



2019 Canada Winter Games Biathlon Technical Package



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 National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "training to compete" phase of its Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD), or other suitable phase of the model as justified by the NSO, discussed with the LTAD expert group, and approved by the Canada Games Council (CGC) Sport Committee.

Every Games' coach, manager, Sport Chairperson and Mission staff 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 CGC Sport Committee through his or her Chef de Mission or NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to Games primarily by NSOs, following principles outlined in this document, guidelines and requirements of the CGC. As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO. Generally, Technical Packages are developed by sport, but in certain cases may be developed by discipline.

If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will evaluate the merits of the request and will, if it has merit, submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC's Sport Division for consideration. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the rationale for the request. Changes to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes or staff complements will not be considered after 36 months prior to the Games. Additions or changes to events/competition formats that result in a significant cost increase to the Host Society will not be considered after 24 months before the Games, unless approved by the CGC and the Host Society. Substantive changes to events or competition formats will not be considered after 18 months before the Games, unless approved by all participating provincial/territorial associations and the CGC. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, 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 by Games' participants early.

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**2019 Canada Winter Games
Biathlon Technical Package**

1. SPORT: BIATHLON

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1. Competitors:

4 Males and 4 Females

2.2. Staff:

2 Coaches

1 Manager

1 Wax Technician

If female athletes, one of the coaches must be a female.

If male athletes, one of the coaches must be a male.

2.3. Additional Team Staff*:

- Apprentice Coach
 - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
 - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
 - Apprentice coaches have same access as competitors and team staff

- Venue Pass Holder
 - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
 - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holder's access
 - Front of House (spectator areas)
 - Team Areas (athletes lounge, change rooms)

* Additional Team staff positions are administered by the Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Mission Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Mission's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

3. CLASSIFICATION:

Eligible are athletes who have the following Years of Birth: Born 1998-2002 inclusive.

NOTE: For the sport of Biathlon, the 2019 Canada Winter Games year is a transition year – from an older age group of athletes that had been specified for the 2015 and earlier Games – to a younger age group. Because of this transition, and to ensure all athletes have the opportunity to gain a berth to the Games, a 5 year span of athletes (aged 20, 19, 18, 17 and 16) are eligible to participate in the 2019 Canada Winter Games.

In subsequent Games, the eligibility will revert to a 4 year span for the athletes' ages – that is 19, 18, 17 and 16. Had these criteria been applied to the 2019 Games, the applicable years of birth would have been 1999-2002.

See Appendix 7 for age dispensation requirements and procedures.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1. Coaches:

At least one of the coaches on the official registration form must be fully certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Competition stream, Development context, (Certified status) in Biathlon. These coaches must be certified not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (November 17, 2018).

Any other coach on the official registration form must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) to at least Competition stream, Development context, (Trained status) in Biathlon. These coaches must be certified / trained not later than 90 days before the opening of the Games (November 17, 2018).

For more information on the coach certification pathway, please see Appendix 2.

4.2. Competitors:

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team athletes*;
- Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 3 of this document, and who have not been granted an exemption (the Age Dispensation Request Procedure can be found in Appendix 7);
- Athletes who have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time;
- Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
 - The Olympic Games
 - The Paralympic Games
 - A Senior Biathlon World Championships (those who have previously competed *only* at a Youth or Junior Biathlon World Championships are not included in this provision)
 - An IBU World Cup Event

- An IBU Cup Event;
- Athletes who do not possess a federally issued Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or Minor's License document to carry and use a firearm.

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 17, 2018).

* Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.

5. COMPETITION:

The International Biathlon Union (IBU) Rules, Section 2 – IBU Disciplinary Rules, Section 3 – IBU Event and Competition Rules, and Section 4 – Annexes to the IBU Event and Competition Rules, as modified by the exceptions stated in this document, will be used for all the Biathlon competitions in the Canada Winter Games. The IBU updates its Rules every two years. The dated version of the Rules that is to be used will be the version currently in force at the time of the Games, including the changes that may have been made by the International Biathlon Union in the late summer just prior to the Games, provided that such changes have been reviewed and found applicable by Biathlon Canada.

The Competitions that will be conducted are:

Youth Men:

- 12.5 km Individual
- 7.5 km Sprint (used as the qualifier for the Pursuit)
- 10 km Pursuit (IBU Rules exceptions)
 - The Biathlon Canada Canadian Hosting Policy rules for the Pursuit will be used. The rule changes affect the Start Intervals and the Handicap.
- 3 x 7.5 km Relay (IBU Rules exceptions)
 - All team shooting will be from the firing point that matches the Relay Bib Number
 - The P/T's Youth Men's aggregated total Biathlon Ranking Points (Sport Scoring points), as earned for its best three finishes in the Individual, Sprint and Pursuit competitions, will be used to determine the Bib Number assigned to the team, the shooting lane that it must use both for zeroing and all bouts of shooting, and its placement in the starting grid for the simultaneous start
 - Both the Youth Men's and Youth Women's Relay competitions will be conducted concurrently, but using a single sequence of

Bib Numbers and using a split range, with a separate series of firing lanes assigned for each gender

Youth Women:

- 10 km Individual
- 6 km Sprint (used as the qualifier for the Pursuit)
- 7.5 km Pursuit (IBU Rules exceptions)
 - o The Biathlon Canada Canadian Hosting Policy rules for the Pursuit will be used. The rule changes affect the Start Intervals and the Handicap.
- 3 x 6 km Relay (IBU Rules exceptions)
 - o All team shooting will be from the firing point that matches the Relay Bib Number
 - o The P/T's Youth Women's aggregated total Biathlon Ranking Points (Sport Scoring Points), as earned for its best three finishes in the Individual, Sprint and Pursuit competitions, will be used to determine the Bib Number assigned to the team, the shooting lane that it must use both for zeroing and all bouts of shooting, and its placement in the starting grid for the simultaneous start
 - o Both the Youth Men's and Youth Women's Relay competitions will be conducted concurrently, but with a single sequence of Bib Numbers and using a split range, with a separate series of firing lanes for each gender

All four Youth Men and all four Youth Women P/T team athletes compete in each of the personal (Individual, Sprint and Pursuit) competitions, which are held separately for both genders.

Only three athletes representing each Province/Territory compete in the Relay. However, a 4th medal will be awarded to the non-competing athlete from each P/T team that wins a Relay medal.

In the spirit of the Games, any P/T that does not have sufficient athletes in attendance at the Games to constitute a Relay team, or which does not have enough athletes who are medically fit to compete in the Relay, may enter an "Unofficial" team in either of the Relay competitions. Such Unofficial Teams may be composed of athletes of both genders, in any proportion, in order to have three persons competing. On such teams, each athlete will ski the distance that is specified for his/her gender. Unofficial teams are not eligible to place or to gain medals or any Biathlon Ranking Points (Sport Scoring Points) that might otherwise have been awarded for finishing the Relay competition.

6. SPORT SCORING:

The Biathlon Ranking Points (Sport Scoring points) for each Province and Territory's three best placings in each of the personal competitions, together with its placing in the Relay competition, will be aggregated for each gender of athlete for the Provincial/Territorial Biathlon Ranking Points Aggregated Total.

If there is a tie in ranking in any particular competition, either personal or relay, the Biathlon Ranking Points will be shared equally between the tied competitors or teams (i.e. If two competitors are tied for 1st Place in a personal competition then each competitor would receive 98.5 points [$\{100 + 97\} / 2$], and there will be no 2nd place points awarded).

If an athlete or team does not finish or is disqualified, the athlete or team is not awarded any Biathlon Ranking Points.

The Biathlon Ranking Points awarded for personal competitions are determined from this table:

Position	Pts								
1st place	100	12th place	74	23rd place	63	34th place	52	45th place	41
2nd place	97	13th place	73	24th place	62	35th place	51	46th place	40
3rd place	94	14th place	72	25th place	61	36th place	50	47th place	39
4th place	91	15th place	71	26th place	60	37th place	49	48th place	38
5th place	88	16th place	70	27th place	59	38th place	48	49th place	37
6th place	85	17th place	69	28th place	58	39th place	47	50th place	36
7th place	83	18th place	68	29th place	57	40th place	46	51st place	35
8th place	81	19th place	67	30th place	56	41st place	45	52nd place	34
9th place	79	20th place	66	31st place	55	42nd place	44		
10th place	77	21st place	65	32nd place	54	43rd place	43		
11th place	75	22nd place	64	33rd place	53	44th place	42		

In each Relay Competition there are 13 possible team placings, with Biathlon Ranking Points awarded as follows:

Position	Pts	Position	Pts	Position	Pts	Position	Pts
1st place	150	5th place	110	8th place	80	11th place	50
2nd place	140	6th place	100	9th place	70	12th place	40
3rd place	130	7th place	90	10th place	60	13th place	30
4th place	120						

"Unofficial" Relay teams may not be awarded any Biathlon Ranking Points.

7. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING:

Year to year performance by a Province or Territory in the Canada Winter Games is measured by accumulated “Flag Points”, which indicate performance in each sport, rather than counting medals, since different sports have differing numbers of medals for contention. Each P/T is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes. Flag Points are separately awarded and accumulated for each gender.

In Biathlon the Flag Point P/T ranking is determined, on a gender basis, from the aggregate total of the Biathlon Ranking Points that are awarded to each P/T according to its results in the personal and relay competitions. (Only the three (3) best placings per gender in each of the personal competitions contribute to the aggregate total of Biathlon Ranking Points.)

After ranking the P/Ts from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 9, Flag Points for the sport of Biathlon will be awarded as follows:

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	13th place – 0.5 point
4th place – 7 points	9th place – 2.5 points	
5th place – 6 points	10th place – 2 points	

8. TIE BREAKING RULE – COMPETITION:

In all competitions, if two or more competitors or Relay teams are tied within the Rules, they shall have the same placing in the Final Results and the next place will be skipped. When medals are distributed, all those who are tied shall be awarded the same place, title and/or medal.

9. PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL RANKING – TIE BREAKING:

Ties are not permitted in the ranking for the Flag Points. Any tie that may occur after the Biathlon Ranking Points are aggregated will be resolved in favour of the P/T that has been awarded the most Gold Medals in Biathlon. If a tie still persists, it will be resolved in favour of the P/T that was awarded the most Silver Medals in Biathlon and, if necessary, the resolution process will be extended to examine the Bronze Medals that were awarded.

In the event that a tie still persists, even after the number of medals awarded has been examined, then such a tie will be resolved in favour of the P/T that achieved the highest placing in the Relay competition that was conducted for that gender. Should a tie continue to exist after examining the placings in the Relay competition, then the placings of the P/Ts in the personal competitions, examined sequentially in the reverse chronological order of their occurrence, will be used to resolve the tie.

10. MEDALS:

GOLD:	14 (one for each personal and eight for Relay teams)
SILVER:	14 (one for each personal and eight for Relay teams)
BRONZE:	14 (one for each personal and eight for Relay teams)

*This medal count is assuming no tied placings.

11. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM:

While any uniform may be worn for training or for competitions, athletes should wear their Provincial/Territorial team colours for medal ceremonies.

12. EQUIPMENT:

IBU equipment rules apply for the Canada Winter Games for ski equipment and rifles but the IBU advertising rules do not apply. The Canada Games Council Commercialization and Sponsorship Policy applies to advertising marking on all equipment and uniforms and must be consulted since it differs considerably from the IBU rules.

For the policy governing the transport and storage of rifles at the Games, see Appendix 6.

13. APPENDICES:

The attached appendices are an integral part of this technical package.

- Appendix 1 – Competitor Eligibility
 - Appendix 2 – Coach Certification Requirements
 - Appendix 3 – Performance Guidelines
 - Appendix 4 – Biathlon Protest and Appeal System
 - Appendix 5 – Biathlon Program
 - Appendix 6 – Biathlon Rifle Policy
 - Appendix 7 – Biathlon Age Dispensation Procedures
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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 or permanent residents.
3. The Canada Games are open to athletes who are members in good standing of their sport's 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. An athlete attending school on a full-time basis outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence during the year of the Canada Games shall be permitted to compete for either their Province or Territory of permanent residence or the Province or Territory in which the athlete attends school. To be eligible to compete for the Province/Territory where the athlete attends school, the student must be enrolled on a full-time basis during the current academic year.
6. An athlete who is training outside his or her Province or Territory of permanent residence may represent the Province or Territory in which they are training provided he or she can demonstrate a commitment to the Province or Territory she or he wishes to represent by:
 - i) Having been a member of a club or Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization in that Province/Territory for the entire previous or current competitive season,

- AND –
 - ii) Having represented that Province or Territory at an international, national or regional championship,

- AND –
 - iii) Not having received direct development funding from their Province or Territory of permanent residence within a year of the opening of the Games, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for another team.

- OR
 - iv) Other similar circumstances may be considered.
7. An athlete is permitted to try out for any Province or Territory of eligibility but can only try out for one Province or Territory per sport (i.e. an athlete may try out for swimming for one Province or Territory but cannot try out for swimming in another Province or Territory. An athlete may try out

for one Province or Territory in swimming, and may try out for another Province or Territory in diving).

8. Athletes may only compete for one Province or Territory at a single Canada Games.
9. Athletes may not compete in two sports at one Canada Games if they are scheduled in the same week.
10. 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 or P/TSOs must bring forward any unclear cases to their Chef de Mission and to their NSO as early as possible before the competition for forwarding to the Sport Committee.
11. Where a team/Province/Territory/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

12. 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 centimeters.
13. 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 Sport Medicine Council of Canada 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 – COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are directed to

<http://biathloncanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Competition-Development-Coaching-Pathway-2017-1.pdf> for comprehensive information on coach certification and the certification pathway.

APPENDIX 3 – PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective National Sport Organizations, at the request of the Canada Games Council and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC,) to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of LTAD. These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

To be confirmed by Biathlon Canada.

APPENDIX 4 – 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 \$50, to the Competition Secretary (for the Chairperson of the Competition Jury) not later than **15 minutes after posting of the Provisional 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 with the required fee of \$100, 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

It will be decided at the first Team Captains' Meeting (Biathlon Technical Meeting) whether there will be a single Competition Jury for all Competitions, regardless of the period during the day that the competition or training takes place, or whether separate Competition Juries will be established, one each for Youth Men and Youth Women.

The Competition Jury/Juries is/are the only body/bodies that may impose penalties or decide on protests.

The Competition Jury/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

One Jury of Appeal shall be established for the duration of the Games.

The Jury of Appeal shall operate in accordance with the principles contained in the IBU Disciplinary Rules.

The Jury of Appeal has no powers except to consider Appeals presented to it by P/Ts about **disciplinary or punitive** decisions of the Competition Jury/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 the latest by 21:00 hrs (**exception to IBU**) of that day.

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.

Decisions of the Jury of Appeal cannot be appealed.

4.2.1. Structure

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

Chairperson: Appointed by the Biathlon Canada Board of Directors 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 at their first meeting.

