

2020 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES (AWG) TEAM ALASKA

Ski Biathlon qualification Criteria and Procedures

1. General information

1.1 AWG 2020 will be held March 15-21, 2020 at Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.

1.2. Age Eligibility: athletes must have been born in:

l 1.2.1 Juniors 2002, 2003, or 2004

l 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) Ski Biathlon Team Size: 10, with two athletes in each of four categories:

- o female junior ski (x2)
- o male junior ski (x2)
- o female juveniles ski (x2)
- o male juvenile ski (x2)
- o male coach
- o female coach

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

1.5 Rules: Tryout competitions will be held in accordance with International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules, and 2020 Arctic Winter Games Ski Biathlon Technical Qualification -Biathlon-Ski-2020 Approved by AWGTA as of _____

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Package¹. Where conflicts exist with 2020 Arctic Winter Games Ski Biathlon Technical Package, the Technical Package will prevail.

1.5.1 During the statewide ski trials only, Jr ski biathlon competitors will carry the rifle on their back the entire race course (rule 7.1.2 IBU Event and Competition Rules, 2018). For the actual AWG the ski biathlon competitor will follow the biathlon technical package rules. Juvenile competitors will adhere to the AWG technical package rules for rifle carry during the trials.

1.6 Selection 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. One biathlon race event is conducted at the WISA Biathlon Championships.

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

2.3 Athletes qualifying 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 WISA (www.wisaskiing.org) and Alaska Biathlon Association, Inc. (www.alaskabiathlonassociation.org) for details of the competitions.

2.6 Athlete should provide appropriate attire for tryout competitions: skis, boots, poles, rifle, ammunition and supplies.

2.7 A wax protocol will be implemented using the USBA guidelines for YJWCH trials.

3. Qualification Standards / Basis for Qualification *

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

3.1.1. The next Ranked finishers in each race class are awarded a snowshoe biathlon slot.

3.2 For the Statewide tryout competitors: The remainder of the team will be named based upon competitors' rankings in the tryout competition. The Arctic Winter

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

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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

3.2.1 Tie breaking procedures will utilize these steps in the order listed below::

1. 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.
2. If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's best single shooting result percentage (%).
3. If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's second best shooting result percentage (%).
4. If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken based upon each athlete's third best shooting result percentage (%).
5. 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 Selection*

4.1 Western Interior Alaska (WISA) candidates must accept membership on the team, in writing via email, not later than (two weeks prior to the first Road System qualification race) November 1, 2019.

4.2 For the classes in which the Western Interior Alaska athletes have qualified , the first-ranked males and the first-ranked females from the Statewide tryout competitions will qualify . 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 first-ranked and second-ranked males and the first-ranked and second-

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ranked females from the Statewide tryout competitions will qualify . 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 not been named, if the highest ranked athlete from the 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 the Western Interior Alaska region athletes have not been named, if the first-ranked or second-ranked athlete from the Statewide tryouts declines to join, then 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 qualified, 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 qualified, 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.

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

5.8 Final selection 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

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. Reference

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 - 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/>
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