2027 Canada Winter Games – Team BC Selection Criteria

Selection Committee

Athletes will be selected by the Canada Winter Games Selection Committee, consisting of:

- Athlete Development Committee
- Biathlon BC Development Squad Head Coach
- Biathlon BC Talent Squad Coach
- One-Two (1-2) Biathlon BC Board Member
- Biathlon BC General Manager

The committee consists of six (6) voting members.

Athlete Eligibility

Athletes must:

- Be born between 2008 and 2011 (inclusive)
- Be registered with Biathlon BC
- Hold a current Biathlon Canada/IBU membership
- Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the 2027 Canada Games Technical Package (Section 4.1)
- Meeting all eligibility requirements outlined in the Canada Winter Games Eligibility Policy (Section 6.3)

Team Selection

The objective of this Selection Criteria is to select the athletes most capable of achieving the best possible performance for Team BC at the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Biathlon BC will select four (4) male athletes and four (4) female athletes.

Selection will occur as follows:

Automatic Selection

The top three (3) ranked athletes in each gender will be selected using the Competition Percentage Ranking List.

Discretionary Selection

The fourth athlete in each gender will be selected by the Selection Committee using the discretionary criteria outlined below. The athlete selected is not required to be the fourth-ranked athlete on the Competition Percentage Ranking List.

Example:

Team Position	Selection Method
Position 1	Highest-ranked athlete on the Competition Percentage Ranking List
Position 2	Second-highest ranked athlete on the Competition Percentage Ranking List
Position 3	Third-highest ranked athlete on the Competition Percentage Ranking List
Position 4	Selected by the Selection Committee using the discretionary criteria

Competition Percentage Ranking List

The ranking list will be created using the Competition Percentage Method.

The following competitions will be used:

- BC Cup #1 – December 5–6, 2026
- BC Cup #2 – January 9–10, 2027

All four races will be included in the ranking list.

If fewer than four races are completed:

- 3 races held → best 3 of 3 used
- 2 races held → best 2 of 2 used
- 1 race held → best 1 of 1 used

Only results from Youth Men and Youth Women competitions will be used.

Only athletes eligible for Team BC's 2027 Canada Winter Games team will be included when calculating Competition Percentages.

Each athlete's final ranking score will be the average of their Competition Percentages from all completed ranking races.

The Competition Percentage Ranking List will be published following BC Cup #1 and updated following BC Cup #2. The final ranking list following BC Cup #2 will be used for automatic selection.

Discretionary Selection

The Selection Committee may consider one or more of the following factors when making its discretionary selection.

a) Injury or Illness

The committee may consider athletes whose performance or participation was affected by injury or illness.

To be considered:

- an Injury or Illness Appeal must be submitted no later than **10:00 PM PT on Sunday, January 10, 2027**
- medical documentation from a licensed physician or regulated health professional must accompany the appeal.
- Medical documentation of a return to competition plan, signed off by a licensed physician or regulated health professional, showing the athlete will be healthy and able to perform at Canada Winter Games.

b) Extraordinary Circumstances

The committee may consider athletes unable to compete due to extraordinary circumstances beyond their control, including severe weather or travel disruption.

To be considered:

- an Extraordinary Circumstances Appeal must be submitted by **10:00 PM PT on Sunday, January 10, 2027**
- supporting documentation demonstrating that attendance was genuinely unavoidable, and that all reasonable attempts to attend were made must be provided.

c) Exceptional Competitive Performance

The committee may consider athletes who demonstrated exceptional performances during the 2026–27 season that are not fully reflected in the ranking list. The purpose of this criterion is to recognize performances that demonstrate an athlete's current competitive ability but are not fully captured by the Competition Percentage Ranking List.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- participation on a Biathlon Canada National Tour
- participation in IBU Cup or Junior Cup competitions
- outstanding results at major sanctioned competitions

The committee will evaluate the quality, competitiveness, and relevance of these performances.

Competition Percentage Method

Competition Percentages compare athlete performances across competitions by measuring an athlete's finish time relative to the top performers.

For each competition:

- The average finish time of the top three (3) finishers is calculated.
- An athlete's Competition Percentage is then calculated as:

Competition Percentage = (Average of Top Three Finish Times ÷ Athlete Finish Time) × 100

Higher Competition Percentages indicate stronger performances.

For Pursuit competitions, Competition Percentages will be calculated using normalized ski times (actual ski time) rather than official finish times.

Example

First place: 22:01

Second place: 22:47

Third place: 22:50

Athlete A: 23:56

Average of top three:

(22:01 + 22:47 + 22:50) ÷ 3 = 22:32.7

Competition Percentage:

22:32.7 ÷ 23:56 × 100 = **94.19%**

Tie-Breaking

If two or more athletes finish with identical Competition Percentages, ties will be broken in the following order:

1. Highest single Competition Percentage
2. Highest average Competition Percentage at BC Cup #2
3. Head-to-head result in the most recent competition
4. Decision of the Selection Committee

Cancellation or Force Majeure

If BC Cup #1 and BC Cup #2 cannot be conducted as scheduled, Biathlon BC will make every reasonable effort to relocate or reschedule the competitions.

If replacement competitions cannot be held, the Selection Committee will select the team based on a comprehensive review of athlete performances during the 2025–26 and 2026–27 seasons.

Greater weight will be given to performances from the 2026–27 season, as these are considered the strongest indicator of current competitive ability.

Wax Protocol

Biathlon BC will implement a common wax protocol for all Youth Men and Youth Women competitors at BC Cup #1 and BC Cup #2.

Athletes must submit skis no later than **3:00 PM** on the day prior to each race.

- Friday — for Saturday competition
- Saturday — for Sunday competition

Skis will be available for pickup **30 minutes prior to each race.**

Following completion of the wax protocol, athletes and coaches may not apply additional wax, brushing, polishing, or structure modifications.

Failure to comply will result in removal from the Competition Percentage Ranking List for that race

Final Authority

Biathlon BC reserves the right to amend these Selection Criteria where necessary due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to:

- weather
- event cancellation
- venue availability
- public health requirements

- Canada Games Council or Biathlon Canada rule changes

Any amendments will be communicated to athletes and clubs as soon as reasonably practicable.

Appeals

Appeals of the Selection Committee's decisions may only be made in accordance with the Biathlon BC Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy. Appeals are limited to whether these Selection Criteria were properly interpreted and applied and may not be based solely on disagreement with the Selection Committee's exercise of discretion.

Team Announcement

The Selection Committee will finalize selections on or before **January 20, 2027.**

Selected athletes will be contacted once selections have been ratified.

The complete Team BC roster will be publicly announced after **January 22, 2027.**