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Biathlon Canada Names National Teams for Opening International Competitions
***14 athletes set to represent Canada as* World Cup and IBU Cup seasons get underway**

CANMORE, Alta. — Led by Olympians Pascale Paradis, Nadia Moser and Jasper Fleming, Canada's biathletes are ready to usher in a new era for the national program as they embark on the trail to the 2030 Olympic Winter Games in the French Alps.

With a new international season getting underway, 14 Canadian athletes will look to continue their development while gaining valuable experience establishing themselves on the World Cup and IBU Cup circuits for the 2026-27.

“This is an exciting time for Canadian biathlon as we begin a new Olympic quadrennial,” said Clayton Whitman, performance pathway director, Biathlon Canada. “Having Olympians like Pascale, Nadia and Jasper leading the way provides an important foundation for the next generation coming through our program. The opportunity now is to build on that experience, continue creating depth in our pathway and test ourselves against the world's best.”

Athletes representing Canada for the opening World Cup and IBU Cup Tours were identified following a competitive National Trials event held at the Canmore Nordic Centre.

This year’s teams feature a blend of established international competitors and emerging talent, reflecting the continued depth and development of the Canadian biathlon program. The World Cup team will consist of six athletes while an additional eight athletes will represent Canada on the IBU Cup circuit.

“It feels really nice to put Trials behind me, and get what is going to be a very long season underway. With this being my first senior year, I’ve had to hold myself to a much higher level, and will try to find some consistency on the World Cup that’s been missing,” said Fleming, a 21-year-old from Squamish, B.C. who will be one of three men on the elite circuit. “The opportunity to represent Canada is always such an incredible privilege, and I cannot wait to prove to myself, and my country what I’m capable of!”

Canada will also suit up three women for the opening World Cup biathlon events.

“I’m just so excited to be able to represent Team Canada on the international race circuit, and can’t wait to see what this team can do,” added Pascale Paradis.

World Cup Tour #1
Men
Matthew Strum – Bragg Creek, Alta.
Jasper Fleming – Squamish, B.C.
Gavin Johnston – Campbell River, B.C.

Women
Nadia Moser – Whitehorse, Yukon
Pascale Paradis – Calgary
Gillian Gowling – Calgary

IBU Cup Tour #1
Men
Luke Hulshof – Calgary
Francois Gauthier – Lac Beauport, Que.
Malcolm McCulloch – Wasaga Beach, Ont.
Benjamin Brousseau – Canmore, Alta.

Women
Ema Chlepkova – Calgary
Quinn Morgan – Golden, B.C.
Flora Csonka – Calgary
Sage Taylor – Calgary

"I'm really pumped to race again and test my skills after a successful summer of preparation," said Chlepkova**.**

The World Cup season begins November 26 in Kontiolahti, Finland, while the IBU Cup gets underway in Idre Fjaell, Sweden at the same time.

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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