



11 February 2022

Dear Biathlete

The 45TH SA Biathlon Championship in Gqeberha on 1 and 2 April 2022 is merely 7 weeks away. Western Province, the reigning champions, wants to send the strongest possible team to Gqeberha. SA Biathlon decided to change the qualifying criteria for the SA Championship this year. Teams can be as follows:

- u.9 to u.19
 - 6 athletes per age group (boys - 6 and girls - 6)
 - Additional 10 athletes from these age groups – selectors discretion
 - First 4 athletes will be on merit – season rankings
 - Last 2 athletes as per the discretion of the selectors
- Juniors to Masters 70+
 - All athletes above 1 800 points can be selected
- Special needs
 - 6 per province

The last league meeting will be Saturday 19 February at Durbanville High track and Fairmont High pool. Registration from 15.45 to 16.20. First race at 16.30. All athletes must try and compete at this last league meeting before the Western Province Champs and SA Champs.

WP Biathlon is urgently looking for u.9 boys and girls – born 2014 and later. Please contact Gerhard at 082 808 1106 if more info is needed.

SA Biathlon Champs in Gqeberha

The provisional program is as follows:

Friday, 1 April – Westbourne Oval:

- 12:00 – 13:00 Registration – Team Registration
- 12:00 – 15:00 Team Photos (details to follow)
- 13:00 – 13:30 Team Managers Meeting
- 15:00 – 16:30 Opening Ceremony (teams to report in their provincial colours at 15:00, march past to commence strictly at 15:30)

Friday, 1 April – Newton Park Swimming Complex:

- 17:00 – 18:00 Presidents Function
- 18:00 – TBD SA Biathlon Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 2 April – Westbourne Oval

- 06:30 All track officials to report to the athlete holding tent
- 07:00 First two age groups to report to athlete holding tent
- 07:30 First heat

CHAIRPERSON: GERHARD LOUWRENS ☎ 082 808 1106
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Saturday, 2 April – Newton Park Swimming Pool Complex

- 11:00 All pool officials to report to pool deck
- 11:30 First two age groups to report to athlete holding tent
- 12:00 First heat

Saturday 2 April Prize-giving and Gala Dinner

- 19:00 – Slipperfields Events & Conference Venue

WP Biathlon is busy negotiating for reduced accommodation options in Gqeberha. More info will be shared in the next few weeks.

See all of you next Saturday.

Regards