APPENDIX 5 – BIATHLON PROGRAM

WED		Technical Delegate arrives
THU		National Referees and SIO arrive Teams arrive in evening
FRI	09:00-12:30	Unofficial Training
		Chair of Jury of Appeal arrives
	15:30	Team Captains' Meeting/Biathlon Technical Meeting (Election of Juries, Welcome and Information from CGC Staff and Host Society)
		Preliminary Equipment Check available after meeting
	TBA	Canada Winter Games Opening Ceremony
SAT	08:45	Optional Biathlon Opening Ceremony at stadium
	09:00-10:40	Official Training - Youth Men
	10:50-12:30	Official Training - Youth Women
	16:30	Team Captains' Meeting (Draws and technical briefing for Individual competitions)
SUN	09:00-09:45	Combined Zeroing - Youth Men and Youth Women
	10:00	Youth Men's 12.5 km and Youth Women's 10 km Individual Competitions Medals Presentations after competition, at stadium
MON	09:00-12:30	Combined Official Training - Youth Men and Youth Women
	16:30	Team Captains' Meeting (Draws and technical briefing for Sprint competitions)
TUE	09:00-09:45	Combined Zeroing - Youth Men and Youth Women
	10:00	Youth Men's 7.5 km and Youth Women's 6 km Sprint Competitions (which are the qualifying competitions for the Pursuit) Medals Presentation after competitions, at stadium
	16:30	Team Captains' Meeting (Technical briefing for Pursuits)
WED	09:00-09:45	Zeroing - Youth Men
	10:00	Youth Men's 10 km Pursuit Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
	12:00-12:45	Zeroing - Youth Women
	13:00	Youth Women's 7.5 km Pursuit Competition Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
	16:30	Team Captains' Meeting (Technical briefing for Relays)

THU	09:00-12:30 16:30	Combined Official Training - Youth Men and Youth Women Team Captains' Meeting (Technical briefing for Relays)
FRI	09:00-09:45 10:00	Combined Zeroing - Youth Men and Youth Women Youth Men's 3 X 7.5 km Relay Competition and Youth Women's 3 x 6 km Relay Competition (Both competitions are conducted concurrently, but using a split range with separate firing lanes assigned for each gender) Medals Presentation after competition, at stadium
SAT		Departures

APPENDIX 6 – BIATHLON RIFLE POLICY

Firearms Licenses

All athletes and those coaches and team support staff who are handling rifles must be licensed under the Firearms Act. All teams must provide evidence of licensing (PAL or Minors Permit) for all team members to the Competition Secretary before they will be permitted to train or compete on the biathlon venue.

Arrival, Departure, and Transfer to Accommodation

All rifles will arrive and depart the event packed in locked hard-cases, as per Transport Canada policy, (unloaded, trigger-locked, with ammunition separate). The rifle must be accompanied at all times during transport to the accreditation centre and the storage area by an identified team representative who is licensed under the Federal regulations for firearms possession.

Cases must be well marked with the athletes' names and team.

Storage, Access and Transport during the Games

Storage will be in a designated secure room – this normally requires a guard or a guarded area. The room will have sufficient space that the rifles can be uncased and dried after competitions, before being re-cased. Sufficient space and lighting is required for dry firing drills to be carried out by up to eight athletes. The room is to be locked, with no window or adjoining room access. Storage for each team must be designated and marked.

Access is by accreditation, to be inspected at the door. The room will be open and monitored at times that are coordinated with the demands of the competition and practice schedule. In addition, times for dry firing practice of not less than 15 minutes per team are to be available at suitable times for this activity.

Rifles may be transported to and from the competition venue on Games supplied transport by the athletes in an unloaded, covered condition. They may be moved to and from the venue in bulk with a suitably-federally-licensed team member or other licensed and designated escort responsible during this phase. Rifles must remain under escort until they arrive on the field of play.

Unattended Rifles

Any rifles that, in the opinion of the responsible competition officials, have been left unattended anywhere on or near the field of play will be impounded and the incident will be investigated by the Competition Jury, which may impose appropriate sanctions.

Covering of Rifles when not on the Field of Play

All rifles will be covered with a soft cover or in a hard case at all times when they are being moved between the athlete village/storage area and the stadium. They may only be uncovered after they are in the stadium, and must be covered when they are taken out of the stadium.

