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JOEL HAERING BOUND FOR THE 2023 CANADA WINTER GAMES

THUNDER BAY, ON – Over the past weekend, Lake Superior Biathlon member Joel Haering, 17, attended Biathlon Ontario 2023 CWG Selection Trials in Craftsbury, Vermont. The five-day event sees eleven biathletes from Ontario, test their performance limits to earn an opportunity to represent Ontario at the upcoming Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island.

Against seven other biathletes of the Youth Men category, Haering proved himself to be contender to represent Ontario by posting a second place finish in the first 7.5km Sprint Race, a fifth place finish in the 10km Individual Race, and second fifth place finish in the second Sprint race that was held on the final day. Race results were so close between the competitors that a deficit of forty-five seconds or less between the top five finishers. With the top two highest race results, Haering resulted in a total score of 99.6 points. 2.2 points behind William Ng of Chelsea Nordiq who scored 101.8 points.

On Sunday's closing award ceremony, Peter Niedre, Biathlon Ontario VP Technical, announced the biathletes who will be representing Ontario at the upcoming Canada Winter Games. Along with Ng and Haering, Malcolm McCulloch of Highland Trailblazers, and Antoine Gendron of Chelsea Nordiq will be competing in the Youth Men's Division. Ella Niedre, and Rachel Lambley of Chelsea Nordiq, along with Rachel Schaub of Eagle Lake Biathlon Club will be competing in the Youth Women's Division.

On his selection Haering commented that "I am excited to be able to participate in such a big, multi-sport event. I am really happy that I qualified, and look forward to competing with the best biathletes from across the county." After the holiday break, Haering will continue his preparation for the Canada Winter Games by attending Biathlon Canada's 2023 World Junior Youth Trials in Vernon, BC, followed by the Manitoba Championships, in Falcon Lake, MB in January.

The 2023 Canada Winter Games biathlon events are being held at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park from the 18 to 25 February 2023.

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Lake Superior Biathlon is a non-profit amateur sport organization promoting an active lifestyle through the sport of Biathlon. Lake Superior Biathlon operates at both Kamview Nordic Centre, and Thunder Bay District Fish and Games Association outdoor range. Lake Superior Biathlon is proudly sponsored by the Superior Shores Gaming Association.

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Joel Haering competing in the Youth Men's 7.5km Sprint Race



Joel Haering commencing his final shooting stage in the standing position under snowy conditions

Other race photos available at:

1st Sprint Race: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAjgju>
Individual Race: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAjphF>
2nd Sprint Race: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAjChc>