



Biathlon Yukon Rifle Policy

Reviewed and approved Biathlon Yukon Board

PURPOSE: The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance to coaches, athletes, volunteers and the Board of Directors on the use of Biathlon Yukon owned rifles by athletes for an interim period. Biathlon Yukon is committed to maintaining Club owned rifles and providing them for the use of Biathlon Yukon members.

NOTE:

- a) ALL RIFLES ARE OWNED BY BIATHLON YUKON AND WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF BIATHLON YUKON.
- b) ALL RIFLES OWNED BY BIATHLON YUKON WILL BE REGISTERED AS PER THE FIREARMS ACT, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

DEFINITIONS:

“Club” refers to the Biathlon Yukon.

“Member of Biathlon” refers to people who have a paid up membership in Biathlon Yukon.

“User” refers to a person using a Club rifle who is a member of Biathlon Yukon.

“Policy membership” is defined for a period from May 1st to April 30th of the following year.

“Usage” is divided into two categories “Exclusive Use” and “Non-Exclusive Use”.

1. “Exclusive Use” is for one rifle, for one individual for the membership year.
2. “Non-exclusive use” is for the use of any rifle that has not been assigned under exclusive use.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

1. The user must be a member in good standing for the membership year.
2. The user must have a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or Minor’s Permit or be under the supervision of a coach with a PAL.
3. The user is restricted to using the rifle for Biathlon Yukon training and competitions only.
4. Modifications of use by a User must be approved by the Biathlon Yukon Board of Directors.
5. The rifle must be returned at the end of each membership year for inspection.
6. The rifle must not be loaned to anyone.

7. The user is financially responsible for any damage or loss.
8. The user must sign a rifle agreement for exclusive use.
9. The user must have a valid PAL to remove a firearm from the Grey Mountain Biathlon facility. In the case of a minor, the user will be a supervising coach with a valid PAL.
10. The user must maintain the rifle.
11. Rifles assigned for exclusive use will be stored in a designated cabinet.

The Board of Directors and coaches of Biathlon Yukon reserve the right to deny the use of Club rifles to anyone who contravenes the safe use of a firearm.

Prioritized use of rifles within Biathlon Yukon is as follows: (only relating to Fortner rifle)

Velocity group

Pursuit group

Bears group

Adults group

Rifle Designation Use Guideline

If a situation arises where there are more users wishing to use a Biathlon Yukon rifle than are available, priority use will be given to athletes who are members of the Velocity group.

Prioritizing use of rifles within Velocity group:

First Priority for Biathlon Yukon rifles

First priority for use of Biathlon Yukon rifles for first time users falls to standing shooters and then to prone shooters with an emphasis on previous year's attendance record and has indicated intention to train full time.

Second Priority for Biathlon Yukon rifles

Second priority for use of Biathlon Yukon rifles are repeat users that have used Fortner rifles before and are (in following order) standing shooters and then prone shooters. Other factors that are considered are previous year's attendance record and have indicated intention to train full time.

Third Priority for Biathlon Yukon rifles

Third priority use of Biathlon rifles apply to part time athletes (in following order) that have committed to ONLY one range practise per week between September and December of the user year. Consideration will be given first to standing shooters and then prone shooters with an emphasis on previous year's attendance record. Part time athletes will only be considered if no full time athletes are interested.

Fourth Priority for Biathlon Yukon rifles

Fourth priority use of Biathlon Rifles apply to Biathlon Yukon athletes that are training full time outside of the Yukon in a Biathlon organization that is recognized by Biathlon Canada and upon approval of the board. The use of a rifle outside of the Yukon is permitted for one year only.

Designation Details

1. Coaches will review rifle requests and make a preliminary recommendation.
2. Coaches will consult with the President of Biathlon Yukon prior with recommendation before a decision is made on designation of rifle.
3. Continued rifle use will be evaluated if attendance from September to December falls below 66% of range practices that were planned for the athlete to attend.
4. The opportunity for re-assign a rifle may occur in January and for summer training if a rifle becomes available.
5. Biathlon Yukon Executive reserves the right to reassign the Biathlon Yukon rifles for special circumstances and events. This will be done in coordination with Velocity coaches. Verbal or written notice will be given to the athlete.

Non-exclusive Use Rifle Guidelines

When a rifle is available to an athlete, coaches will direct a rifle to an athlete.

Fees

Fees for exclusive use of the Biathlon Yukon rifles by athletes will be set annually by the Board.

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