APPENDIX 7 – BIATHLON AGE DISPENSATION PROCEDURES

Participation in Biathlon in the Canada Games by an underage (**born after 31 December 2002**) athlete must be approved by Biathlon Canada.

The Biathlon Competitions at the Canada Winter Games have been designed as appropriate challenges for athletes who are 16 to 18 years old - the Youth Men and Youth Women Classes. Biathlon Canada does not normally permit athletes younger than 16 years old to compete in competitions designed for the Youth Men or Youth Women classes, since it is concerned that any athlete younger than 16 years of age may not have the strength and/or stamina to safely participate in competitions that have been designed for older, more highly trained athletes. Younger athletes could even suffer injury as a consequence of carrying their rifle throughout a competition, especially if they lack experience in competing while so doing. Therefore, in order to receive permission to have an underage athlete compete in Biathlon in the Canada Winter Games, the P/T must present to Biathlon Canada objective evidence that the underage nominee has the appropriate maturity, skills and capability to compete effectively.

In order to request the entry of an athlete who does not meet the minimum age requirement, the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization must submit a completed copy of the following form, together with the required objective evidence, to Biathlon Canada.

The submission must include:

- a positive recommendation from the athlete's parents
- a positive recommendation from the athlete's normal coach
- objective evidence, in the form of copies of published results, that *the athlete has successfully competed, and placed in the top half of the field, in each of an Individual, Sprint and Pursuit Competition*, all of which meet the Biathlon Canada specifications for distance, shooting and penalties for, as appropriate, the Youth Men or the Youth Women Class. Furthermore, the nominee must have competed in those competitions while carrying a biathlon rifle for the duration of the competition. Finally, in order for any competition to be considered a valid competition to meet these criteria, *the results of any Recreational Athletes will be discounted and at least one half of the remaining field of competitors must have been comprised of athletes who met the chronological age specified by Biathlon Canada for the Youth Men or Youth Women Class*, namely being 16, 17 or 18 years old by or on the 31st of December of the year in which the competition took place.

The requirements and criteria listed above must be achieved by *31 December 2018*, and the completed Request for Age Dispensation must be delivered to Biathlon Canada by *3 January 2019* in order to be considered.

The form below should be used when seeking age dispensation for an athlete.

BIATHLON AGE DISPENSATON FORM 2019

Name of Nominee: _____

Gender of Nominee: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Coach: _____

Coach's Certification Number: _____

Coach's Statement of Ethics

I understand that the principle of responsible coaching carries the basic ethical expectation that the activities and decisions of my coaching will benefit my athletes in general and in particular, and will do them no harm. As such I attest that fundamental to the implementation of this principle is the notion of competence and responsible coaching (maximizing benefits and minimizing risks to participants) and that I adhere to this principle. By signing this age exemption request for the above named athlete, I believe that I am acting in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person as well as accepting the responsibility to ensure that he/she is adequately prepared for the 2019 Canada Winter Games.

Listed below, and enclosed with this form, are the results of three competitions for the Youth Men/ Youth Women Class in which the nominee successfully participated.

Individual Competition (name, place, date): _____

Sprint Competition (name, place, date): _____

Pursuit Competition (name, place, date): _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named athlete, by signing this age exemption request, I/we believe that I am/we are acting in the best interest of his/her development and understand that he/she will be required to compete at Youth Class distances and levels of difficulty and that he/she will carry his/her rifle at all times during the competitions at the Canada Winter Games. Furthermore, I/we understand that he/she will be competing against athletes aged from 16 to 20 years old.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date of Signature(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Divisional Sanction

As the authorized representative of the Biathlon Canada Division within which this athlete normally competes, I am satisfied that this athlete is fully capable of competing at the Canada Winter Games and I further certify that the enclosed results are true copies of the results of competitions in which this athlete successfully participated.

Signatory for the Athlete's Biathlon Canada Division (signature): _____

Date of Signature: _____

Name and Appointment of Divisional Signatory:
