

# NSWACT & Victorian STATE TEAM NSWACT & Victorian STATE SQUAD SELECTION POLICY 2021-22

### **Biathlon East Australia Selection Policy 1 July 2021**

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Policy

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## 2021-22 Special Circumstances – COVID 19 Pandemic

The COVID 19 pandemic is continuing to impact on the capacity for the sport of biathlon and cross-country skiing to hold events and in particular State and National Team selection races.

As 31 August 2021, no events inclusive of all athletes who wish to compete have been possible to hold due to Government travel restriction both within state and interstate.

The COVID19 pandemic has also affected capacity for athletes to attend training sessions and training camps.

In the circumstances, the following criteria has been adopted for selection to the BEA NSWACT & Victorian State Team and State Development team.

### 1. Eligibility for Selection

- 1.1 In order to be selected for the Biathlon East Australia NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Team or NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Development Team each athlete must:
  - a. be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
  - b. be a resident of NSW, ACT, VIC or if not a resident of NSW, ACT, VIC, be a current financial member of a BEA member club or association;
  - c. meet the selection criteria outlined in section 2;
  - d. have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the BEA Constitution, its by-laws and all resolutions made by the Board of Directors of BEA;
  - e. at all times have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the athlete, the sport of biathlon or BEA and its member clubs and associations into disrepute;
  - f. be turning 12 years or older in the year of selection;
  - g. have accepted their invitation to be a member of the BEA NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Team or NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Squad and paid the associated fee (if any) and in respect of non-members, becoming a member of a BEA member club or association.

### 2. Selection Criteria

2.1 Athletes who are current members of BEA NSWACT State Team are selected for 2021-22. 2.2 Athletes who are current members of BEA NSWACT State Development Team are selected for 2021-22.

### 3. <u>Discretionary Selection Requirements</u>

- 3.1 Athletes who have demonstrated increased commitment to biathlon during 2020-21 through
  - regular attendance at BEA summer dry-land training sessions in NSW, ACT or Victoria
  - attended where possible on-snow training camps held in NSW or Victoria.
  - are recommended for selection by BEA Head Coach(s) based upon potential, attitude and commitment.

may be selected to either the BEA NSWACT and Victorian State Team or BEA NSWACT and Victorian Development team at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

### 4. Member of Australian Biathlon National Team

4.1 A BEA member athlete who is selected to the Australian Biathlon National Team is automatically qualified to the BEA NSWACT and Victorian State Team.

# 5. <u>Removal from a BEA NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Team, NSWACT and Victorian Development Team:</u>

Any athlete who:

- 5.3.1 breaches or fails to observe this Policy or the related team and event selection policies;
- 5.3.2 breaches or fails to observe any provision of the BEA Constitution or bylaws;
- 5.3.3 breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the SportAUS or BEA Anti-Doping Policy;
- 5.3.4 breaches or fails to comply, fulfil and observe the requirements in the NSWACT and Victorian State Team or NSWACT and Victorian State Development Team Agreement (if any);
  - a) is ineligible for selection to, or continued membership of, the NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Team or NSWACT and Victorian Biathlon State Development Team as the case may be.
  - b) any athlete may be removed from any selected team, squad or event by BEA as the circumstances may require including where the athlete has failed to sustain his or her performance and attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels have first been discussed with the athlete and the athlete had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels within a defined timeframe.

### 5. AMENDMENTS

5.1.1. BEA may amend this Selection Policy at any time but will not do so once a competition season has commenced, unless such change becomes a requirement or consequence of an action by the SportAUS recognised NSO for Cross Country Skiing or Biathlon, the IBU or the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC).