

# 2025-2026 Biathlon AGM Report

## Registration

- 6 athletes registered (5 Augustana biathletes plus 3 Camrose Ski Club biathletes)
- 2 Augustana athletes participated as Biathlon Ab Try-it athletes at the Camrose Calforex Cup

## Overview

- All biathletes shot 2x/week
- CSC biathletes skied 2x/week with the Junior Racers
- Augustana biathletes skied 2-3x/week
- Biathlon season ended at the end of March after Canadian Nationals in Canmore, Alberta.

## Coaching

- Shooting: Craig Ferguson was the lead coach, providing shooting sessions 2x/week
- Skiing: CSC biathletes skied with the Junior Racers (coached by Graeme Thain) while Augustana biathletes trained with Leigh Heie & the rest of the Augustana ski team
- Practices were provided 2 or more days per week depending on the race schedule.
- Leigh, Graeme & Craig worked hard to coordinate practices so skiers and biathletes could train together as much as possible. This really helped build team spirit.

## Volunteers

- A huge thank you to Gary Snyder for making sure the targets were maintained and the range was groomed regularly
- As always, thank you to our groomers for providing us with beautiful trails

## Events

### **\*\*Calforex Cup hosting:**

After 2 years of having to cancel due to cold weather, CSC finally got to host its Calforex Cup. It's a lot of work for our club, however the stoke and the financial benefit make it well worth it. Extra special thank you to the organizing committee who had to deal with many challenges (including a last minute change of date) to pull it off.

- **September**
  - **Regular practices resumed**
- **November:**
  - **National Team and FISU trials (Canmore)** - CSC alumni Ava Heie competed. Augustana athletes did not compete as this race conflicted with XC running Nationals in which Allyson Thain qualified for in PEI.
  - **Calforex Cup 1 / Noram #1 (Canmore)** - entire team travelled to and competed supported by Craig, Leigh, and Rob Heie
- **December:**
  - **Noram #2 (Sovereign Lake, Vernon BC)** - Allyson Thain and CSC alumni Ava Heie travelled to this race. Allyson was supported by Sovereign Lake and Leigh Heie
  - **Ski Like Ole Lapapalooza**
- **January:**
  - **World Youth Junior Biathlon Trials (Whistler, BC)** - 2 athletes attended (Allyson Thain & CSC alumni Ava Heie) where Ava qualified to go to World Youth Junior Championships in Arber Germany for Youth Women while Allyson qualified as the first alternate for Junior

Women. These are spectacular results from our little club! Allyson received support from RMR and Leigh Heie.

- **Ole Uffda** - really successful with almost all biathletes racing (a classic race) taking top overall spots for male and female in both 30k and 15k categories
- **Calforex Cup 2 (Grande Prairie)** - did not attend
- **Calforex Cup 3 Camrose** - postponed due to extreme weather. Offered to be back up for Edmonton if they had to cancel

- **February:**

- **Alberta Winter Games (Bonnyville)** - 3 CSC biathletes qualified and attended (Hedda Rookmaker, Zak Schulmeister, Karl Jensen) with Craig as Zone 4 Biathlon Coach
- **Calforex Cup 4 (Hinton)** - 3 CSC biathletes attended supported by Craig
- **Calforex Cup 5 (Camrose!!!)** - all biathletes attended in addition to 2 Augustana xc skiers who raced as "Try-It" athletes. Some excellent results with CSC biathletes sweeping the podium in most categories on their home trails.
- **Western Canadian Championships (Prince George, BC)** - CSC did not attend
- **World Youth Junior Championships (Arber, Germany)** - CSC alumni Ava Heie raced her first international race! Congrats Ava!

- **March:**

- **Canadian Biathlon Nationals (Canmore, Ab)** - 4 CSC biathletes plus alumni Ava Heie attended. All raced well with Allyson securing a hard fought 3rd place in the Mass Start! Congrats Allyson! Once again, amazing results for our little club.