

BIATHLON



AGE GROUP

Eco-Aim (Boys & Girls)

11* - 12 years old (Year of birth: 2011-2012)

*Age as of February 15, 2024 to comply with Games minimum eligibility.

Dev 1 (Boys & Girls)

13 - 14 years old (Year of birth: 2009-2010)

Dev 2 (Boys & Girls)

15 - 16 years old (Year of birth: 2007-2008)

Competing in an older age group (skiing-up) is permitted, provided an athlete fits into the range of age eligibility for Biathlon Events at the Alberta Winter Games.

ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

12 athletes per Zone

Eco Aim (11-12 years)	Dev 1 (13-14 years)	Dev 2 (15-16 years)
<u>2</u> female athletes	<u>2</u> female athletes	<u>2</u> female athletes
<u>2</u> male athletes	<u>2</u> male athletes	<u>2</u> male athletes
<u>4</u> coaches or chaperones per Zone (# of females min <u>1</u>		# of males min <u>1</u>)

Note: Should a Zone have six (6) or fewer competitors, the Zone will be allocated a maximum of two (2) coaches/chaperones

FILL POLICY

- Only athletes who participate in Zone trials are eligible for selection. The top two athletes in each category, in each Zone trial, are automatically selected, up to a maximum of twelve (12) athletes per Zone.
- Any unfilled spots within a Zone quota may be taken up by athletes who participated in another Zone trial.
- To fill these empty spots, the Biathlon Provincial Sport Coordinator will establish a province-wide ranking order, by category, based on the Zone trial and/or Calforex competitions. Empty slots will be filled preferentially in this order:
 - Same category; same age category (provided available accommodation); any category (provided available accommodation).
- Athletes selected under this policy will be registered with and compete for their home Zone at the Games.
- Zones which have significantly more than twelve (12) athletes selected may apply for permission to send an extra coach/chaperone.

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **January 16, 2024.***

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

- All athletes must be members of Biathlon Alberta in good standing prior to zone trials.
- Athletes will compete for the Zone in which they reside.
- Athletes who have competed as Senior Boys/Senior Girls at the Canadian National Biathlon Championships are not eligible

Athletes seventeen (17) years of age, or athletes turning seventeen (17) during the Alberta Games, are NOT eligible to attend the Games. For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca

Coaches

- **NCCP Certification** - A minimum of one (1) member per Zone of the staff registered as coaches must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Level 1 in Biathlon or Community Coaching Gold trained.
- All coaches must have completed the “Safe Sport” module on coach.ca

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games and present a negative police record check including vulnerable sector check when registering for the Games.

AFFILIATION

Biathlon Alberta membership is required for all athletes and coaches participating in Zone playoffs and the Alberta Games. Contact Biathlon Alberta (www.biathlon.ca) in Calgary at (403) 202-6548 or e-mail info@biathlon.ca for details.

ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

- Events hosted on one (1) weekend will be designated by Zone Representatives to select athletes for the Alberta Winter Games.
- In case of cancellation due to weather, an alternate competition or results from previous races may be used.

To determine the date and location of Zone playoffs/selection please visit www.biathlon.ca or www.albertawintergames.ca

PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2024 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. This fee is payable to your provincial sport organization and must accompany the athlete’s registration form for the Provincial Games.

Please note the registration deadline for Biathlon is **January 13, 2024.**

EVENTS

Category	Age	AB Pursuit	Sprint	Mass Start
Eco-Aim Boys/Girls	12 years old and younger	3.0 km (PPP)	3.0 km (PP)	4.0 km (PPP)
Dev 1 Boys/Girls	14 years old and younger	4 .0 km (PPP)	3.0 km (PP)	4.0 km (PPP)
Dev 2 Boys/Girls	16 years old and younger	5.0 km (PPP)	3.75 km (PP)	5.0 km (PPP)

IBU rules with applicable Biathlon Alberta modifications will apply:

Biathlon Alberta modifications for Eco-Aim and Dev categories are available [here](#) (Refer to appendices D through G)

- Competitors ski 100m penalty loops in AB Pursuit, Sprint and Mass Start events.
- AB Pursuit, Sprint races and Mass Start will be run in same-gender categories.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

Protests are to be filed to the Competition Secretary within fifteen (15) minutes of provisional results being posted as per Biathlon Alberta policy.

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- As per IBU rules. Ski length requirement will not be enforced
- Eco-Aim category will have to set targets to “Level 6” as per Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy

PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Each of the eight (8) Zones has a designated Biathlon representative. To contact your Zone sport representative please see the list below and contact information for each Zone sport representative.

Zone	Name	Contact
Zone 1	Elmar Heger	elmar@biathlon.ca
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