



BIATHLON CANADA NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM COMPETITION TOURS For the 2017 - 2018 Season

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PREAMBLE

The National Team Program (NTP) details Biathlon Canada's High-Performance Program for the upcoming season. The foundation for this program evolves from the Biathlon Canada Mission and Vision Statements, the High-Performance 2018 Plan, and the High-Performance 2022 Plan.

The High-Performance Working Group (HPWG) will execute the NTP. The HPWG is made up of, Roddy Ward – High Performance Director, Andy Holmwood – General Manager, Matthias Ahrens – National Team Head Coach, Jacqueline Akerman – Assistant Coach and Athlete/Coach Development Manager.

GOALS OF THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM THROUGH 2022

- Multiple medal results at the Olympic Winter Games
- Podium performances at the WCH, WC, IBU Cup, and JWCH

OBJECTIVES OF THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM 2017-18

- One medal at Olympic Winter Games
- Two top-8 performances at World Cup races
- Two top-6 performances at World Cup Relay races
- Two top-12 performances at IBUC races
- Two top-10 performance at Junior Youth World Championships

SELECTION PRINCIPLES:

- **Discretionary Selection:** The High-Performance Working Group will consider any or all the following when making a discretionary selection:
 - Current and historical results;
 - Demonstrated ability to meet, or potential to meet, Biathlon Canada's objectives for the high-performance program;
 - Selection process impacted by illness, injury or force majeure;
 - Recent improvements in performance parameters, such as shooting or ski speed;
 - Recent decline in performance parameters, such as shooting performance or ski speed;
 - Ability to effectively contribute to a relay performance.
- Should no athlete meet established criteria for a given Tour position, or should an athlete decline selection, the HPWG may:
 - Fill the position as a discretionary selection; or,
 - Leave the position unfilled.

SELECTION TRIALS:

- November 7, 9, 10 in Canmore (on snow): WC Tour #1, IBUC Tour #1, JIBUC Tour #1
- December 31 in Canmore (on snow): IBUC Tour #2
- January 4, 6, 7 in Whistler (on snow): WYJCH, JIBUC Tour #2
- Selection results will be compared using **Performance Percentages** – calculated by dividing the average of the top three finishers' final times by the final time of each athlete, truncated to two decimal points.
- At selection events with one race, one Performance Percentage will be used for ranking
- At selection events with two races, two Performance Percentages will be averaged for ranking
- At selection events with three races, the best two-of-three Performance Percentages will be averaged for ranking
- Senior athletes must achieve an average Performance Percentage of at least **92%** to be eligible for selection
- Youth/Junior athletes must achieve an average Performance Percentage of at least **90%** to be eligible for selection
- Results of **pre-selected athletes** at trial events will not be calculated into the performance percentages
- A ski/roller-ski control protocol will be used at all selection events
- Only Biathlon Canada registered participants in good standing are eligible for selection
- Age and competency eligibility is as defined by the IBU Event and Competition Rules section 1.4 and any other documentation provided by the IBU

- Cases of incorrect calculation, omission, or process should be brought to the attention of the HPD immediately. If the selection remains in dispute appeal of selection is subject to the [Biathlon Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeals Policy](#)

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- While on tour, coaches are responsible for determining competition start order and composition of relay teams
- Athletes selected to a tour are required to submit a signed 2017-18 Athlete Agreement before the start of the tour
- Athletes and staff on tour are required to adhere to all relevant [Biathlon Canada Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#)
- Biathlon Canada is the sanctioning authority for Canadian participation in IBU-sanctioned events beyond the North American Cup series and North American Championships

TOUR FEES

- Tour fees will be set according to resources available, and will be published on or before September 30th, 2017.
- 50% deposit of tour fees are due before departure, the remaining 50% is due within 30 days of the end of the tour
- A separate clothing fee may be applicable to the World Youth/Junior Championships Tour.

TRANSFER BETWEEN TOURS:

- HPWG reserves the right to move athletes between tours
- If a WC athlete is transferred to the IBUC no additional fees will be charged. If an IBUC athlete is transferred to the World Cup no refund will be given.

2017-18 BIATHLON CANADA TOURS:

SENIOR WORLD CUP AND IBU CUP TOURS 2017-2018

World Cup Tour 1	Events WC1,2,3	Starts 4 Males 4 Females	No Tour fee
<p>Women Selection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rosanna Crawford (pre-selected)2. Julia Ransom (pre-selected)3. Best performance percentage from November trials4. 2nd best performance percentage from November trials <p>Men Selection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scott Gow (pre-selected)2. Best performance percentage from November trials3. 2nd best performance percentage from November trials4. 3rd best performance percentage from November trials <p>Tour Overview: Team will depart Canada on Nov 22nd, 2017 WC1: Oestersund, Sweden WC2: Hochfilzen, Austria WC3: Le Grand Bornand, France</p>			
World Cup Tour 2	WC 4,5	4 Males 4 Females	No Tour fee
<p>Selection: Selection for both Men and Women will be determined in numerical order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Athlete with highest ranking in INP Olympic criteria at end of first trimester2. Athlete with highest WC points, or next best if already selected (2017-18 season)3. HPWG discretionary selection4. HPWG discretionary selection <p>Tour Overview: WC4: Oberhof, Germany WC5: Ruhpolding, Germany Arrival in Oberhof on January 1st, 2018. Olympic Team will depart Europe on January 15th, 2018.</p>			

IBUC Tour 1	IBUC 2, 3, (4)	4 Males 4 Females	Tour fee: \$2500
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Women Selection:

1. 3rd best performance percentage from November trials
2. 4th best performance percentage from November trials
3. 5th best performance percentage from November trials
4. HPWG discretionary selection

Men Selection:

1. 4th best performance percentage from November trials
2. 5th best performance percentage from November trials
3. 6th best performance percentage from November trials
4. HPWG discretionary selection

Tour Overview:

Team will depart Canada on Dec 1st and arrive in Munich Dec 2nd
IBU Cup 2: Lenzerheide, SUI
IBU Cup 3: Obertilliach, AUT
Team will depart Munich Dec 17th.

IBU Cup 4 Selection:

1. One male athlete and one female athlete will be selected based on the best top-20 result on IBU Cup Tour #1
2. A second male and a second female position may be filled by HPWG discretionary selection
3. A third male and a third female position may be filled by HPWG discretionary selection

IBU Cup Tour 2	IBUC5, WC6, OECH, IBUC7	4 Males 4 Females	Tour fee: \$4000
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Pre-selection:

Athletes selected for WC/IBU Cup 4

Selection:

At least one male and one female athlete will be selected from a single trial race in Canmore, AB on Dec 31 (Sprint format). WC6 requires athletes be WC eligible.

Tour Overview:

Team will depart Canada on Jan 5th and arrive in Munich Jan 6th
IBU Cup 5: Arber, GER
WC 6: Antholz, ITA
OECH: Ridnaun, ITA
IBU Cup 7: Martell, ITA
Team will depart Munich on February 4th

Olympic Winter Games

4(+1) Males
4(+1) Females

No Tour fee

Selection:

Selection based on INP Olympic Criteria. Field of play decisions (starting rights) at the Olympic Games will be made by the coaches.

Tour Overview:

Pre-Olympic camp in Canmore following WC 5. Team will depart for the Olympics on February 2nd. The Olympic team alternate is encouraged to continue with IBU Cup tour 2 until completion before traveling to games on February 5th, 2018

WC Tour 3

WC 7,8, 9*

4 Males
4 Females

No Tour fee

Selection:

Selection for **male and female** athletes will be addressed in numerical order:

1. Athlete with highest WC points (2017-18 season)
2. Athlete with highest single-best individual result to date (2017-18 season) or next best if position already filled
3. HPWG discretionary selection
4. HPWG discretionary selection

Tour Overview:

Team will travel from the Olympics to Kontiolahti for a training camp before WC 7.

Team will travel to WC 7 accommodation on March 5th

WC 7: Kontiolahti, FIN

WC 8: Holmenkollen, NOR

Depart for Canada March 19th

***WC 9:** Tyumen, RUS: Only athletes ranked in the top-25 will be selected. Other positions may be added through HPWG discretionary selections.

YOUTH/JUNIOR TOURS 2017-2018

JIBUC Tour #1	JIBUC 1, 2	5 Males 5 Females	Tour fee: \$3500
Women Selection: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Megan Bankes (pre-selected)2. Best performance percentage from November trials3. 2nd best performance percentage from November trials4. 3rd best performance percentage from November trials5. 4th best performance percentage from November trials			
Men Selection: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Best performance percentage from November trials2. 2nd best performance percentage from November trials3. 3rd best performance percentage from November trials4. 4th best performance percentage from November trials5. 5th best performance percentage from November trials			
Tour Overview: <p>Team will depart Canada on Dec 3rd and arrive in Munich Dec 4th. JIBU Cup 1: Obertilliach, AUT JIBU Cup 2: Ridnaun, ITA</p>			

JIBUC Tour #2	JIBUC 3, 4	5 Males 5 Females	Tour fee: \$3500
Women Selection: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Megan Bankes (pre-selected)2. Best performance percentage from January trials3. 2nd best performance percentage from January trials4. 3rd best performance percentage from January trials5. 4th best performance percentage from January trials			
Men Selection: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Best performance percentage from January trials2. 2nd best performance percentage from January trials3. 3rd best performance percentage from January trials4. 4th best performance percentage from January trials5. 5th best performance percentage from January trials			
Tour Overview: <p>Team will depart Canada on January 20th, arrive in Poland January 21st JIBU Cup 3: Duszniki, POL JOECH: Pokljuka, SLO</p>			

YWCH Tour	YWCH	4 Males 4 Females	Tour fee*: \$4000
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Women Selection:

1. Best performance percentage from January trials
2. 2nd best performance percentage from January trials
3. 3rd best performance percentage from January trials
4. 4th best performance percentage from January trials

Men Selection:

1. Leo Grandbois (pre-selected)
2. Best performance percentage from January trials
3. 2nd best performance percentage from January trials
4. 3rd best performance percentage from January trials

Tour Overview:

Team will depart Canada on February 19th and arrive in Otepaa, Estonia February 20th. Team will depart Otepaa, Estonia on March 5th and will return home.

*A Team clothing may also be applied, should an athlete require clothing

JWCH Tour	JWCH	4 Males 4 Females	Tour fee*: \$4000
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Pre-Selection:

Megan Bankes + any Junior athletes selected to WC/IBU Cup 4

Selection:

Remaining positions will be allocated based performance percentages from Selection Trials January 4, 6, 7.

Tour Overview:

Team will depart Canada on February 19th and arrive in Otepaa, Estonia February 20th. Team will depart Otepaa, Estonia on March 5th and will return home.

*A Team clothing may also be applied, should an athlete require clothing