

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES (AWG) TEAM ALASKA Snowshoe Biathlon Selection Criteria and Procedures

1. General information

- AWG 2018 will be held March 18-24, 2018 at South Slave, Alberta, Canada.
- Age Eligibility: athletes must have been born in
 - Juniors 1999-2002
 - Juveniles 2003 or later
- Athletes must comply with the Athlete Eligibility Policy in the AWG International Staging Manual.
- Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska (AWGTA) Ski Biathlon Team Size: 10, with two athletes in each of four categories, one male coach and one female coach.
- Rules: Tryout competitions will be held in accordance with International Biathlon Union (IBU) and United State Biathlon Association (USBA) protocols. Where conflicts exist with 2018 Arctic Winter Games Ski Biathlon Technical Package, the Technical Package will prevail.
- Selection will be based on tryout competition results.
- The Technical Package, developed by the AWG International Committee regulates each sport. The detailed specifications may include age categories, events, competition formats, equipment requirements, etc. See: www.awg.ca

2. How to tryout/apply:

- Western Interior Alaska: 2017 Western Interior Ski Association (WISA) Biathlon Championships.
- Road system tryout Location: four days of competition in Fairbanks in November 2017 and Anchorage in January 2018. Exact dates are still to be published. Check the event calendar at www.alaskabiathlonassociation.org .
- There is no cost to apply; however, if selected for Team Alaska, an additional sport-specific fee may apply. The selection races may have a race registration fee.
- Usual local event fees and Range Safety certification required.
- Contact biathlon clubs in Rural Alaska (www.wisaskiing.org) and for the road system the Alaska Biathlon Association, Inc (www.alaskabiathlonassociation.org) for details of the competitions.
- Athlete should provide appropriate attire, skis, boots, poles, firearm, ammunition and supplies.
- For the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska selection races, footwear of any material and style may be utilized. For the actual Arctic Winter Games the footwear must adhere to AWG Technical Package criteria as specified in the AWG 2018 Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package.
- For the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska selection races snowshoes and binding of any material may be utilized. The snowshoe length must be a minimum of 22 inches. For the actual Arctic Winter Games the snowshoe and binding materials must adhere to AWG Technical Package criteria as specified in the AWG 2018 Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package.

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3. Selection Standards / Basis for Selection*

- Western Interior Alaska: The male and female alternates of the spring 2017 WISA Biathlon Championships will be named to the 2018 Alaska Team, regardless of their AWG age classes.
- For the road system competitors: The remainder of the team will be named based upon competitors' rankings in the tryout competition. The Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Team Alaska Biathlon Selections are based on points accrued in the 4-race AWG Trials series using biathlon *World Cup points system. Each day of racing will be considered a separate event and will be scored based upon the time and results for that day only (i.e. pursuit results will always be normalized). Usually all 4 races are conducted. However, due to weather or other problems, it is possible that less than 4 races will be held. The maximum number of each skier's performances which will be counted toward selection are outlined below:
 - If 4 races are held, a skier's best 3 of 4 results will be counted,
 - If 3 races are held, a skier's best 2 of 3 results will be counted,
 - If 2 races are held, a skier's best 2 of 2 results will be counted,
 - If 1 race is held, a skier's best 1 of 1 results will be counted
- Tie breakers:
 - If there is a tie based upon point totals between AWG trials competitors, the mean shooting percent (%) of each competitor's best scored races will determine the place winner.
 - If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's best single shooting result.
 - If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's second best shooting result.
 - If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's third best shooting result.
 - If athletes are still tied, the AWG Head Ski and Head Snowshoe biathlon coaches will use a coin flip to fill the final team position.

4. Final Selection*

- Western Interior Alaska candidates must accept membership on the team, in writing, not later than November 1, 2018, via email.
- For the classes in which the Western Interior Alaska athletes have been selected, the first-ranked males and the first-ranked females from the Highway System Region tryout competitions will be selected. These individuals must accept membership on the team, via email, not later than January 31, 2018.
- For the classes in which the Western Interior Alaska athletes have not been selected, the first-ranked and second-ranked males and the first-ranked and second-ranked females from the Highway System Region tryout competitions will

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be selected. These individuals must accept membership on the team, via email, not later than January 31, 2018.

5. Alternates*

- If any of the first-level selections decline participation, alternates will be named.
- If an athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region declines to join the team, the next-selected athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region will be offered that position.
- In the classes where the Western Interior Alaska region athletes have been named, if the first-ranked athlete from the Highway System region declines to join, then the second-ranked athlete from the Highway System region will be offered that position.
- In the classes where the Western Interior Alaska region athletes have not been named, if the first-selected or second-selected athlete from the Highway System region declines to join, then the third-selected athlete from the Highway System region will be offered that position.
- If the alternates specified above decline a position on the team, then the Sport Coordinator, in consultation with the coaches, will fill the positions. As much as possible, the Sport Coordinator will utilize tryout rankings to make these alternate selections.
- Final selection will be made by February 1, 2018.

6. Coaches

- Coaches will be selected by Team Alaska based upon the basic principles stated in the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska Coach Selection Procedures and posted at www.teamalaska.org
- The Sport Coordinator will select the coaches in collaboration with the Chef de Mission and confirmation by the Board of Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska.
- Coach selections will be announced on upon selection.
- Coaches are required to submit to standard background check to demonstrate clean criminal record.

7. Sport Coordinator Contact information

Sport Coordinator: Team Alaska
E-mail: info@teamalaska.org

8. Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska Contact information - coordinates all AWG Sports

- Chef de Mission: Shawn Maltby
- Mailing Address: PO Box 240061 Anchorage, AK 99524
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**AWG Team selection trials will be held in conjunction with the first 4 Gold Nugget
series races**