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MEMO

To: National Team Athletes

From: Andy Holmwood, General Manager

Re: **Change to Biathlon Canada Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) for the PyeongChang Olympic Games**

Date: 30 October 2017

This memo is to inform National Team athletes and stakeholders of amendments to Biathlon Canada's Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Games. The amendments are limited to the section entitled "Alternate Positions", appearing on page 9 of the document. **These amendments are important and may possibly affect participation at the Olympic Games.**

Winning medals at the highest levels of biathlon competition is clearly identified as a key objective in Biathlon Canada's mission and vision statements, as well as strategic documents. Changes to the INP will address this objective.

The amendments are two-fold:

- The first amendment reflects a factual correction; alternate athletes will now attend the Olympic Games.

Previously, the INP did not provide for their attendance at the Olympic Games.

- The second amendment **reflects Biathlon Canada's desire to allow for the use of alternate athletes in Relay events at the Olympic Games at the discretion of the High-Performance Working Group.**

Alternate athletes may now be considered for selection to participate in a Relay event as determined by the High-Performance Working Group. The reason for this change is to correct an error in the original document: It was and is Biathlon Canada's goal to field the most competitive teams possible in the Relay competitions; the flexibility to do so by racing either Selected or Alternate athletes supports this strategy.

The amended INP is attached to this message, and is also available at:

<http://biathloncanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Biathlon-Canada-INP-Amended-Oct-2017.pdf>

Amendments appear highlighted in yellow on page 9 of the document. The relevant section also appears below.

Biathlon Canada requests National Team athletes read carefully the amendments being made.

Any questions regarding these amendments to the INP should be sent in writing to the attention of aholmwood@biathloncanada.ca no later than November 15th.

Finally, athletes who may object to the amendments are reminded of Biathlon Canada's [Appeal Policy](#). Athletes should file appeals in a timely manner.

ALTERNATE POSITIONS

Biathlon Canada will nominate one alternate for each of the men's and women's OWG teams. Alternate athletes must fulfill either Priority One, Priority Two, or Priority Three criteria to be considered for nomination; otherwise, no alternate athletes will be named.

In individual competitions (SP, PU, IN, MS), alternate athletes will ~~travel to the OWG to~~ replace a nominated athlete only in situations of serious injury, sickness, a severe breach of the athlete contract, or any other unforeseen circumstance that may lead a nominated athlete to decline their position on the Olympic Biathlon Team or be removed from that team prior to the commencement of the Olympic competition program.

In Relay competitions (Men's, Women's, Mixed), teams may be comprised of both selected and alternate athletes. The composition of Relay teams will be at the discretion of the HPWG.

Substitutions after January 2, 2018 are subject to OWG PyeongChang 2018 / IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.