

## **Canada Winter Games 2023 P.E.I. – Selection Criteria**

- 1) Athletes must be members of Biathlon Saskatchewan.
- 2) Athletes must be born in the years - **2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007**  
\*\*\*note\*\*\* younger athletes will be allowed to vie for selection to the team
- 3) Athletes must announce their intentions of trying out for the team and sign an athlete agreement to this effect.
- 4) Athletes must be on a year-round training program that is approved and monitored by the provincial coaching staff.
- 5) Selection Races  
Athletes meeting this criteria above will be eligible to compete in Selection Races.

There will be six selection races, weather permitting. In each race, the athlete's total points will be calculated based on a percentage of the average of the top three finishers.

### **2021/2022 Choose Best Race of Two - Value 5%**

Two qualifying races will be designated as qualifying races held in Feb or March of 2022.

\*\*\*note\*\*\* these two races will use reduced distances - athletes may be asked to carry rifles while skiing. Individual (1 min penalties) and Sprint

### **2022/2023 Choose Best Three Races of Four - Value 95%**

(if races are cancelled best 2 of 3, or best 1 of 2)

Two will be held at Blue Mountain or QVN Dec 2022.  
Mass Start, Sprint

Two will be held at a site to be determined (Canmore Blue Mountain, Regina, QVN) mid-Dec – early January 2023 Mass Start, Sprint

Ultimately, the selection of the team is the responsibility of the High Performance Committee with the team to be ratified by the executive board of Biathlon Saskatchewan and announced before Jan 7, 2023.

6. At the end of the 2021-22 season, the high performance committee, may preselect up to two athletes to the team. This decision will be made by May 30 2022.
7. Leading up to the Canada Winter Games, any athlete that qualifies for the World Junior Team or World Youth Team will automatically qualify provided there is no conflict in the dates of these two events.
8. Any athlete who in the 2021/2022 season finishes in the top eight (overall final ranking at trials) at World Youth or Junior trials will be preselected. At the discretion of the High Performance Committee, this policy may also be applied to the 2022/2023 trials depending on dates.
9. The fifth placed athlete will be the alternate.
10. An athlete protest procedure consists of an appeals committee set up by the executive that contains at least two people not on the executive the President of Biathlon Saskatchewan, and the head of the HP Committee. All appeals must be initiated by the athlete before Jan 4, 2023, made to the head of the High Performance Committee.
11. **Weather Consideration**  
In the event of a severe weather “situation” that would make travel dangerous or races too cold, the High Performance Committee may decide to cancel races.
12. **Injury Sickness Provision**  
In the unfortunate case where an athlete is injured or ill, preventing them from racing, no special considerations will be made although athletes do have a race that could be “dropped” only counting 3 of 4 Races.
13. Athletes must have a Minors Permit or Possession License and Valid Passport.
14. **Team Selection / Medical Replacement**  
The Saskatchewan Sport Medicine policy explains what occurs in the event an athlete becomes injured after being selected to the team.

