



Biathlon Canada names Brendan Green to World Cup/World Championship Team

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Biathlon Canada announces the 2010-2011 National Team Program

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Biathlon Canada has pre-selected their three top ranked athletes to lead the National Team into the upcoming season. Brendan Green will join Alberta's Zina Kocher and Quebec's Jean-Phillipe Le Guellec for the first three World Cup Tours. World Cup Tour #1 starts off with a training camp in Sweden starting Nov. 21, followed by the season opener in Ostersund SWE Nov. 29- Dec.5. The team will then move on to compete in Hochfilzen, Aut, Dec. 9-12, and Pokljuka SLO, Dec. 16-19.

The National Team will continue training over the Christmas season in Europe, and then proceed to Oberhof and Ruholding in Germany for World Cup 4 and 5. The team returns to Canada Jan.17 in preparation for World Cups 7 and 8 taking place in Presque Isle and Fort Kent USA. In mid February, the team returns to Europe for final preparations before the World Championships in Khanty-Mansyisk, RUS Feb. 28-Mar 13.

In the event that Brendan has a reasonable chance of finishing the season with a top 25 overall world cup ranking, he would compete in the final event of the season at WC #9 in Oslo, NOR.

Canada has been awarded 4 World Cup starts for both the men's and women's team this season. Athletes are pre-selected on the basis of outstanding international performance in the previous season, and their potential to medal. The remaining spots on the teams will be determined at trial races in September, with adjustments throughout the season based on rankings at IBU and World Cup events. The stated goal of the National Team program is to achieve a top 15 Nations Cup ranking in both teams this season. The long term goal is to place an athlete on the podium at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

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