



## Mechanism for Qualification to U20 and U24 Programs through Summer Festival

The mechanism for qualification to the U20 or U24 Program via Summer Festival 2021 can be found below. The High Performance Working Group (HPWG) will oversee this team selection process.

As a reminder, all tests must be declared to reinforce performance on demand. To clarify, the goal is not to do the test as many times as possible and take the best score from the week.

### Eligibility:

- Athletes born between 2002 and 2005 who take part in Summer Virtual Festival (July 5 – 12, 2021) who have not been named to a Biathlon Canada Development Program are eligible to qualify for the U20 Program based on Festival Results.
- Athletes born between 1997 and 2001 who take part in Summer Festival (July 5 – 12, 2021) who have not been named to a Biathlon Canada Development Program are eligible to qualify for the U24 Program based on Festival Results.
- Athletes must be a Member of Biathlon Canada in 2020-21 and 2021-22, in good standing.
- In all cases, the athlete must have applied for a position on the U20 or U24 Program through the [Expression of Interest period](#)\*

\*If the athlete objectively qualifies, as per the point system below, but did not apply during the Expression of Interest period, a conversation between Biathlon Canada, the athlete, and their coach will take place to determine if a position will be offered. Cases fitting this description will be considered as a Discretionary Selection by the HPWG.

*To clarify, no athletes can be selected to the Senior Development Program or Senior National Team via performance at Festival.*

### Mechanism:

For an athlete to qualify for the U20 or U24 Program, the athlete must be eligible and they **must achieve at least 82.5 points.**

Tests must be conducted as prescribed in Appendix A and a NCCP certified biathlon coach must sign off on results.

### Points:

Points will be scored as follows.

The average of participating Athlete Program Members will be taken within each event at Festival [*in this case, a "participating Athlete Program Member" refers to an athlete who was*



named to the U20 or U24 Program and has completed the given Festival event. For a roster of each Program, [please look here](#)].

If the individual athlete, who was not selected to the U20 and U24 Program, scores the average or above the average, they will receive the maximum number of points. If they do not, they will receive zero points.

To clarify, the average of all U20 Athlete Program Members will be taken. Any individual born between 2002 and 2005 not selected to this Program will be compared to this average as per the mechanism in each test outlined below (the same is true for the U24 Athlete Program Members and non-selected individuals born between 2001 and 1997).

- **3,000m run** - A score equal to or better than the average of the Program in question results in 65 points. An average Program score for U20 Men, U20 Women, U24 Men, U24 Women will be produced and athletes will be compared based on their age category and gender. A lower time is a better score.
- **National Team Shooting Test** - A score equal to or better than the average of the Program in question results in 17.5 points. An average score for U20 and U24 will be produced and athletes will be compared only by age category (not by gender). A higher number of points is a better score.
- **Precision Shooting Test** - A score equal to or better than the average of the Program in question results in 17.5 points. An average score for U20 and U24 will be produced and athletes will be compared only by age category (not by gender). A higher number of points is a better score.

*Points Example: Athlete, Female 2003 (U20)*

EXAMPLE	U20 Program Average (EXAMPLE)	Example Athlete Score (2003 female)	Points
<b>3,000m Run</b>	U20 Female: 12min 10sec U20 Male: 11min 30 sec	12min 05 seconds	65
<b>Precision Test</b>	U20: 440	412	0
<b>NTT</b>	U20: 380	372	0

In this example, the athlete **would not** qualify. They have 65 points and need a minimum of 82.5 points.



## Appendix A – Tests

### 600 Precision Rules:

Zero as you wish.

Test includes 3 bulls of prone and 3 bulls of standing, with 10 shots per bull.

Scoring: The Bullet itself must break the line to count as higher number (not the paper ripping). If an athlete uses more than 10 shots per bull the highest scoring shot(s) are subtracted.

### 3000m run:

Run this test on a track. Can be individual or group start.

\*If unable to run on a track, terrain must be flat.

### NTT:

See PDF given out with Testival emails. If you need a copy of this, please email Jacqueline at [jakerman@biathloncanada.ca](mailto:jakerman@biathloncanada.ca).