

2012 Biathlon Ontario Provincial Team Selection CANADIAN NATIONAL BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Preamble and Guiding Principles

The Canadian National Biathlon Championship is considered to be an elite event, which brings together the best Biathlon athletes in the country. This race is used by Biathlon Canada, as part of their selection procedures for the National Team. It will also be used by BiOn as one of the key selection criteria for OAAP funding. Biathlon Canada requires that each Division send only athletes that are competent to race at this level of competition. This infers that athletes who attend National Championships should meet a minimum standard of competency in order to qualify. Both Biathlon Canada and BiOn consider the National Championships as an elite event and not an event of open participation.

In an effort to comply with this philosophy, the Athlete Development Committee (ADC) has created selection procedures that clearly identify a set of minimum standards that must be met for IBU class athletes to qualify for Nationals. These new standards are objective and easily measurable. For the Senior Boy/Girl categories, which the ADC considers as a development level, the qualification procedures are also outlined in this policy. This document describes the Team Ontario selection procedures in detail.

2. Definitions

- a) "BiOn" is Biathlon Ontario.
- b) "ADC" is the Athlete Development Committee.
- c) Note that for the purposes of this document, the terms "qualified", "nominated" and "selected" are not synonymous.
- d) "Qualified athlete" means that the athlete has met the minimum standards for selection as either a full member or as a sanctioned member.
- e) "Nominated athlete" refers to the initial list of athletes that have been identified by the ADC to participate as either a full member or a sanctioned member.
- f) "Selected" refers to the final list of athletes that have been selected by the ADC after all of the appeals have been dealt with and all nominated athletes have either accepted by signing athlete agreement or declined their nominations.
- g) "Sanctioned member" refers to an athlete who is chosen by the ADC and will be required to pay 100% of all costs associated with participating in the National Championships. Other than this, the sanctioned member will be treated in the same way as the full member.
- h) "Full member" refers to an athlete who is nominated, selected and qualifies for Team Ontario and may receive a subsidy from BiOn to attend the Canadian Nationals.
- i) "AP" athlete percentage used to rank athletes during the year's competition season (see Sec 4/5 for details on calculation)
- j) "PT" percentage threshold or a minimum requirement
- k) "Sanctioned race" refers to any Biathlon Canada Division approved race or any USBA approved Nor Am event.

3. General Information for all Categories

The following guidelines apply to the selection of athletes in all categories:

- a) Every athlete wishing to be considered for a position on Team Ontario must be fully paid athlete competitor in good standing of BiOn as of Dec 31st in the year previous to the National Championship. Athlete must be a resident of Ontario to earn Full Team membership. Ontario Health card is required for proof of residency.
- b) There are sixteen potential openings for full membership in Team Ontario. This number is set by the Board of Directors and can vary from year to year depending on resources available and location of Nationals. BiOn reserves the right to select a smaller team if there are not enough athletes of adequate caliber. BiON reserves the right to select and support any sanctioned athletes based on availability of race support for the Team.
- c) BiON expects a certain minimum level of competition attendance to be considered for selection to attend Canadian Nationals. Every IBU class athlete wishing to be considered for a position on Team Ontario must compete in a minimum of 3 Nor Am Cup events ie 6 races. Eastern and Western Canadian's are also considered as acceptable races. Sr Boys & Girls must compete in a minimum of 3 sanctioned events. (see section 2k defination)
- d) The ADC will consider application of *force majeure* for those athletes that have justifiable reasons for not competing in a minimum of, 3 qualifying races. (e.g. documented illness, *act of god*, etc). An application for force majeure must be made, in writing, to the Chair of the ADC, no later than two weeks prior to Team selection date. The letter must describe the circumstances that caused the athlete to miss the required minimum races along with providing supporting documentation, such as a letter from a physician.
- e) The final selection of Team Ontario is the responsibility of the ADC. The ADC will use these procedures to select team members for Team Ontario. The ADC, at their discretion may recommend approval of athletes that are with 2% of minimum PT threshold.
- f) All appeals relative to the selection of Team Ontario must be sent to the Chair of the ADC within seven days of the publication of the first draft of the nominations. The length of the appeal period may be shortened by the ADC in cases where tight deadlines need to be met. The appeals must be based on the misapplication of this selection process.
- g) Two members of the Executive of BiOn who are not on the ADC will be appointed by the President to review and adjudicate the appeal. Their ruling will be final.

4. Qualification Procedure for IBU Categories

To qualify for National Championships all athletes in the IBU categories (Senior Men/Women, Junior Men/Women and Youth Men/Women) must meet a pre-defined performance standard.

a) *Full Member of Team Ontario*

- i. Pre-Selection
Athletes who are selected to the National Team, National Team Development Squad, Jr/Yth National Team or CWG Team in that competition season are automatically pre-selected to the Ontario Team.
- ii. Qualification Criteria
 1. Achieve AP ranking of 92.50% or better.

