

BIATHLON TECHNICAL PACKAGE

BATHURST-CAMPBELLTON 2003 CANADA WINTER GAMES

Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the organizing committees by detailing tournament formats and scoring procedures, assist Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coaching certification by stating minimum requirements and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each NSO's version of prospective high performance athletes.

Every Games coach, manager, Sport Chairperson, Mission staff and senior technical official has an obligation to read and understand every aspect of the Technical Package. Failure to do so could cost an athlete his or her eligibility for the Games or could affect final standings or the conduct of the competition. If someone does not understand an aspect of a Technical Package, he or she is to seek clarification from the Sport Committee of the Canada Games Council through his or her Chef de Mission or National Sport Organization.

Technical Packages are developed primarily by National Sport Organizations, following principles, guidelines and requirements of the Canada Games Council. As the overall governing body of the Games, the Council has the ultimate authority for Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the NSO concerned.

If an individual wishes to initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the desired change should be first directed to the National Sport Organization or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef will evaluate the merits of the change and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change to the Sport Committee of the Canada Games Council. The NSO or Chef will submit the rationale for the change. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after three years prior to the Games. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games. Minor corrections will be considered at almost anytime, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package early.

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1. SPORT: BIATHLON

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1 Competitors: 4 Male, 4 Female

2.2 Staff: 1 Manager and 2 Coaches; One of the coaches must be a female

3. YEAR OF BIRTH: Born 1983 -1987 inclusive.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1 Coaches:

Any staff listed as coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program to at least Level 3 in Biathlon. These coaches must be so certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (i.e. by November 23, 2002).

4.2 Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- a) Athletes that have held A, B, C or Senior cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- b) Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Biathlon Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time;
- c) Athletes that have competed for any nation at any senior Pan American Games, Olympic Games or senior World Championships.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become

National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after November 23, 2002).

5. COMPETITIONS:

International Biathlon Union (IBU) Event and Competition Rules in force at the time of the Games in question will be used for all competitions, including the changes normally made by the International Biathlon Union the summer prior to the Games (subject to review by Biathlon Canada), except those points which are specifically modified by this Technical Package.

Junior Men: 15 km Individual
 10 km Sprint
 12.5 km Pursuit
 3 x 7.5 km Relay

Junior Women: 12.5km Individual
 7.5km Sprint
 10 km Pursuit
 3 x 6 km Relay

Four Junior Men and four Junior Women members compete in each of the personal (Individual, Sprint and Pursuit) competitions, which are held separately for both genders. Three members compete in the Relay competitions, which are held separately for both genders

6. SPORT SCORING

6.1. Individual, Sprint and Pursuit Competitions (Personal)

The winner in each competition will be the competitor with the best competition time in that competition.

The total number of competitors starting in the competition will establish the point grid.

The first place competitor will receive a total of points equal to the number of competitors in the competition. The second place competitor will receive a total of points consisting of one point per competitor minus one (i.e. 36 competitors = 36 points for the 1st place, 35 points for second, etc.). **If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between competitors (i.e. If tied for first then each competitor would receive 35.5 points (36+35)/2).** If an athlete does not finish or is disqualified, the athlete does not receive any points.

6.2. Relay Competitions

The winning teams for Junior Men and Junior Women will receive 130 points. The second placed teams will receive 130 points minus 10 = 120. The third placed teams will receive 130 points minus 20 = 110, etc. If a relay team does not finish or is disqualified, that team does not receive any points.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

7.1. Individual, Sprint and Pursuit Competitions (Personal)

The province's/territory's three best times will count towards the provincial/territorial ranking point total.

7.2. Relay Competitions:

Relay competitions points will be added to individual points to establish provincial/territorial ranking. The scoring point for the Relay competitions will be established as follows:

130 points for the first team
120 points for the second team
110 points for the third team
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10 points for last team (13 teams)

7.3. Points for the Games Flag:

Individual (3 best), Sprint (3 best), Pursuit (3 best) and Relay points will be added together to give an overall rank of teams within Biathlon. Following ranking of teams from first to last, points for the Games Flag will be as follows. Junior Men and Junior Women will be ranked separately.

