

2020 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES (AWG) TEAM ALASKA
Snowshoe Biathlon Qualification Criteria and Procedures

1. General information

1.1 AWG 2020 will be held March 15-20, 2020 at Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.

1.2 Age Eligibility: athletes must have been born in

1.2.1 Juniors 2002, 2003, or 2004

1.2.2 Juveniles 2005 or later

1.3 Athletes must comply with the Athlete Eligibility Policy in the AWG International Staging Manual.

1.4 Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska (AWGTA) Snowshoe Biathlon Team Size: 10, with two athletes in each of four categories:

- female junior snowshoe (x2)
- male junior snowshoe (x2)
- female juveniles snowshoe (x2)
- male juvenile snowshoe (x2)
- male coach
- female coach

	RACE CLASSES	LOCATION	NOTES
1	female junior snowshoe	WISA	WISA Biathlon Champs
2	female junior snowshoe	Statewide	Gold Nugget Race Series
3	male junior snowshoe	WISA	WISA Biathlon Champs
4	male junior snowshoe	Statewide	Gold Nugget Race Series
5	female juveniles snowshoe	Statewide or WISA	Gold Nugget Race Series
6	female juveniles snowshoe	Statewide	Gold Nugget Race Series
7	male juvenile snowshoe	Statewide or WISA	Gold Nugget Race Series
8	male juvenile snowshoe	Statewide	Gold Nugget Race Series
9	male snowshoe coach	n/a	by application to AWGTA
10	female snowshoe coach	n/a	by application to AWGTA

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1.5 Rules: Tryout competitions will be held in accordance with International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules, and 2020 Arctic Winter Games Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package¹. Where conflicts exist with 2020 Arctic Winter Games Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package, the Technical Package will prevail.

1.6 Qualification will be based on tryout competition results.

1.7 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:

2.1 Western Interior Alaska: 2019 Western Interior Ski Association (WISA) Biathlon Championships conducted in March 2019.

2.2 Statewide tryout Location: two days of competition in Fairbanks and two days of competition in Anchorage during the 2019-2020 winter race season. Exact dates are still to be published. Check the event calendar at www.alaskabiathlonassociation.org.

2.3 If Qualified for Team Alaska, an additional sport-specific fee may apply. The qualification races will have a race registration fee.

2.4 Usual local event fees and Range Safety certification required.

2.5 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.

2.6 Athlete will provide appropriate attire: snowshoes, boots, rifles, ammunition and supplies.

2.7 For the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska qualification 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 2020 Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package.

2.8 For the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska qualification 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 2020 Snowshoe Biathlon Technical Package.

3. Qualification Standards / Basis for Qualification

3.1 Western Interior Alaska: The next ranked male and female finishers of the spring 2019 WISA Biathlon Championships will be named to the 2020 Team Alaska Snowshoe Biathlon Team, regardless of their AWG age classes.

¹ Sport Technical Specifications – Snowshoe Biathlon. April 2019.. 2020 Arctic Winter Games.

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3.2 For the statewide 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 snowshoers' performances which will be counted toward selection are outlined below:

- If 4 races are held, a snowshoe athlete's best 3 of 4 results will be counted,
- If 3 races are held, a snowshoe athlete's best 2 of 3 results will be counted,
- If 2 races are held, a snowshoe athlete's best 2 of 2 results will be counted,
- If 1 race is held, a snowshoe athlete's best 1 of 1 results will be counted

- If no races are held a team composition recommendation by the biathlon coaching staff will be forwarded to Team Alaska Chef de Mission for final approval.

3.2.1 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.

3.3 No qualification races conducted: If no races are held a team composition recommendation by the biathlon coaching staff will be forwarded to Team Alaska Chef de Mission for final approval.

4. Final Qualification

4.1 Western Interior Alaska (WISA) candidates must accept membership on the team, in writing via email, no later than (two weeks prior to the first Road System qualification race) November 1, 2019.

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4.2 For the classes in which the Western Interior Alaska athletes have qualified , the highest-ranked males and the highest -ranked females from the remaining tryout competitions will be selected. These individuals must accept membership on the team, via email, not later than January 31, 2020.

4.3 For the classes in which the Western Interior Alaska athletes have not qualified, the highest-ranked and next highest-ranked males and the highest-ranked and next highest-ranked females Statewide tryout competitions will be selected. These individuals must accept membership on the team, via email, not later than January 31, 2020.

5. Alternates

5.1 If any of the highest -ranked qualifiers decline participation, alternates will be named.

5.2 If an athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region declines to join the team, the next-ranked athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region will be offered that position.

5.3 In the classes where the Western Interior Alaska region athletes have been named, if the highest-ranked athlete from Statewide tryouts declines to join, then the next-highest-ranked athlete from the Statewide tryouts will be offered that position.

5.4 In the classes where no Western Interior Alaska region athletes have Qualified , if the first-ranked or second-ranked athlete from the Statewide tryouts declines to join, then the the next-highest-ranked athlete from the Statewide tryouts will be offered that position.

5.5 In the classes where the Statewide Tryouts athletes have not been named, if the first-ranked athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region tryouts declines to join, then the second-ranked athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region will be offered that position.

5.6 In the classes where the Statewide Tryouts athletes have not been named, if the first-ranked or second-ranked athlete from the Western Interior Alaska region declines to join, then the third-ranked athlete from the Western Interior Alaska tryouts System region will be offered that position.

5.6 If the alternates specified above decline a position on the team, then the Sport Coordinator, in consultation with the coaches, will fill the positions by utilizing tryout rankings.

5.7 Final qualification will be made by February 1, 2020.

6. Coaches

6.1 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

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6.2 A coach selection preference for individuals who are actively coaching with an Alaskan biathlon club

6.3 Coaches are required to submit to standard background check to demonstrate clean criminal record.

7. References

7.1. IBU Rules. 2018. International Biathlon Union 2018. www.biathlonworld.com

7.2. Arctic Winter Games homepage.

<https://www.arcticwintergames.org/index.html>

7.3. Biathlon Ski- 2020 AWG Technical Package. April 2019.

https://www.arcticwintergames.org/Sport_Technical_Specification_info2020.html

7.4. Arctic Winter Games 2020. Whitehorse, YT. <https://awg2020.org/>

7.5. U.S. Biathlon Association Resources. <https://www.teamusa.org/US-Biathlon>

7.6. Team Alaska Arctic Winter Games. www.teamalaska.org.

7.7. Western Interior Ski Association (WISA) Manual. <https://wisaskiing.org/>

7.8. Western Interior Ski Association (WISA) AWG Selection Process.

<https://wisaskiing.org/>

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

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