

2020 Youth Olympic Games Selection Criteria

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PREAMBLE

This document will lay out the process by which Biathlon Canada will select a team for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The High Performance Working Group (HPWG) will execute the 2020 YOG selection criteria. The HPWG is made up of the General Manager and a designated Board Member.

BIATHLON CANADA GOALS FOR THE YOG

- Top 6 result at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games.
- Field a full team and facilitate a positive competitive experience.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for 2020 Youth Olympic Games, in the 2019-2020 season, athletes must be in compliance with the following:

- The athlete must meet age and competency eligibility as defined by the IBU Event and Competition Rules section 1.4 and any other documentation provided by the IBU;
 - Youth Olympic Games age eligibility is year of birth (YOB) 2002-2003 (born between January 1, 2002 to Dec 31, 2003)
- The athlete must submit a signed 2018-19 Athlete Agreement before the start of the tour;
- The athlete must be registered with Biathlon Canada and be a participant in good standing;
- The athlete must be in compliance with Biathlon Canada's policies, procedures, and guidelines;
- The athlete must sign and submit COC athlete agreement and Lausanne 2020 Conditions of Participation Form;
- The athlete must have a valid Possession and Acquisition License (PAL);
- The athletes will be added to the National Athlete Pool for anti-doping and will be asked to complete an online anti-doping education course.
- The athlete must complete an online safe sport education module.
- The athlete must hold a valid Canadian passport with an expiry date no later than after August 1, 2020; and
- Athletes must be available for the entire YOG period (January 3-16, 2020).

2018-2019 TEAM POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Biathlon Canada will fill its quota of 3 male and 3 female athletes at the YOG.

YOG TEAM SELECTION

MALE	FEMALE
1. 1 st place (YOG/YWCH Trials)	1. 1 st place (YOG/YWCH Trials)
2. 2 nd place (YOG/YWCH Trials)	2. 2 nd place (YOG/YWCH Trials)
3. 3 rd place (YOG/YWCH Trials)	3. 3 rd place (YOG/YWCH Trials)

**Should an athlete decline selection, the HPWG may:

- Fill the position as a discretionary selection; or,
- Leave the position unfilled.

SELECTION METHOD: TRIAL RANKING:

- Athletes will be ranked using the competitor's **Performance Percentage** for each race by dividing the average of the top three finishers' final times by the final time of a particular athlete, truncated to two decimal points.
 - At selection events with one race, the competitor with the highest Performance Percentage will be ranked higher.
 - At selection events with two races, the two Performance Percentages will be averaged for ranking.
 - At selection events with three races, the best two out of three Performance Percentages will be averaged for ranking.
- If there is still a tie, Discretionary Selection will be used.
- YOG athletes must achieve an overall Performance Percentage of at least 85% in the trials period to be eligible for selection.
- **Please note:** In all cases, athlete behavior and compliance with Biathlon Canada's policies, procedures, and guidelines will be considered when making team selection decisions.

METHODS FOR TEAM SELECTION:

Two team selection methods may be used to select athletes to represent Canada at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games

1. **Selection Trials:** Selection trials will take place in Canmore, Alberta with races on November 30, December 1 and December 3, 2019.

2. **Discretionary Selection:** The YOG selection committee will make team selection decisions in consideration of any or all of the following:

- Current and historical results

- Demonstrated ability to meet Biathlon Canada’s objectives for the high-performance program. This includes potential to meet long-term objectives of Olympic, World Cup, or World Championship medals through 2026 and beyond.
- Fit with the appropriate competition level for the athlete’s long term development
- Strategic long-term athlete development
- Selection process impacted by illness, injury or force majeure
- Recent improvements in performance parameters, such as shooting performance or ski speed
- Recent decline in performance parameters, such as shooting performance or ski speed
- Ability to effectively contribute to a relay performance
- Athlete behavior and compliance to Biathlon Canada’s policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Should an athlete decline selection, the YOG selection committee may:
 - Fill the position as a discretionary selection; or,
 - Leave the position unfilled.

ATHLETE COMMUNICATION AND APPEALS

All team selections and the rationale used for selection will be formally communicated to all impacted athletes by the HPWG by December 6, 2019.

Cases of incorrect calculation, omission, or process should be brought to the attention of the GM immediately. If the selection remains in dispute, appeal of selection is subject to the Biathlon Canada [Dispute Resolution Policy](#) and [Appeal Policy](#). Appeals must be submitted by December 8, 2019.

B. POLICIES, PROCEDURES, FEES:

- The team must be finalized by December 10, 2019
- While on tour, the Head Coach is responsible for determining competition start order and composition of relay teams.
- 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 Overview (dates are approximate):

Depart Canada January 3

YOG: January 9-15

Return January 16th

Tour Fee: TBD