

AGE GROUP

Dev 2 (Boys & Girls)

12 - 14 years old (Year of birth: 2012-2014)

Senior Boys & Girls

14 - 16 years old (Year of birth: 2010-2012)



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:

	Dev 2 (12-14 years)	Senior Boys & Girls (14-16 years)
<u>12</u> athletes per Zone	3 Male Athletes	3 Male Athletes
	3 Female Athletes	3 Female Athletes

4 coaches or chaperones per Zone (# of female's min 1 # of male's min 1) where at least one per zone is a coach.

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 13, 2026**.*

ELIGIBILITY

For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit www.albertawintergames.ca.

Athletes

- All athletes must be members of Biathlon Alberta in good standing prior to zone trials.
- Athletes must represent an Alberta club that is a member of Biathlon Alberta.
- 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

Coaches

All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Winter Games.

- **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 Competition Introduction certified while the second coach must be at a minimum Community Gold certified.
- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and chaperones by the registration deadline:
 - Must have a clear criminal records and vulnerable sector check from within the last three (3) years, or less if required by your organization's policies.
 - Must have completed either the CAC Safe Sport Training

Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta 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 gm@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 playoff s/selection please visit www.biathlon.ca or <https://albertawintergames.ca>.

ALBERTA 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. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be updated no later than the fall of 2025.*

Please note the registration deadline for Biathlon is **January 5, 2026**.

EVENTS

Category	Age	Sprint	AB-Pursuit	Mass Start 30
Dev 2 Boys/Girls	14 years old and younger	4.5 km (PP)	6km (PPP)	4km (PPP)
Senior Boys/Girls	16 years old and younger	6 km (PS)	7.5km (PPSS)	7.5km (PPSS)

IBU rules with applicable Biathlon Alberta modifications will apply: Biathlon Alberta modifications
Dev 2 category is available in the Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy:

<https://biathlon.ca/about/policies/>

- All categories will be using eco-aim rifles for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games
- Competitors ski 75m penalty loops in Sprint, Pursuit and Mass Start events.
- Sprint, AB-Pursuit races and Mass Start 30 will be run in same-sex 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. The ski length requirement will not be enforced.

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	TBD	
ZONE 2	Kimberly Anderson	kimmydanderson@gmail.com
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ZONE 4	Craig Ferguson	craigferguson0084@gmail.com
ZONE 5	TBD	
ZONE 6	Vanessa Davis	vwDavis@ualberta.ca
ZONE 7	Chris Sundholm	ctsundholm@icloud.com
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