



BIATHLON SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA BIATHLETE EARNS A SPOT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

(Canmore, Alberta) Regina Biathlete, Logan Pletz, skate-skied and shot his way onto Team Canada's National Team at trials races held recently in Canmore. Pletz will be competing with Canada's Senior National team on the International Biathlon Union (IBU) Tour through Slovakia, Germany and the Czech Republic from January 8 – February 5. He will then travel to the 2002 Olympic venue in Soldier Hollow, Utah as one of Canada's top Junior biathletes for the World Junior Biathlon Championships February 23 – March 2.

Currently, Pletz is training full time at the Whistler Nordic Development Centre with other promising Canadian biathlete hopefuls and is looking forward to racing internationally again. Previously, Pletz competed as a member of Team Canada's Youth and Junior teams at the World Championships in 2019 and 2021.

Pletz is fully committed to the sport of biathlon which combines high intensity cross country skiing interspersed with bouts of precision target shooting and is known for his accuracy on the shooting range. Says Pletz, "It's been a challenging few years managing Covid restrictions and having races cancelled, but I'm very excited to get back to Europe to show the work I've put in this year."

Biathlon Saskatchewan head coach Doug Sylvester of North Battleford comments that Pletz's success has been due to his determination and commitment to excellence that began with podium finishes at Saskatchewan Winter Games at 12 years old, Gold at Canada Winter Games in 2019 and being chosen to represent Canada at international competitions over the last few years. Pletz's ultimate goal is to represent Canada at the 2026 Olympics in Italy.

Fellow Saskatchewan athlete, Michio Green of LaRonge, also qualified to compete internationally for the 2021 World University Games in Switzerland, but the Games were cancelled due to Covid. Green is naturally disappointed, but plans to persevere in the true spirit of any Northerner.

If you are interested in catching any of Pletz's Junior World Championship races, they will be broadcast live starting Feb 23 at biathlonworld.com. Results from the current IBU tour can also be found at biathlonworld.com or on the IBU App.

