



**2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team  
Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc (ABA)  
Nomination and Selection Criteria - Biathlon**

## **1. QUALIFICATION**

### **(a) Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- (1) Meet the performance standards prescribed by the Qualification System;
- (2) Meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the Qualification System, namely eligible athletes of the Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc (ABA) must be born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995; and
- (3) Meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter.

### **(b) IF Qualification System**

The maximum number of athletes for each nation (NOC) is 4 athletes (2 men and 2 women) to participate in the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games (2012 WYOG). The total number of athletes for the 2012 WYOG Biathlon competition is 100 athletes (50 men and 50 women).

Quota places will be allocated to nations based on the final World Cup Nations Cup Ranking from the 2010 – 2011 season. The Nation Cup Ranking is determined by the International Biathlon Union (IBU) at conclusion of the season. Quota places will be allocated on the following Nation Cup Ranking Score (Men's and Women's):

- Places 1 - 20: 2 entries per nation/gender
- Places 21 – 29: 1 entry per nation/gender

## **2. NOMINATION BY THE AUSTRALIAN/VICTORIAN BIATHLON ASSOCIATION (INC)**

In order to be nominated by the Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc (ABA) to the AOC for selection to the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, the ABA will consider performance based standards. It will only nominate those Athletes:

- (1) who have competed in the State and National Biathlon Selection Races held between 12 June and 5 September 2011 at Mt Hotham, Victoria; and
- (2) up to the number of positions made available to Australia under the Qualification System. The Athletes to be nominated for selection to participate in the sprint and pursuit events at the 2012 WYOG will be the athlete(s) with the highest ranking, calculated in accordance with paragraphs (a) – (f):
  - (a) Athlete rankings will be determined by taking the average of each Athlete's best three Percentage Results from the Selection Races of the 2011 Australian Biathlon winter season. These selection races will take place at Whisky Flat Biathlon Range –Mt Hotham in 2011 and are as follows,
    - Sat 30 July 2011 Victorian Individual Championships
    - Sun 31 July 2011 Victorian Sprint Championships
    - Sat 13 August 2011 Australian Individual Championships
    - Sun 14 August 2011 Australian Sprint Championships
    - Sat 3 & Sun 4 September 2011 Reserve race dates allowing for any previous race cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances (eg Lack of snow)
  - (b) An Athlete's best three Percentage Results used to determine the best overall average may be achieved in any combination of Sprint or Individual Events.
  - (c) The athlete with the lowest Percentage Result will be ranked first, the next lowest Percentage Result will be ranked second and so on until all eligible athletes are ranked.
  - (d) In the event that two Athletes have an equal ranking, the Athlete with the lowest Percentage Result in any fourth Selection Race in the 2011 Australian Biathlon winter season will be ranked higher than the other Athlete. The fourth Selection Race used by either Athlete does not have to be the same distance.
  - (e) In the event of a tie in any fourth Selection Race used then the Athlete with the best shooting average over the Selection Races used will be the nominated athlete.
  - (f) An Athlete will not receive a ranking under this clause, or be considered for nomination, unless they have completed a minimum of three (3) Selection Race events in the 2011 season.

In the event that additional quota places are allocated to Australia, the Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc will identify reserve athletes based on the next highest ranked Athlete(s) as determined by paragraphs 2 (a) – (f). The number of Athlete(s) will be identified according to how many additional quota places may be allocated.

## Timing

Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 12 December 2011. As the IBU may continue to re-allocate quota places up to 15 December 2011, the Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc may nominate athletes for selection subject to additional quota places being allocated to Australia between 12 – 15 December 2011.

### **3. SELECTION BY THE AOC**

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 of these Guidelines;
- (2) have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
- (3) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws (as applicable) and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed. A copy of AOC By-Laws are available from [olympics.com.au](http://olympics.com.au);
- (4) undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;
- (5) have disclosed information to the Athlete's NF or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team under the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement; and
- (6) acknowledge that any matter arising under clauses (1) – (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (6) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Inc will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine whether:

- (1) an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;
- (2) it selects the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System or a lesser number, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

#### **4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2012 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 13 – 22 January 2012 (inclusive).
- (2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Innsbruck Winter Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

#### **5. NON-COMPLIANCE**

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of the Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplining procedures set out in the AOC 2012 WYOG Team Membership Agreement.

#### **6. INTERPRETATION**

“Percentage Results” means the percentage behind the time of the first place competitor in that event.