1st place -	10 points	6th place -	5 points	11th place -	1.5 points
2nd place -	9 points	7th place -	4 points	12th place -	1 point
3rd place -	8 points	8th place -	3 points	13 th place -	0.5 point
4th place -	7 points	9th place -	2 points		
5th place -	6 points	10th place -	2 points		

8. TIE BREAKING RULE FOR COMPETITIONS

In all competitions, if two or more competitors, or Relay teams have the same time, they shall have the same placing on the final list and the next place will be skipped. If titles or medals are to be distributed, all those tied shall receive the same title and/or medal.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING - TIE BREAKING

1. If a tie occurs in the final provincial/territorial team standing, the province/territory with the greater number of event team first places will be assigned the higher rank.
2. If the tie persists, the procedure is repeated for event team second places.
3. If necessary, the procedure is repeated for event team, third place, then fourth places, etc.
4. If the tie persists, the province/territory with the higher standing in the last event completed will be assigned the higher rank.
5. If necessary, the procedure will be repeated for the second place last event completed and the third last, etc.

NOTE: When a triple tie occurs and is only partially resolved, the remaining ties will be resolved by returning to priority #1 and proceeding through the order again.

10. MEDALS:

GOLD: 12 (one for each personal and six for Relay teams).
SILVER: 12 (one for each personal and six for Relay teams).
BRONZE: 12 (one for each personal and six for Relay teams).

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

Competitive uniform colours are optional. Provincial/ Territorial colours must be worn for medal ceremonies.

12. APPENDICES

Appendices 1, 2 and 3 form an integral part of this technical package.

APPENDIX 1

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Competitors must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Technical Package.
2. The Canada Games are open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants.
3. The Games are open to amateur athletes who are members in good standing of their national sport organization through their provincial/territorial sport organization.
4. An athlete's permanent domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least the 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within the recognized boundaries of the province or territory they are representing. An athlete can have only one domicile.
5. Students attending school on a full-time basis outside their province of permanent residence during the year of the Games shall be permitted to compete for either their province of permanent residence or the province in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the province where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the 2002-03 academic year.
6. If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside his or her province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent his or her province of permanent residence; however, the athlete could represent the province where the centre is located under the terms of paragraph (7), below.
7. Exceptions to the domicile requirement will be possible if the athlete can demonstrate a commitment to the province or territory she or he wishes to represent by such means as having been a member of a club or provincial sport organization in that province for the entire previous competitive season, having represented that province or territory at a previous national or regional championship or having attended school full-time the previous academic year or a recognized national training centre full-time during the previous 12 months. Other similar circumstances may be considered.
8. An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory per Games.
9. The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by these rules and by the Technical Package shall be determined by the Sport Committee of the Council. **Coaches and PSOs must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chefs de Mission and their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee.**
10. Where a team/province/Chef wishes to challenge the eligibility of an athlete on another provincial/ territorial team, it is expected that such a challenge will be made as soon as the

protesting team knows that an athlete may be ineligible. Every effort must be made to ensure that protests on eligibility are lodged before an athlete competes.

OTHER RELATED REGULATIONS

1. All teams are reminded of the Canada Games Council's regulations concerning advertising on uniforms: only the uniform manufacturer's name or trade mark logo may be worn on team competition uniforms to a *maximum size of 60 square centimetres*.
2. The only coaching permitted is by those accredited coaches identified in the Technical Package. Personal coaches of athletes or additional coaches of any type will not receive accreditation and will not have access to competition or training areas.
3. Canada Games rules do not allow team staff to practice as therapists, physicians or other medical or paramedical practitioners. The Host Society (organizing committee) is responsible for providing high quality medical care at a central clinic at the Athletes' Village and at competition and training venues. The Canada Games Council assists the Host Society by providing additional medical practitioners to ensure that French and English speaking and male and female persons are available, to ensure that sport specific medical expertise is available and to ensure that all regions of Canada are represented. Team staff will not be permitted to administer medical care to athletes.

APPENDIX 2

Canada Winter Games BIATHLON PROTEST AND APPEAL SYSTEM

1. GENERAL

The Canada Winter Games has a requirement for the resolution and finalization of protests before the end of the Games in question. To that end, the Biathlon protest and appeal system is designed to achieve "event closure" as well as adhering to universally accepted principles of justice and fairness. In general and in principle, the structure and procedures for the Biathlon protest and appeal system for the Games follow those of the International Biathlon Union (IBU) and Biathlon Canada, as applicable and with a number of noted exceptions.

2. PROTESTS

Biathlon protests at the Games shall be made and processed in accordance with the in-force IBU Event and Competition Rules, with no exceptions. In summary, protests about anything for the competition in question must be submitted, in writing with the required fee of \$100, to the Competition Secretary (for the Chairperson of the Competition Jury) not later than **15 minutes after posting of the Interim Results**.

3. APPEALS

Appeals about decisions of the Competition Juries may be made, however, an appeal should be a very rare and extraordinary occurrence. Disliking a decision of a Competition Jury is not grounds for an appeal. In summary, appeals must be submitted, in writing and with the required fee of \$150, to the Competition Secretary (for the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal) not later than **one hour after the publication of the Final Results** for the competition in question.

4. THE JURIES

Two types of bodies are established for the Games to deal with protests and appeals: the Competition Jury (protests, penalties, time adjustments) and the Jury of Appeal (appeals). The Juries are established at the beginning of the team captains meeting preceding the first day of Official Training, with the Jury of Appeal being established first.

4.1. The Competition Juries

The Competition Juries for Junior Men and for Junior Women are responsible for all aspects of the event and competition, and are the only bodies which may impose penalties and decide on protests. The Competition Juries shall be established and structured, and shall operate, in accordance with the in-force IBU Event and Competition Rules (including Annex B), with no exceptions.

4.2. The Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal shall operate in accordance with the principles of the in-force IBU Disciplinary Rules and has no powers except to consider appeals presented to it by participating teams about decisions of the Competition Juries, and to decide to uphold or to reject the appeals. The Jury of Appeal must finalize its decisions about submitted appeals as soon as possible and at latest by 21:00 hrs (**exception**) of that day. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal cannot be appealed. One Jury of Appeal shall be established for the duration of the Games.

4.2.1. Structure

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of a Chairperson and four Members who are selected as follows (**exception**):

Chairperson: appointed by the Biathlon Canada Executive for the Games in question;

Members: Biathlon Sport Chairperson for the Games in question and three Team Managers or Coaches elected by the team captains meeting .

4.2.2. Other Exceptions

As an exception to the IBU Disciplinary Rules, the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal may only vote on a decision when there is a tied vote from the Members. Also as an exception, the Chairperson or Members of the Jury of Appeal shall **not** be considered prejudiced or in conflict of interest based on provincial/territorial or team relationship.

APPENDIX 3
BIATHLON PROGRAM - CANADA WINTER GAMES 2003

SAT:		Teams arrive, Unofficial Training, Biathlon Canada group arrives
	1900	Team Captains Meeting, Election of Juries, Information Preliminary Equipment Check after meeting
SUN	0900-1200	Official Training - Junior Men
	1230	Opening Ceremony at stadium
	1200-1500	Official Training - Junior Women
	1600	Team Captains Meeting - draws for Individual competitions
MON	0900-0945	Zeroing - Junior Men
	1000	Junior Men's 15 km Individual Competition Medals Presentations after competition, at stadium
	1200-1245	Zeroing - Junior Women
	1300	Junior Women's 12.5 km Individual Competition Medals Presentations after competition, at stadium
	1600	Team Captains Meeting - draws for Sprints
TUE	0900-0945	Zeroing - Junior Men
	1000	Junior Men's 10 km Sprint Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
	1200-1245	Zeroing - Junior Women
	1300	Junior Women's 7.5 km Sprint Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
WED	0900-1200	Official Training - Junior Men
	1200-1500	Official Training - Junior Women
THU	0900-0945	Zeroing - Junior Men
	1000	Junior Men's 12.5 km Pursuit Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
	1200-1245	Zeroing - Junior Women
	1300	Junior Women's 10 km Pursuit Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
	1600	Team Captains Meeting - Draws for Relays
FRI	0900-0945	Zeroing - Junior Men
	1000	Junior Men's 3 X 7.5 km Relay Competition Medals Presentations after competition, at stadium
	1200-1245	Zeroing - Junior Women
	1300	Junior Women's 3 X 7.5 km Relay Competition

Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium

SAT

Canada Winter Games Closing Ceremony, Departures