

N.W.T. Biathlon Association Information Bulletin
2012 Arctic Winter Games
Whitehorse, Yukon

Team Composition

Ski and Snowshoe Biathlon
8 Athletes and 2 Coaches for each team

Categories for each team

Jr Male -born 1994, 95 or 96
Jr Female -born 1994, 95 or 96
Juvenile Male -born 1997 or later
Juvenile Female -born 1997 or later

Membership and Registration

All participants; athletes, coaches and officials must be a member of the NWT Biathlon Association. All participants in the trials both regional and territorial must be registered with Sport North by the specified date(s).

Costs

[NWT Biathlon Association Membership](#) as per age category plus
Regional Trials: \$50.00 deadline October 21
Territorial Trials: \$100.00 deadline November 14
Arctic Winter Games: \$300.00

Regional Trials

Territorial Trials

Location: Hay River
Date: Dec. 8-10, 2011
Dec. 8: Athletes Arrive
Dec. 9: Training CampAM
PM Mini Race
Dec. 10: Individual Race start 12:00
Dec. 11: Sprint Race start 11:00
Team Selection
Athletes Depart

Coach Selection

2 –Ski Biathlon: 1 male and 1 female

2 –Snowshoe Biathlon: 1 male and 1 female

One Head Coach was pre-selected at the Association AGM Oct. 1, 2011. Chuck Lirett from Hay River.

Interest in the remaining three positions to be faxed to Pat Bobinski: Fax 867-874-2681 or Bruce Green by email: green@northwestel.net by Dec. 05, 2011. The application is to include information on the coaching experience and past affiliation.

Criteria considered will include applicants knowledge, shooting experience, snowshoe skills, waxing ability, ski skills and general coaching and competition experience and ability.

Consideration will be given to one and possibly two “less experienced” coaches to develop our coaching base.

Selection Committee to include Pat Bobinski -chair, pre-selected head coach and 1 director each from Hay River, Ft Smith, and Yellowknife. Selection to be done at the conclusion of the AWG Trials.

Athlete Selection

Selection Criteria:

- A. Aggregate results of the Sprint and Individual Race.
If the weather allows for only one race, the results of the one race will be the basis for the team selection. If the weather is too cold, air rifles indoors may be used.
- B. Attitude and Commitment
- C. Race Distance: AWG race distances to be used; may be shortened by jury, conditions dependent.
- D. Events: Individual and Sprint
- E. Firearms familiarity –anyone not being able to demonstrate total competence in the safe handling of firearms will not be allowed to participate in the trials.
- F. Any athlete not dressed to promote personal safety with regard to climatic conditions will be removed from the race.
- G. Equipment: Provision of all equipment e.g. snowshoe/skiing gear, firearms, ammo, etc. are the responsibility of the individual athlete. A limited number of target rifles may be available.
- H. Pre-selection of Athlete: Athletes who have demonstrated a clear ability in the sport of biathlon through previous race participation, i.e. nationals, polar cups, Alberta races, club races, may be pre-selected to the team if such athlete has a temporary injury or illness and participation in the trials will be detrimental to the athletes welfare. Such pre-selections will be clearly published prior to the commencement of the trials.
- I. Selection Committee: Chair: Doug Swallow, Preselected coach- Chuck Lirette, Fort Smith- Don True, Yellowknife- Ted Kimmins
- J. Appeals Committee: Chair-Pat Bobinski, Fort Smith – Patti-Kay Hamilton, Yellowknife- Paul Green, Hay River-Theresa Swallow (Officials).

- K. Other Conditions:** All athletes attending the AWG Territorial Trials must be accompanied by a **responsible** adult. Any athlete not so accompanied will be denied participation in the trials.

Unfilled positions:

Any unfilled position at trials may be filled by unsuccessful X/C skiing, snowshoeing, snowshoe biathlon or ski biathlon territorial trial participants. Evaluation of such athletes to be done by the team selection committee. Such athletes to pay one territorial trial registration only.

The Appeal Process

- **Appeals Committee**

- o The Appeals Committee will be composed of the Head Official and one board member of the Host Community Coordinator. No member of the Appeals Committee shall be related to an eligible Arctic Winter Games athlete.

- **The Appeal Process**

- o If within 48 hours of team selection, the athlete believes there are grounds for appeal, the athlete must submit to Sport North orally, followed within two (2) days by a written formal (e-mail or fax) appeal, clearly stating the reasons for appeal.

- o There is only one ground for appeal of team selection, that being: The selection was not made according to the 2012 Arctic Winter Games Athlete Selection Criteria.

- o The following process will take place:

- First – The Appeals Committee will convene a meeting either in person or by conference call within three (3) days of written notification of an appeal. All information relating to the appeal should be made available to all concerned.

- Second – The appellant and his/her representative will appeal to the Appeals Committee.

- Third – The Appeals Committee only will convene to review all the evidence and make one of the following decisions.

o Grant the appeal and name the athlete immediately to the team replacing the last ranked athlete on the team or an athlete who has been found not to have met the selection cut and/or requirements or:

o Reject the appeal.

• Fourth – The decision will be delivered immediately in verbal form, followed by a written report. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.

Other Conditions:

Successful athletes at the trials must commit to the AWG Team at the conclusion on the trials.

The trials to be run concurrently with the NWT Championships and Polar Cup.

Ratified at the NWT Biathlon Association AGM Oct.1 2011.

Pat Bobinski

President, NWT Biathlon Association