



Canada Winter Games 2023 Selection Trials

Charlo, NB, 17/18 December 2022 and Miramichi NB, 30/31 December 2022

INVITATION AND INSTRUCTION

1. INTRODUCTION

This Invitation/Instruction must be read in conjunction with the Biathlon NB Talent ID and Team Selection Procedures document which has been approved by the Biathlon NB AGM 2021 and the 2023 Canada Winter Games Biathlon Technical Package. The two documents are attached separately.

In order to be able to field the best possible Biathlon NB Team for the biathlon competitions at the CWG 2023 being held in Brookvale, PEI during 18 February to 5 March 2023 with Biathlon being Week 1 of the Games, 18-26 February, selection trials will be held to select the best athletes by performance in a series of four competitions.

2. PARTICIPATION, REGISTRATION AND DRAWS

All Biathlon NB athletes in good standing who meet all of the eligibility of the Biathlon NB Talent ID and Team Selection Procedures and the Technical Package, with the primary requirement off having been born in the years 2003-2007, and who want to try for a position on the Biathlon NB CWG 2023 Team are invited to participate. **Registration is via [Zone 4](#) under Biathlon NB Canada Winter Games Trials and opens on 30 November and closes on 12 December 2022.** The draws for each competition will be conducted by the Organizing Committee after the Zone 4 registrations close.

3. TRIALS CONDUCT PLAN

There will be two trial events, Trial #1 Charlo NB (17/18 December 2022), Trial #2 Miramichi NB (30/31 December 2022). Each Trial will consist of two competitions, Sprint and Individual with Youth Men and Youth Women distances and shooting. The Penalty Loop will be in use for the Sprints and 45 second shot penalty for each miss for the Individuals. A briefing, bib issue and equipment check will be conducted prior to each competition at 0830 hrs. Event schedules are as follows, with ski and shoot specifications. Please note that we are currently working on a backup plan in the event the Miramichi venue does not have enough snow for Trial #2 (venue change to Charlo). Will make that decision closer to those dates:

TRIAL #1 (Charlo)

Fri, 16 December 2022

1200 – 1500: Official Training (both classes)

Sat, 17 December 2022 (both classes)

0900 – 0945: Zeroing for Sprint Competitions

1000: Sprint Competitions: (Male 7.5 km, 3 x 2.5 km, P, S - Female 6.0 km, 3 x 2.0 km, P, S)

Sunday, 18 December 2022 (both classes)

0900 – 0945: Zeroing for Individual Competitions

1000: Individual Competitions (Male 12.5 km, 5 x 2.5 km, P,S,P,S – Female 10 km, 5 x 2.0 km, P,S,P,S)

TRIAL # 2 (Miramichi)

Thru, 29 December 2022 (both classes)

1200 – 1500: Official Training (both classes)

Fri, 30 December 2022 (both classes)

0900 – 0945: Zeroing for Sprint Competitions

1000: Sprint Competitions: (Male 7.5 km, 3 x 2.5 km, P, S - Female 6.0 km, 3 x 2.0 km, P, S)

Sun, 31 December 2022 (both classes)

0900 – 0945: Zeroing for Individual Competitions

1000: Individual Competitions: (Male 12.5 km, 5 x 2.5 km, P,S,P,S – Female 10 km, 5 x 2.0 km, P,S,P,S)

4. SELECTION TRIAL SCORING SYSTEM

Although the scoring system is set out in the Biathlon NB Talent ID and Team Selection Procedures, it is helpful to also include it here. The eight Team members and two reserves will be selected based on the best aggregate performance in the best two of the four competitions. The best performance is defined as the lowest sum of the athletes' two rankings in the selected two competitions. The four male athletes with the lowest sum of two placings will be selected for the Youth Men's Team and the four female athletes with the lowest sum of two placings will be selected for the Youth Women's Team. The reserve for each gender will be the next lowest sum after the selected team members. An example of the scoring is, second and fourth places will be the sum six and two second places will be the sum four. Ties will be resolved in the first case by comparing the percentages of time behind the winner (100%) with the higher percentage being the better. If a tie remains the Selection Committee will make the discretionary decision based on objective and comparative historical performance data from competitions and testing.

5. FINANCES, ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

5.1. Event Fee

Each participating athlete must pay a \$50 event fee for each Trial (\$100 total) on Zone 4. The fee will help cover the training facility costs, coaching support, ammunition, and waxing.

5.2. Biathlon Canada and Division Membership

All participants at the camp must be Registered Participants of Biathlon Canada through their Divisions for the year 2022/2023.

5.3. Travel and Accommodation

Travel of individuals and club groups to and from the Trials and the accommodations are the responsibility of the clubs and individuals.

5.4. Meals

All meals will be the responsibility of the participants.

5.5. Equipment, Necessities, Waxing and Ammunition

Athletes are expected to bring the following general categories of equipment for use:

- skis and associated items
- rifles and associated equipment
- appropriate clothing for the conditions, with enough changes
- sleeping bag and pad, toiletries, towel (for out-of-town people) as required
- food supplies as needed

All waxing will be done by Biathlon NB and ammunition supplied by Biathlon NB must be used by all participants.

6. COMMUNICATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, HEALTH AND SAFETY

6.1. Communications

Emergency communications through cell phones: Yves St. Germain 506-625-4459, Paula Cavanaugh 506-623-8118, Trent Martin 506-623-9161.

6.2. Organizing/Competition Committee Appointments

Charlo

Competition Chief– Kevin Savoy

Chief of Range– Michel Cotton

Chief of Course – Allain Caron

Chief of Stadium – Isaac Breau

Chief of Timing – Marc Leclair

Miramichi

Competition Chief – Norm Brown

Chief of Range – Robyn Sulis

Chief of Course – Gilles Chiasson

Chief of Stadium – TBD

Chief of Timing – Edouard Daigle

6.3 Juries

6.3.1. Competition Jury

The Competition Committee Coordinators will act as the Competition Jury, chaired by the Competition Coordinator.

6.3.2. Jury of Appeal

The Board of Biathlon NB will act as the event Jury of Appeal

6.4. Potential Health Issues

Athlete health issues about which the Organizers should be aware are to be reported to me not later than 12 December 2022 Yves St. Germain yvesg179@gmail.com. (506-625-4459)

6.5. Safety

Safety will be of the utmost priority during the camp. All participants are to be extremely alert at all times for unsafe situations and to be vigilantly proactive about prevention of accidents of any kind. Coaches are to ensure that all required safety rules, procedures and practices are used for every activity, and that all laws and IBU, Biathlon Canada and Biathlon NB regulations are respected, particularly for shooting.

7. TRIAL RESERVE DATES

If one of the Trials or one or two competitions cannot be held due to weather or other reasons, they will be held in conjunction with the AC #1/NBCH being conducted during 14/15 January 2023.

Yves St-Germain

Yves St-Germain
President, Biathlon NB
25 November

ATTACHMENTS (as separate documents):

- A. Biathlon NB CWG 2023 Talent ID and Selection Procedures
- B. 2023 CWG Biathlon Technical Package