. This program is for athletes born in the years 1990-1993 inclusive. Consideration will be given for athletes born in 1994, as an exemption is available from Biathlon Canada if an athlete qualifies at this age for the Team. The training squad's costs will be subsidized by such funds as may be received under the Team Ontario Development Grant Program (TODGP).

The TODGP is a program delivered by the Sport Alliance of Ontario (SAO) on behalf of the Ministry of Health Promotion. The overall objective of the TODGP is to provide eligible PSOs with additional project funding to provide enhanced training, coaching, officiating, sport science and competitive opportunities to prospective athletes who may be included on their next Canada Games Team.

Some of the grant funds will be used to offset training costs for camps that Biathlon Ontario and its Athlete Development Committee (ADC) organizes for training in 2009/2010. The subsidies will be in the form of reduced program costs rather than direct payment to athletes. Additional funding under the TODGP may be available in 2010/2011.

The selection of athletes, meeting the basic criteria listed below, will be done using 2009 Provincial Team selection race results and National sprint and individual results. **1<sup>st</sup> Selection: 21 Sept 2009.**

1. Must be a member of Biathlon Ontario in good standing as of Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 2009,
2. Must own a .22 cal. biathlon rifle and applicable permits,
3. Must be on an annual biathlon training plan from a certified Level III coach if training outside Ontario, a National Development Team training plan or the Biathlon Ontario Annual training plan from the BiOn Head Coach.
4. Must be a resident of Ontario as of 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2009.

Following the 2010 National Championships the training squad will be reduced to 12 athletes that may be eligible for additional training subsidies in 2010. The final selection criteria for this training team will be announced 15 Nov 2009. Final Ontario CWG Team of 8 athletes (4 male 4 female) and 2 spares ( 1 male 1 female ) will be selected, approximately January, 2011.

Any athlete that meets the CWG's age requirement however and is not pre-selected for this season training squad, still has an opportunity to be selected to the 2010/11 CWG training squad by being ranked in the top 4 male or 4 female athletes following 2010 Nationals as per selection criteria.

Any athlete that is interested in being preselected for CWG's training squad is to notify the VP Technical.

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