



BIATHLON CANADA NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM COMPETITION TOURS 2016 - 2017 Season

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PREAMBLE

The National Team Program (NTP) of Biathlon Canada is the document that directs the High Performance aspects of Biathlon Canada's programs 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 National Team Program in this document is set according to the 2016-17 IBU international calendar as of 30 June, 2016.

Changes to the IBU calendar, in regard to either dates or event venues, may necessitate changes to this Program. Biathlon Canada retains the right to alter the Program based on such changes.

GOALS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM UNTIL 2022

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

OBJECTIVES FOR THE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM 2016-2017

- 1 x Top 3 performance at the World Championships
- 2 x Top 3 performances at World Cup races
- 1 x Top 3 performances at World Cup Relay races
- 1 x Top 3 performances at IBUC races
- 2 x Top-8 performance at Junior World Championships

PRINCIPLES DRIVING THE NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM 2016-2017

- Biathlon Canada Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTADM) is a key guiding document to program success

GENERAL SELECTION METHOD

- Selection for World Cup (WC) and IBU Cup tours will be based on HPWG decision. These decisions will be guided by the following considerations:

	1st Consideration	2nd Consideration	3rd Consideration
December Tours	Pre-selected athletes	2016 Key Time Trial event results (Summer/Fall Festival and November Trials)	HPWG Discretionary Selection
January and later Tours		2016-17 in-season WC and IBUC results meeting the <u>2017-18 AAP and Squads/Teams Criteria</u>	

GENERAL SELECTION PRINCIPLES:

- Selection results will be compared using performance percentages and final ranking. Performance percentage is determined by dividing the average of the top three finishers' final times by the final time of a particular athlete
- At selection events with one race, the 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
- Averages referred to above will be arithmetic-mean averages
- Only athletes who achieve an average performance percentage of 90% or greater against other athletes in their selection process (WC vs. WC, IBUC vs. IBUC, Juniors vs Juniors, Youth vs. Youth) will be eligible for selection
- Should a Pursuit competition be used for selection purposes, percentages will be calculated from athlete ski times, and not pursuit times
- A ski control (waxing) protocol will be used for all time trial and selection events unless announced no fewer than fourteen days in advance by the HPD

- Only Biathlon Canada registered participants in good standing will be 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](#)
- Athletes on tour are required to submit a signed 2016-17 Athlete Agreement no later than two weeks before the start of the tour
- Athletes paying tour fees are required to submit a signed 2016-17 Sanction Agreement no later than two weeks before the start of the Tour
- Athletes and staff on tour are required to conform to all relevant [Biathlon Canada Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#)

PRINCIPLES OF DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

Discretionary selections are employed to ensure selection of the most competitive team possible. Creating watertight, finite criteria for discretionary choices is impossible, since by their nature they are meant to account for unanticipated circumstances, which inevitably elude the principles of objective criteria. Based on the context of the situation, the HPWG will select the athlete(s) with the greatest likelihood of producing the best result based on the following factors:

1. History of performance in a specific competition format over the current and previous competitive seasons;
2. Recent improvements in results or performance parameters such as ski speed and shooting performance, both in training and competition;
3. Recent positive trend of competition results or performance parameters, such as ski speed and shooting, indicating potential for Olympic success. This includes indication of medal potential in future Olympic or World Championship competition that would be materially enhanced by selection to a team;
4. Recent decline in results or performance parameters such as ski speed and shooting performance (both in training and competition);
5. Performance/participation in the qualification process affected by illness or injury as certified by Biathlon Canada;
6. Ability to effectively contribute to a Relay Team;

If an athlete declines selection to any given Team, the HPWG will rely on the Principles of Discretionary Selection to fill the spot. The HPWG, in such circumstances, reserves the right to not fill the vacated position.

TOUR FEES

- Tour fees: No tour fees will be charged to athletes selected to World Cup tours, and athletes pre-selected to IBU Cup Tour 1.
- Athletes moved from a World Cup tour to an IBU Cup tour will not be charged a Tour fee; athletes moved from an IBU Cup tour to a World Cup Tour will not be charged any additional fee.

TEAM SIZE

- The HPWG retains the right to increase the team size for any given Tour or event in accordance with starts assigned by the IBU; in such circumstances, additional athletes will be selected according to the General Selection Method.

KEY TIME TRIAL AND TESTING EVENTS

Date	Type	Location	Format	Protocol
July 4-8	Testival West	Canmore, AB	n/a	Same Roller Skis
September 5-9	Fall Testival	Canmore, AB	TBD	Same Roller Skis
November 9,10	Time Trial (WC, IBU Cup and Jr. IBU Cup Selections for Trimester #1)	Canmore, AB	SP,SP	Same Wax
January 7,8,9	IBU Cup & WYJCH Selection	Val Cartier, QC	SP, PU, SP	Same Wax

For registration information please see <http://www.biathloncanada.ca>

Note: Biathlon Canada is the sanctioning authority for Canadian participation in IBU-sanctioned international events beyond the North American Cup series and North American Championships. Athletes must obtain permission from Biathlon Canada for any planned participation in an IBU-organized event beyond those listed below. Contact the High Performance Director for more information.

SENIOR TOURS 2016 – 2017

Tour	Events	Starts	Fees
WC Tour #1 November 23- December 19, 2016	World Cups 1, 2, 3 Ostersund, SWE Pokljuka, SLO Nove Mesto, CZE	5 Male/4 Female	None
<p>Pre-selection: Rosanna Crawford, Julia Ransom Nathan Smith, Brendan Green, Scott Gow, Christian Gow, Macx Davies Selection: Selection for female positions 3 and 4 will be made as per the General Selection Method</p>			
IBU Cup Tour #1 December 1-18, 2016	IBU Cups 2,3 Ridnaun, ITA & Obertilliach, AUT	4 Male/4 Female	\$3500
<p>Pre-selection: Carsen Campbell Sarah Beaudry, Emma Lunder, Megan Tandy Selection: Available remaining positions will be filled according to the General Selection Method</p>			
WC Tour #2	World Cups 4, 5, 6 Oberhof, GER Ruhpolding, GER Antholz, ITA	5 Male/4 Female	None
<p>Selection: Male and female athletes will be selected in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greatest number of World Cup points earned in first trimester 2. Best single placing in a first trimester World Cup 3. General Selection Method for remaining positions 4. In the event that quota for WC #4 remains, up to two athletes per gender <i>MAY</i> be selected from IBU Cup Tour #1 based on the athletes' single best result. These athletes would continue on to IBU Cup Tour #2. <p>AMENDMENT: Matthew Hudec has been selected to WC#4 based on his single best result from IBU Tour #1.</p> <p>*Should the same athlete earn selection to positions 1 and 2, position 2 will be selected according to the General Selection Method.</p>			
IBU Cup Tour #2	IBU Cup 5, 6 & OECH Arber, GER Duszniki Zdroj, POL Brezno-Osrblie, SVK	4 Male/4 Female	\$5000
<p>Pre-selection: Athletes selected to WC #4. AMENDMENT: Matthew Hudec has been selected to IBU Cup Tour #2 based on his single best result from IBU Tour #1.</p>			

Selection: Remaining positions will be selected as per General Selection Method from the Trials event in Val Cartier, January 7,8, 2017. Qualifying athletes will depart to Europe direct from either QC or Montreal.

AMENDMENT: 1 Male IBU Cup position will be selected for IBU Cup #5, Arber, GER and a second male IBU Cup position will be selected for OECH and IBU Cup #6, Osrbliie, SVK.

Tour	Events	Starts	Fees
WCH & WC Tour #3	WCH Hochfilzen, AUT World Cups 7, 8, 9 Pyeongchang, KOR TBD Oslo, NOR*	WCH= 4 Male/4 Female WC=5 Male/4 Female	None

Selection: Athletes will be selected in the following order of priority:

1. Most WC points scored following WC #6
2. Second most WC points scored following WC #6
3. Single-best placing on WC following WC #6
4. General Selection Method

Should the same athlete earn selection to more than one position, the General Selection Method will be applied to the open (either 2 or 3) position (s).

-A fifth male and female athlete *may* be selected for the World Championships based on the General Selection Method.

*World Cup #9: The team for WC #9 *may* be reduced at the discretion of the HPWG

IBU Cup Tour #3	IBU Cups 7, 8 Kontiolahti, FIN Otepaa, EST	4 Male/4 Female	\$3500 \$4500*
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Selection:

-Two Senior Men and two Senior Women will be selected from in-season results from either the WC or IBU Cup tours

-Based on discretionary selection by the HPWG, two Junior Men and two Junior Women from WJCH may be offered starts in the Kontiolahti and Otepaa, IBU Cups. (* Junior athletes accepting Kontiolahti and Otepaa positions will have an additional \$1000 trip fee).

YOUTH/JUNIOR TOURS 2016-2017

Tour	Events	Starts	Fees
Jr. IBU Cup Tour December 2-19, 2016	Jr. IBU Cups #1,2 Lenzerheide, SUI & Hochfilzen, AUT	4 Male/4 Female	\$3500
Selection: Selection will be made by ranking the average performance percentage based on the two races at the WC, IBU Cup, Jr. IBU Cup trials November 9, 10, 2016. Should a Youth aged athlete try out, they will compete against Junior aged athletes			
World Youth Championships Tour February 15-March 2, 2017	World Youth Championships Brezno-Osrblie, SVK	4 Male/4 Female	\$3500 Trip A
Definition: As per IBU Event and Competition Rules, Youth eligible athletes are born in 1998-2001. (IBU Rules, Section 3.1.2) Selection: Selection will be made by ranking the average performance percentage based on the three races at Youth Selection Trials January 7-9, 2017. Athletes will race a common distance with Junior athletes but percentages will be based on their respective category. Trip A is comprised of pre-camp and WY Championships			
World Junior Championships Tour February 15-March 2 or March 13, 2017	World Junior Championships Brezno-Osrblie, SVK	3 Male/4 Female	\$3500 Trip A \$4500 Trip B
Definition: As per IBU Event and Competition Rules, Junior eligible athletes are born in 1996-1997. (IBU Rules, Section 3.1.2) Selection: Selection will be made by ranking the average performance percentage based on the three races at Junior Selection Trials January 7-9, 2017. Junior athletes will race a common distance with Youth athletes but percentages will be based on their respective category. AMENDMENT: Pearce Hanna is pre-selected to WJ Championships based on performance demonstrated on IBU Tour #1. Trip A is comprised of pre-camp and WJ Championships Trip B is comprised of pre-camp, WJ Championships and IBU Cup # 7, Kontiolahti, FIN and IBU Cup #8, Otepaa, EST (Two Junior Men and Two Junior Women <i>may</i> be nominated to Trip B)			