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**Biathlon Canada Crowns Aggregate Winners at Record-Breaking
2026 Canadian Biathlon Championships and Spring Festival**

CANMORE, Alta.—Biathlon Canada successfully concluded the 2026 Canadian Biathlon Championships and Spring Biathlon Festival, held March 24–29 at the Canmore Nordic Centre, marking the largest biathlon event ever staged in the country.

A total of 413 athletes participated in the week-long celebration of sport, including 222 National Championship competitors and 191 Festival participants, showcasing the depth and growth of biathlon across Canada.

The week-long festival featured traditional National competition categories (U17 and up), while the expanded Spring Festival introduced a dynamic lineup including Masters (Adult), Development (U15), EcoAims, Alumni races, and fan-favourite events like the sharp shooter competition. The event also offered a unique athlete banquet experience, a vendor trade show, and celebrated the sport's future with activities in the new biathlon building including a Women in Biathlon coffee event.

Fans and athletes were also treated to a special meet-and-greet with our Olympic biathletes that included trading card signings, further elevating the event atmosphere.

Biathlon Canada is proud to recognize the following aggregate winners, who demonstrated outstanding consistency and performance throughout the competition:

- **Senior Men:** Zachary Connelly
- **Senior Women:** Janice Grundahl
- **Junior Men:** Malcolm McCulloch
- **Junior Women:** Sage Taylor
- **Youth Men:** Taje Hansen
- **Youth Women:** Mia Rodger
- **U17 Standing Boys:** Sebastien Rossi
- **U17 Standing Girls:** Yvaine Preece
- **U17 Prone Boys:** Nolan Martin-Mills
- **U17 Prone Girls:** Tula Sundholm

“This year’s Championships and Festival truly reflected the strength and spirit of biathlon in the country,” said Kerry Dankers, executive director, Biathlon Canada. “From our emerging U15 athletes to our Olympic best, Masters competitors and national team prospects, the level of competition, fun and community engagement was exceptional.”

The addition of the Spring Biathlon Festival alongside the National Championships created a more celebratory environment, bringing together athletes of all ages, alumni, and fans in a single, unified event.

Biathlon Canada extends its gratitude to the organizing committee, all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, partners, and the Canmore Nordic Centre for delivering a memorable and historic competition.

Biathlon Canada is the national governing body for biathlon in Canada, responsible for supporting the growth and development of the sport at all levels. Biathlon Canada's mission is to empower biathletes to thrive at every level. Trailblaze with us.

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