



Australian Biathlon

**Australian Olympic Committee (AOC)  
 Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Incorporated (AB)  
 Guidelines for Nomination & Selection to 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team–Biathlon**

**1. QUALIFICATION**

**(a) Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2016 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 to be eligible to participate in the 2016 Lillehammer Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 01 January 1998 and 31 December 1999;
- (3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter.

**(b) IBU Qualification System**

The total number of athletes for the 2016 WYOG Biathlon competition is 100 athletes (50 men and 50 women). Quota places will be allocated to nations based on a combined qualification system: firstly, the top 15 Nations in the final World Cup Nations Cup Ranking from the 2014/15 season will be allocated 2 athletes per gender. Further quota places are allocated based on NOC performance at the previous two (2) seasons YJWCHs (scoring the points of up to 2 youth and 2 junior athletes) as shown in the table below:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
D.1.1: 30 men 30 women	D.1. Place 1 – 20 D.1.1 The top 15 NOCs in each gender from the 2014/2015 season's World Cup Nation Cup Score will receive two (2) quota places per gender.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
D.1.2: 10 men 10 women	D.1.2 The top 5 ranked NOCs based on the sum of the Nation's Cup Points from the previous two (2) seasons YJWCHs (scoring the points of up to 2 youth and 2 junior athletes) who have not already qualified from D1.1 will receive two (2) quota places per gender.
D.1.3 9 men 9 women <i>98 total athletes</i>	Places 21 – 29  D.1.3 The next nine (9) best ranked NOCs based on the sum of the Nations Cup Points from the previous two (2) seasons YJWCHs (scoring the points of up to 2 youth and 2 junior athletes) who have not qualified through D1.1 or D1.2 will earn a total of two (2) quota places; one (1) per gender. D.1.4 Following each qualification event, IBU will publish the results on its website

Australia was ranked 30 at the end of the 2013/2014 season's World Cup Nation Cup Score and is unlikely to gain any guaranteed entries to WYOG under the D.1.1 category. Australia must compete with all other Nations ranked outside the top 15 in the D.1.2 and D.1.3 categories above for the remaining quota places per gender.

There is also a process of reallocating unused qualification places and unused Host Country places.

## 2. NOMINATION BY AB

In order to be nominated by AB to the AOC for selection to the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team, AB will consider performance based standards. It will only nominate those Athletes:

- (1) who are eligible under Clause 1.(a) above;
- (2) who are Australian citizens;
- (3) who are financial members of AB;
- (4) who have signed the AB Athlete's Agreement;
- (5) who have competed in and obtained results in AB Selection Races (as those races are defined in Section 6. Definitions) in U19 age class; and
- (6) 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 2016 WYOG will be the Eligible Athlete(s) with the best ranking, calculated in accordance with paragraphs 2.(6) (a) – (e) below:
  - (a) Athlete rankings for each gender will be determined by each athlete's Ranking Result; as determined in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines.
  - (b) The athlete with the lowest Ranking Result will be ranked first, the next lowest Ranking Result will be ranked second and so on until all Eligible Athletes are ranked.
  - (c) In the event that two or more athletes have an equal Ranking Result, the athlete with the with the best shooting average (expressed as a percentage) in the Selection Races used to determine his Ranking Result will be ranked higher than the other athlete.
  - (d) In the event of a tie on the basis of 2.6(a) - (c) above then the shooting average (expressed as a percentage) at all Selection Races completed by the athletes shall be used to rank the tied athletes.
  - (e) An athlete will not receive a ranking under this clause, or be considered for nomination, unless they have completed a minimum of one Individual format Selection Race and one Sprint format Selection Race with the exception that if only

a single Selection Race is conducted by AB then the athlete must have completed that single Selection Race.

In the event that additional quota places are allocated to Australia, AB will identify reserve athletes based on the next best ranked Eligible Athlete(s) as determined by paragraphs 2.6 (a) – (e). The number of athlete(s) will be identified according to how many additional quota places may be allocated.

#### Timing

AB will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm AEST on 12 January 2016.

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

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by AB 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 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2016 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 Youth Olympic Team under the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement.
- (6) Where over the age of 18 at any time prior to the Closing Ceremony of the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games (being 21 February 2016), have signed the AOC statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required from time to time;
- (7) acknowledge that any matter arising under clauses 3.(1) – (6) 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 3.(1) – (7) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

AB will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;
- (2) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, 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 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 12-21 February 2016 (inclusive).
- (2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Lillehammer 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 2016 AYOT Team Membership Agreement.

#### 6. DEFINITIONS

**AB** means, in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, the Australian/Victorian Biathlon Association Incorporated.

**Eligible Athlete** means, in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, only athletes who satisfy both the Eligibility criteria in clause 1.(a) and the Nomination criteria in clauses 2.(1) to 2.(5) inclusive.

**Percentage Result** means, in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, the calculation specified below carried out by AB specifically for the purpose of applying these Guidelines and using only the results of Eligible Athletes who completed the Selection Race in the U19 age class:

Percentage Result for Athlete n =  $(T_n - T_1) / T_1$  where

- i.  $T_n$  is the race time of Athlete n;
- ii. Race time is total time, inclusive of any shooting penalty, time penalty or time adjustment awarded by the Race Committee, as published by the AB National Race Secretary as the Final Results for that race.
- iii.  $T_1$  is the race time of the first placed Athlete in that race; and
- iv. The Percent Result is expressed as a percentage.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) an athlete's result achieved in a Selection Race of DQ (disqualified), DNS (did not start) or DNF (did not finish) is not an eligible result for the purposes of this calculation and no Percentage Result shall be calculated in respect of that result;
- (b) An athlete's result achieved in other than the U19 age class is not an eligible result for the purposes of this calculation and no Percentage Result shall be calculated in respect of that result; and
- (c) A Percentage Result shall only be calculated for an Eligible Athlete.

**Ranking Result** means in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, for each Eligible Athlete, the average of that athlete's best Percentage Result for an Individual format Selection Race and the athlete's best Percentage Result for a Sprint format Selection Race, with the following exception:

If only a single Selection Race is conducted by AB then the Ranking Result will be deemed to be the Percentage Result achieved by the athlete at that single Selection Race.

**Selection Races** means, in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, only those biathlon races that AB nominates as Selection Races for the 2016 Youth Winter Olympic Games. As at date of publishing these Guidelines AB plans to conduct four Australian 2015 Winter Selection Races at the Whiskey Flat Biathlon Range - Mt Hotham as follows:

1. Victorian Individual Championships 25/26 July 2015;
2. Victorian Sprint Championships 25/26 July 2015;
3. Australian Individual Championships 15/16 August 2015;
4. Australian Sprint Championships 15/16 August 2015; where
  - (a) AB reserves the right, in accordance with its Competition Rules, to change the format or length of any Selection race or to cancel a Selection Race;
  - (b) If all Australian 2015 Winter Selection Races are cancelled then AB shall organize a single replacement Selection Race. If no replacement Selection Race is held within the Australian 2015 winter season then AB may nominate a Summer Biathlon event as the replacement Selection Race;
  - (c) The details and format of a replacement Selection Race shall be determined at the sole discretion of AB following consultation with the AOC;
  - (d) Selection Races must be conducted in Australia and conducted in accordance with the AB Competition Rules in force on the date of the race;
  - (e) Athletes who compete in other than the U19 age class are deemed to have not competed in a Selection Race; and
  - (f) Individual format Selection Races shall, for the U19 age classes, have distances set closer to the IBU standard Pursuit distance in recognition that the races to be conducted for individual athletes at WYOG are to be Sprint and Pursuit formats.

**Guidelines** means these Guidelines for the Nomination and Selection of Biathlon athletes to the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team.

**NOC** means National Olympic Committee.

**Qualification System** means the IOC & IBU Qualification System available on [http://www.biathlon.asn.au/contents/en-us/D%20II%20b%20IBU21052014\\_2014-02%20-%20Lillehammer%202016%20-%20Qualification%20System%20-%20Draft%207.pdf](http://www.biathlon.asn.au/contents/en-us/D%20II%20b%20IBU21052014_2014-02%20-%20Lillehammer%202016%20-%20Qualification%20System%20-%20Draft%207.pdf).

**WYOG** means Winter Youth Olympic Games.

**YJWCH** means the Youth and Junior World Championship races conducted by the IBU each year.

## **7. GENERAL**

### **(a) Dispute resolution**

#### Selection Race Results

The competition results of a Selection Race are subject to the dispute resolution process in the AB Competition Rules in force on the date of that Race.

#### These Guidelines

Athletes who are not satisfied with any decision made under these Guidelines may seek to have their dispute determined by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for arbitration.

**(b) Governing Law**

These Guidelines will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws in force in Victoria and each party submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria and courts of appeal from them.