2. Must compete in 3 sanctioned events as described in Clause 3(c).
3. Each sanctioned race must consist, at a minimum, 3 competing athletes in the respective IBU category.

iii. AP Ranking

Ranking is calculated as follows:

1. The athlete's top four (4) race percentiles of qualifying sanctioned races will be considered in the AP Ranking.
2. An athlete's race percentile is calculated by dividing the athlete's official race finish time from the average official finish time race of the top three competitors from the athlete's respective IBU category.
3. AP Ranking is established by averaging the athlete's top four (4) race percentile.
4. All race formats are eligible for the AP Ranking.
5. Only one (1) Individual format result can be used in the top four race percentiles.
6. There will be no separation by IBU categories.
7. If a tie exists between athletes in the above ranking calculation, the ADC will use the highest race percentile result of each athlete to finalize the ranking. If a tie still persists, then both athletes earn full membership to team Ontario. This athlete will be carried as an additional Team member i.e. 17 athletes and does not affect the process of filling team roster in para 6.

b) Sanctioned Member of Team Ontario

i. Qualification Criteria

1. Achieve AP ranking of 85% or better.
2. Must compete in 3 sanctioned events as described in Clause 3(c).
3. Each sanctioned race must consist, at a minimum, 3 competing athletes in the respective IBU category.

ii. AP Ranking

AP Ranking is calculated as described in Clause 4(a)(iii).

c) Selection Deadlines

Deadline to post race results is **Mar 4th, 2012**.

5. Qualification Procedure for Senior Boy/Girl Categories

a) Full Member of Team Ontario

i. Pre-Selection

Athletes who are OAAP carded provided they meet OAAP athlete agreement requirements at the time of Team selection are automatically pre-selected to the

Ontario Team.

ii. Qualification Criteria

- a. Achieve AP ranking of 90% or better.
- b. Must compete at the following two sanctioned events. They are:
 1. Chelsea O/Q Cup 21-21 Jan 2012.
 2. NorAm #3, Valcartier, QC, 25-26 Feb 2012.
- c. Each sanctioned race must consist, at a minimum, 3 competing athletes in the respective Sr. Boys/Girls category.

iii. AP Ranking

- a. AP Ranking is calculated as described in Clause 4(a)(iii) with the exception that top three (3) sanctioned races will be considered.
- b. Only one (1) Individual race format will be considered in the top three race percentiles.
- c. If a tie exists between athletes in the above ranking calculation, the ADC will use the highest result used to determine each athletes AP to finalize the ranking. If there is still a tie both athletes earn full membership to Team Ontario. This athlete will be carried as an additional Team member i.e. 17 athletes and does not affect the process of filling team roster in para 6.

b) Sanctioned Member of Team Ontario

i. Qualification Criteria

1. Achieve AP ranking of 85% or better.
2. Must compete in the sanctioned events as described in Clause 5(a)(ii).
3. Each sanctioned race must consist, at a minimum, 3 competing athletes in the respective Sr. Boys/Girls category.

ii. AP Ranking

AP Ranking is calculated as described in Clause 5(a)(iii).

c) Selection Deadlines

Deadline to post race results is **March 1st 2012**

6. Process for Filling the Team Ontario Roster

All athletes selected for the Provincial Team must have signed, and be in full compliance with, the Biathlon Ontario Athlete Agreement.

a) Full Membership Team of 16

- i. The first positions of the team (up to six) will be filled by the 3 highest ranked Sr Boys and the 3 highest ranked Sr. Girls from the list of qualified athletes in the Senior Boy/Girl categories. This will ensure that there is at least some Senior Boy/Girl nominated to the team.

- ii. The next 10 positions will be filled by those IBU category athletes that have qualified for full membership. The filling of these positions will be in order of the rank established by their Athlete Percentage (AP).
- iii. If there are still any positions left, these will be filled from the list of qualified athletes in the Senior Boy/Girl categories, by order of their athlete percentage.

b) Sanctioned Team Members

- i. The first positions of the sanctioned team will be filled by any IBU class athlete that qualified to be a full member, but was excluded because of lack of available spaces on the full member team (i.e. those that ranked lower than those athletes identified in 6(a)ii above).
- ii. The next positions of the sanctioned team will be filled by any Senior Boy/Girl that qualified for Team membership, but was ranked lower than those athletes identified in step 6 (a) i or 6 (a) iii above. These positions will be offered in order of the rank established by their Athlete Percentage (AP).
- iii. If there are any positions left on the Sanctioned Team, they will be offered to those IBU class athletes that qualified as a sanctioned member. These positions will be offered in order of the rank established by their Athlete Percentage (AP).

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