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## Team Selection Criteria for Junior Youth World Championships (JYWCH)

The updated sections of the National Team Program (NTP) specific to Junior Youth World Championships (JYWCH) can be found below.

**This document takes precedence over the published NTP for the Youth and Junior Tours section.** Note that the NTP will be updated early in January with these modifications.

While we are running this selection process, it is not yet confirmed if Biathlon Canada will offer this tour due to the COVID pandemic. An in-depth risk assessment will be conducted in the months and weeks leading up to departure.

**Selection Mechanism:** Except for pre-selected athletes, all team selection decisions will be discretionary.

An online Expression of Interest form will be open for applications from January 10, 2021 to January 30, 2021. We will ask applicants to include all relevant results related to the JYWCH Discretionary Selection principles below.

Biathlon Canada will host a webinar on JYWCH Team Selection on January 5, 2021 at 5pm MST. [Please register for the webinar here](#), all are welcome (athletes, parents, coaches etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact Roddy Ward ([rward@biathloncanada.ca](mailto:rward@biathloncanada.ca)).

Junior World Championships		February 22 – March 8	
Selection: Should there be no pre-selected athlete(s), positions will be filled in order of Trials Ranking except for Discretionary Selections.			
Men: 1. Pre-selection: Athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour 2. <b>JYWCH</b> Discretionary Selection(s) 3. <del>All remaining positions will be filled by Junior Trials Ranking</del>		Women: 1. Pre-selection: Athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour 2. <b>JYWCH</b> Discretionary Selection(s) 3. <del>All remaining positions will be filled by Junior Trials Ranking</del>	
Tour Logistics			
Event	Dates	Maximum Starts	Fees
JWCH – Obertilliach	Feb. 22 - Mar. 8	4 Male; 4 Female	\$4500

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IBU Cup 6 Ridnaun		March 8 – March 15	
Selection: <b>Team will be selected prior to departure for Junior Youth World Championships.</b>			
<b>Men:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-selection: Junior or Youth athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour</li> <li>2. <b>JYWCH Discretionary Selection (athletes selected for a JYWCH team are eligible)</b></li> </ol>		<b>Women:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-selection: Junior or Youth athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour</li> <li>2. <b>JYWCH Discretionary Selection (athletes selected for a JYWCH team are eligible)</b></li> </ol>	
Tour Logistics			
Event	Dates	Maximum Starts	Fees
IBU Cup 6 - Ridnaun	Mar. 8 - 15	5 Male; 4 Female	\$750

Youth World Championships Tour		February 22 – March 8	
Selection: Should there be no pre-selected athlete(s), positions will be filled in order of Trials Ranking except for Discretionary Selections.			
<b>UPDATE: Athletes year of birth 2002 are eligible.</b>			
<b>Men:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-selection: Athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour</li> <li>2. <b>JYWCH Discretionary Selection(s)</b></li> <li><del>3. All remaining positions will be filled by Youth Trials Ranking</del></li> </ol>		<b>Women:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-selection: Athletes who are selected and compete at World Cup Tour 2 or OECH Tour</li> <li>2. <b>JYWCH Discretionary Selection(s)</b></li> <li><del>3. All remaining positions will be filled by Youth Trials Ranking</del></li> </ol>	
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## JYWCH Discretionary Selection

JYWCH Discretionary Selection criteria is outlined below. Differences to the Discretionary Selection criteria in the NTP are highlighted in bold/red.

- Current results: **This includes local, regional, provincial, national, and international events; team time trials, in both biathlon and cross country skiing; and testing results (Festival 2020 ([Summer and Fall](#)) and [Winter National Team Test](#)).**
- Historical results: **International, NorAm, Biathlon Canada Trials, and/or Canadian Championship results from the 2019 and/or 2020 calendar year. 2020 team selections in both biathlon and cross country skiing.**
- 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 (this includes the inability to participate in an event/competition due to the COVID-19 illness and/or restrictions imposed due to the pandemic);
- 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;
- Competition field size and quality;
- Athlete behavior and compliance to [Biathlon Canada Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#).