BIATHLON CANADA

Canadian Hosting Policy

Canadian Biathlon Championships, Eastern Biathlon Championships and Western Biathlon Championships

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FOREWORD

The Canadian Biathlon Championships ("Nationals") is the pinnacle event of the Canadian biathlon season. Biathletes from Coast to Coast to Coast gather in a single location to compete and celebrate the season.

The standard of hosting Nationals is high. The purpose of this document is to establish the standards for the hosting of and participation in Nationals, the Eastern Biathlon Championships ("Easterns") the Western Biathlon Championships ("Westerns"), and Biathlon Canada selection events.

All organizations and persons involved in hosting Nationals, Easterns, Westerns, or Biathlon Canada selection events must conform to the provisions of this Hosting Policy.

1. GENERAL

1.1. ROLES

Biathlon Canada is responsible for ensuring that the standards for conducting Nationals, Easterns, Westerns and other major domestic events are met. A representative of Biathlon Canada will be designated as the principal point of contact for the Organizing Committee ("OC") for each event.

The Biathlon Canada representative shall be involved in all major decisions in collaboration with the OC and the Technical Delegate ("TD").

The host of an event must establish an OC. The OC is responsible for ensuring the standards outlined in this policy are upheld, and to organize the event in accordance with this Policy and the applicable IBU rules regarding the hosting of an event.

The TD is appointed by Biathlon Canada and is responsible for conducting the necessary inspections and meetings with the OC to ensure proper preparations. The TD is the chair of the competition jury and is responsible for directing any National Referees ("NRs") during the event.

Biathlon Canada, the OC, and the TD will work together to make major decisions and to ensure the event meets the needs of the Canadian biathlon community.

At Nationals, the Division Representative (the "Division Rep") is the individual appointed by each Division to be the main point of contact between the Division and the OC. The Division Rep will submit relay team entries, and allocate wax cabins and zeroing lanes. The Division Rep must attend Nationals in person and must be appointed prior to the first Team Captains' Meeting.

1.2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

This Policy applies for the hosting of Nationals, Easterns, Westerns, and Biathlon Canada selection events, unless otherwise authorized by Biathlon Canada. When a host bids for an event to which this Policy applies, the host agrees to abide by this Policy.

1.3. RULES

Current International Biathlon Union ("IBU") Event and Competition Rules will apply for all aspects of the event unless otherwise stipulated in this Policy. In cases where no specific rule exists for a situation and it is not covered in this Policy, the principle or the intent of the IBU Event and Competition Rules or what is reasonable for domestic competition will be used to resolve the situation.

1.4. INTENT AND NATURE OF EVENTS

1.4.1. Canadian Biathlon Championships

Nationals provide a national competitive forum to determine the Canadian Champions in each class and type of competition. Nationals may not be combined with any other events except the North American Biathlon Championships.

1.4.2. Eastern and Western Championships

Easterns and Westerns are regional events intended to provide a development pathway for Nationals. There is no geographic restriction on entries for either of these events.

1.5. SANCTIONING OF EVENTS

Nationals, Easterns and Westerns are under the jurisdiction of Biathlon Canada. No event or competition held in Canada may be titled the Canadian Biathlon Championships, the National Biathlon Championships, the Eastern Biathlon Championships or the Western Biathlon Championships, or any variation of those names, unless sanctioned by Biathlon Canada.

1.6. ELIGIBILITY TO HOST

Any Division or registered club of Biathlon Canada in good standing is eligible to bid to host Nationals, Easterns or Westerns. The host must have the approval of their Division in order to be considered. Easterns is restricted to those Divisions that are east of the Ontario/Manitoba provincial boundary, and Westerns is restricted to those Divisions which are west of the same boundary.

1.7. EVENT FREQUENCY AND TIME FRAME

1.7.1. Canadian Biathlon Championships

Nationals shall be held once annually. The dates shall be set by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC and will be confirmed to the OC no later than nine months prior to the event.

1.7.2. Eastern and Western Championships

Easterns and Westerns shall each be held once annually. The dates shall be set by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC and will be confirmed to the OC no later than nine months prior to the event.

2. CLASSES AND TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

2.1. CLASSES OF COMPETITORS

The Classes of Competitors detailed in Annex A are established for domestic events sanctioned by Biathlon Canada.

2.2. TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

2.2.1. Canadian Biathlon Championships

Nationals consists of four competitions for each Class of Competitor. It must include both Sprint and Relay competitions for all Classes of Competitors. The other two competitions shall be decided by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC.

2.2.2. Eastern and Western Canadian Championships

Easterns and Westerns shall consist of two or three competitions for each Class of Competitor. All Competition types and Relay formats will be decided year to year by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC.

2.3. COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications for each type of competition for each class of Competitor are detailed in Annex A.

2.3.1. Special Canadian Rules

The rules for Pursuit and Relay competitions at Nationals, Easterns and Westerns are different from the IBU Event and Competition Rules. Additional rule changes from the IBU Event and Competition Rules are detailed in Annex B.

Biathlon Canada reserves the right to adjust all competitions as needed in consideration of changing needs of facilities, weather, numbers and composition of competitors and teams.

2.3.2. Relay Rules

All Relays:

a. For mixed relay teams, Women will start in odd years and Men in even years.

b. Official Teams must be comprised of athletes from a single Division. The Division Rep will submit the Divisional team entries and their rankings.

c. Space permitting, Unofficial Teams may be entered. Unofficial Teams are not restricted in their composition and are encouraged to allow maximum participation. Unofficial Teams will be placed in the starting grid after Official Teams.

d. When possible, the organizer will have each Relay team fill the shooting lanes as set out in section 8.2.1 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules.

e. When possible, Men/Women and Junior Men/Women should be in the same start group.

f. Mixed relays may have 2 or 4 team members. Single gender relays may have 2, 3, or 4 team members.

g. Two person relays are preferred to increase the competitiveness of smaller or developing Divisions and to increase the number of official teams.

h. Divisions will be able to rank their Official Teams for the draw.

Single Mixed Relay:

i. Individual athletes will comprise a team for each of the following paired Classes: Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women, U17 Prone Boys/Girls, U17 Standing Boys/Girls, Development 1, Development 2, Adult 1, Adult 2, Adult 3, and Adult 4.

Mixed Relay:

j. Two men and two women or one man and one woman will comprise a team for each of the following paired Classes: Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women, U17 Prone Boys/Girls, U17 Standing Boys/Girls, Development 1, Development 2, Adult 1, Adult 2, Adult 3, and Adult 4.

2.3.3. Pursuit Competition Rules

The Pursuit competition will be conducted with a three-second start interval between Competitors, with a wave start of all remaining competitors at 3 minutes. The start order is based on the designated qualifying competition from the same event.. Athletes who have not taken part in or who did not successfully complete the qualifying competition may compete in the Pursuit Competition as unranked entries.

Unranked entries will start after all qualified entries. The unranked entries will be grouped together, and a random draw will be performed under the supervision of the TD to determine the order in which they will start, and their starting lane assignments. The unranked entries will be placed in the starting lanes behind the ranked entries.

The unranked entries will start, in a modified simultaneous start, using the same Pursuit starting lanes that have been established for the ranked entries. This may necessitate stacking the unranked entries within the existing starting lanes rather than creating additional starting lanes beyond the number required, under the IBU Event and Competition Rules, to accommodate the ranked entries.

The start time for the unranked entries will be three seconds after the start time of the last ranked entry, or as part of the wave start at 3 minutes, as appropriate.

The unranked entries are individually responsible to start on or after their official start time and are subject to the same rules and penalties as all other competitors in a Pursuit competition.

3. INVITATIONS AND EVENT PROGRAMS

3.1. INVITATIONS

The OC is responsible for the production of the Event Invitation in both official languages, at least three months prior for Nationals, or two months prior for Easterns or Westerns. The TD and Biathlon Canada must approve the Invitation for release. For Nationals, the TD and Biathlon Canada must receive the first draft of the Invitation four months prior to the Event. The Invitation must include the following information:

a. Event name, dates, location and organizer

b. Types, dates and timings of competitions

c. Team Captains' Meetings location and timing

d. Location of competition site

e. Stadium plan, course information, and course maps

f. Facility inspection and training information

g. Registration and entry forms and deadlines

h. Registration fee and social function cost

i. Organizing Committee contact information

j. Class of competitor and age range

k. Shooting order and penalty

l. Details regarding any Para-biathlon competition classes offered

m. Any deviations from this Policy or the IBU Event and Competition Rules.

When possible, the OC should post on the Biathlon Canada website in advance of the invitation the competition dates, hotels and any other available logistical information.

3.2. EVENT PROGRAMS

The following event schedule may only be modified with the approval of the TD and Biathlon Canada.

3.2.1. Canadian Biathlon Championships Program

Day One: Official Training

Day Two: Competition 1

Day Three: Competition 2

Day Four: Official Training

Day Five: Competition 3

Day Six: Relay Competition

After registration is complete, the OC may modify the program in order to best manage the number of registered participants with the approval of the TD and Biathlon Canada.

The qualifying competition for the Pursuit may be a Sprint or an Individual, and must be indicated on the invitation.

3.2.1.1. Daily Competition Schedule

The OC will establish the daily schedule and timing of training, competition, zeroing, and Team Captains' Meetings in collaboration with the TD and Biathlon Canada.

3.2.1.2. Official Training

If official training is offered, the time available for official training should be similar to the times of competitions the following day. For official training the facility must be prepared exactly as it would be for Competition.

3.2.1.3. Team Captains' Meetings

The first Team Captains' Meeting shall be scheduled at a convenient time and location on the day of unofficial training.

3.2.1.4. Eastern and Western Canadian Championships

Easterns and Westerns may consist of one day of official training and two competition days, or three competitions over three days.

4. PARTICIPATION, REGISTRATION AND FEES

4.1. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Any Registered Participant of Biathlon Canada in good standing may compete in a Biathlon Canada event.

Competitors who are carrying their rifles during competition and coaches/staff who are handling rifles must have in their possession and be able to show upon request their PAL or Minor's License, and comply with Canadian firearms laws. For Nationals, competitors must have a Responsible Coach endorsement.

Biathlon Canada reserves the right to authorize participation of individuals/teams from other nations on a case-by-case basis. These individuals/teams must have endorsement from their National Federation, in addition to their Non-Resident Firearm Declaration (form RCMP 5589). More information: http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/visit-visite-eng.htm

Within a Biathlon Canada registration year, once having registered as a member of a Division or Club, no competitor may seek to represent a different Division or Club at any Biathlon Canada sanctioned event unless that competitor has been permitted to do so by the Division or Club in which they were first registered.

4.1.1. Citizenship

A Competitor must be a Canadian citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada in order to be eligible to be a medalist in a Biathlon Canada sanctioned event. A Canadian citizen with dual citizenship may participate and will be eligible for medals. Other nationalities may participate but are not eligible for medals. Competitors must be prepared to demonstrate their eligibility by showing a birth certificate, passport or Canadian Permanent Resident Card. Any competitor that is registered who is not a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident must identify themselves to the OC in order to help avoid the inadvertent awarding of a medal to a Competitor who is not eligible. Should a Competitor who is not a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident place in the top three, they shall be recognized at the flower and award ceremony.

4.1.2. Residency

Biathlon Canada does not have a residency policy regarding which Division or Club a competitor represents at a Biathlon Canada event. However, all competitors must be able to demonstrate membership in the Division or Club that they register with.

4.1.3. Appropriateness of Competition Class

Except for Relay competitions, competitors may compete only one class higher than their highest age-determined class. The IBU rule that a Competitor may compete only in a single class for the duration of an Event is not applicable to events conducted under this policy. In order to compete in an IBU Class at Nationals, competitors must meet the competition standards set out in Annex E. Competitors and coaches should refer to the competition class guidance in Annex E to assist competitors in selecting a class in which they can meaningfully compete.

4.1.4. Para Nordic Athletes

Para Nordic standing athletes are welcome to compete. OC's will also strive to provide competition classes for sitting and visually impaired para-biathletes. Competition classes for para-biathletes will be set out in the invitation for the event. Para-biathletes will be supported by their Division, Club or the National Para team. Para-biathletes who wish to compete at a Biathlon Canada event should contact Biathlon Canada and the OC before the registration deadline to ensure Biathlon Canada and the OC can prepare accordingly. Para-biathletes may choose a competition category appropriate to their LTAD needs regardless of age. If a para-biathlete competes down their result will be unofficial.

4.1.5. Minimum Age

Athletes younger than 13 on December 31 will not be permitted to register for Nationals in that competition season.

4.2. ABILITY TO COMPETE

Competitors for all Biathlon Canada sanctioned events, and for Nationals their Responsible Coach as well, tacitly guarantee that the competitor meets the applicable competition standard set out in Annex E, and that the competitor is able to meaningfully compete at the level for the competition class they register in.

4.3. PARTICIPATION QUOTAS

If an OC wishes to limit the participation numbers of competitors or team staff, the limits must be approved by Biathlon Canada. Biathlon Canada reserves the right to limit participation numbers of competitors or team staff if necessary. Any limits shall be set out in the invitation.

4.4. REGISTRATION

4.4.1. Coaches and Staff

Competitors must identify a Responsible Coach who is Competition-Introduction certified or higher and is a registered participant of Biathlon Canada. The Responsible Coach must certify that the competitor is able to compete in a safe and meaningful manner. Responsible coaches are not required to be the athlete's primary coach or to attend the event.

Competitors, coaches and team staff attending Biathlon Canada sanctioned events must be members in good standing as follows:

- Competitors, coaches and team staff must be members of and in good standing with Biathlon Canada, their division, and their club.
- Competitors must be registered as athletes with Biathlon Canada.
- In order to access the shooting range, coaches and team staff must be registered with Biathlon Canada and have completed the NCCP Safe Sport module, the NCCP Creating a Positive Sport Environment module, and the NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two module.
- Each club that has athletes competing at a Biathlon Canada sanctioned event must have a head coach present at the event who is NCCP certified at the Competition-Introduction level or higher. A coach can act as a head coach for multiple clubs or an entire division. This requirement does not apply to clubs that only have athletes registered in the Adult classes.

4.4.2. Nationals

- The registration process for Nationals will open at least two months prior to the event.

- The registration form must be created using Biathlon Canada's registration template, and must be approved by Biathlon Canada prior to opening.
- All athletes, coaches, and team staff must be registered no later than two weeksbefore the event.
- Registration will be public so that coaches, Divisions, Biathlon Canada and the OC can monitor and flag any issues as needed.
- Once registration has closed, Biathlon Canada, Divisions, Clubs, and coaches will have seven days to check the registration and confirm its accuracy.
- Biathlon Canada will check that all registered athletes, coaches, and team staff are registered participants of Biathlon Canada.
- Biathlon Canada will check that registered athletes and Responsible Coaches are in good standing with Biathlon Canada, including confirming that there are no current or pending disciplinary rulings or doping violations.
- After the close of registration, Biathlon Canada will send each Responsible Coach a list of their athletes. The Responsible Coach must check that all athletes on the list have been approved by them to compete at the event, and are registered with the correct division and club. If a Responsible Coach has any concerns regarding the ability of any of their athletes, they should discuss the issue with the relevant parties and inform Biathlon Canada of the issue within three days of the close of registration for a determination.
- If an athlete is not in good standing with their Division, the Division shall raise the issue to Biathlon Canada within three days of the close of registration for a determination.

4.4.3. Eastern and Western Canadian Championships

Registration for Easterns and Westerns may be made by Divisions, clubs, or individual competitors. The registration form must be created using Biathlon Canada's registration template, and must be approved by Biathlon Canada prior to opening. The deadlines for registrations must be stipulated in the Invitation.

4.5. REGISTRATION FEES

. The recommended range for fees is $40-$50 per Competition, and $20-$30 per competition in electronic biathlon classes. No fees may be charged to participate in Official Training. The fee structure must be indicated in the Invitation. Any fees higher than the recommended range must be approved in writing by Biathlon Canada. When deciding whether to approve a registration fee higher than the recommended range, Biathlon Canada will take into account factors including facility costs, wax cabin/shelter costs, prizes/awards provided to athletes, and unanticipated/unusual one-time expenses..

For Nationals, the OC may charge an additional late registration fee of no more than $10 per competition for competitors that register between 2-4 weeks before the event.

If an event is cancelled with at least one week's notice, entry fees (excluding registration costs) will be refunded. If unforeseen circumstances cause cancellation closer to the event the organizers may retain entry fees sufficient to ensure no loss against expenses already incurred.

5. HOSTING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise authorized by Biathlon Canada, the Host must meet the following requirements.

5.1. ORGANIZATION

The OC should be set up in general conformity with the IBU Event and Competition Rules and must have sufficient numbers of officials to conduct the event in an efficient and orderly manner.

The competition committee for Nationals, Easterns and Westerns should be certified at the Leader level. All other officials who have supervisory responsibilities should be certified at the Advanced level.

5.2. COMPETITION FACILITY

The competition facility for all Biathlon Canada events should conform to the IBU Event and Competition Rules as much as possible. In recognition of the developmental aspects of Biathlon, particularly in new communities, Biathlon Canada will authorize reasonable exceptions. However, the following requirements are the minimum acceptable standards:

5.2.1. Range

There must be at least 24 targets on a firm and level surface, firing lanes 2.75 – 3.0 meters wide, marked lanes, wind flags, safe/good access/exit (left to right) and a penalty loop within 60 metres of the range. The shooting ramp must be large enough to accommodate the anticipated number of competitors, coaches and officials, and there must be sufficient rifle racks and space to address both the needs of the athletes during zeroing, and, for those competitor classes that do not carry rifles, space for non-carried rifles. For electronic biathlon classes, the range should be located as close as possible to the .22 range to enable a meaningful comparison between the results for .22 and electronic biathlon classes.

5.2.2. Course

There must be sufficient loops to conduct the required competitions, general conformity with the IBU Event and Competition Rules, and no dangerous portions.

5.2.3. Stadium and Central Area

The stadium must be well configured to provide good spectator viewing, with adequate space for Start and Finish, a Relay Hand-Over Zone, and a Simultaneous Start area. There should be a designated results area to allow teams and spectators to view results.

5.2.4. Warm-up Trail

A trail approximately 400 metres long, prepared the same as the competition course, with access from the central area must be available.

5.2.5. Team Shelter/Wax Cabin

A team/athlete shelter/area, such as a building or heated industrial tent, shall be provided not more than 300 meters from the stadium where possible. The shelter must be equipped with power, lights, heat and ventilation. It must be large enough to provide shelter for all competitors, coaches and team staff. Wax cabins are not permitted to be used as team/athlete shelters.

Team wax cabins shall be allocated on a one per team basis if possible. The wax cabin may be an open concept with each team having a designated area. The wax cabins should be not more than 300 meters from the stadium. The OC must ensure

appropriate ventilation. The Wax Cabin Safety Notice in Annex C must be posted in each team wax cabin and must be enforced.

5.2.6. Timing Systems

A system meeting all the IBU and Biathlon Canada specifications for the format and content of competition documents, including but not limited to Start Lists, Results, and relay formats must be used. Electronic devices must be used to gather timing data from the Start, Finish, and Penalty Loop. Secondary Start, Finish and Penalty Loop timing data must be gathered to be used as a verification reference within the Results production process. For Nationals, the use of transponder systems for the identification of competitors is required, and the results system used must be able to publish live intermediate ski times to the internet throughout the event. . Course timing data (including Ski and Range times) must be gathered. Course data must be compiled, and the resulting information must be integrated into the Results production process. Video recording equipment must be used, as directed by the TD, to cover the Start Line, Finish Line, Penalty Loop, and the range exit rifle rack if used. Results must be based on timing to the nearest 1/10 of a second.

5.2.7. Parking

There must be sufficient parking space for the vehicles of spectators, competitors and staff within 500 meters from the stadium site, or adequate shuttle transport must be provided.

5.2.8. Toilets and changing facilities for Competitors and Team Staff

The OC must provide at least one indoor or outdoor toilet per 40 people with hand sanitizing capabilities within 100 meters of the central area must be provided for volunteers, competitors and team staff and spectators. Separate facilities should be provided for spectators if possible. At least one private, heated, accessible washroom must be provided.

Change areas with privacy must be provided for athletes. If multiple individual change areas are not provided, there must be one change area for Women, one change area for Men, and one individual change area provided.

5.2.9. Spectator Services

Services for spectators, such as a concession area and a warming area, should be provided if possible.

5.3. MEDICAL

A suitable vehicle or snowmobile with a toboggan must be on the competition site for casualty evacuation. If a competition physician is not available, a first-aid trained person must be designated for that role. The organizer must arrange onward evacuation from the stadium to a medical facility by ambulance, designated suitable vehicle or helicopter.

5.4. DOPING CONTROL

Space for doping control to meet the needs of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports, including dedicated toilets, must be arranged by the OC.

5.5. CONTINGENCY PLAN

The OC, in cooperation with Biathlon Canada, must develop a feasible contingency plan for how to deal with adverse snow and temperature conditions. The plan may include a reserve site, reserve snow storage or an arrangement for transporting snow to the site.

5.6. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

Local transportation and accommodation conditions are not controllable by the organizers; however, acceptable standards must be available for the conduct of Biathlon Canada events. Biathlon Canada will assess local transportation and accommodations when awarding events.

5.6.1. Transportation

Ideally, the host community would be serviced by major airlines and should be within a short drive of the competition site. Transport between the competition facility and accommodation, and between the airport and accommodation, on a group basis, must be considered by the organizers. Information about travel to and from the community, arrangements for travel between the competition site and accommodation, and the availability of rental vehicles must be investigated by the organizers and disseminated with the Invitation.

5.6.2. Accommodation

Sufficient accommodation space must be available within a 30-km distance from the competition facility to house all competitors, team staff, out-of-town officials and official visitors. Standards must be generally acceptable for cleanliness and services; however, multiple occupancy rooms are permitted. The OC should make all efforts to negotiate a reasonable group rate at local accommodations. An eating facility, commercial or otherwise, must be located within 1 km of the accommodation. If requested by Biathlon Canada, the OC will reserve suitable accommodations for Biathlon Canada, at Biathlon Canada's expense.

5.7. BIB SETS

Along with regular competition bibs, leg numbers (minimum of one, which must be placed on the right thigh) are required for Nationals. The OC must also provide a proper set of relay bibs if Relay Competitions are being held.

6. RESULTS, AWARDS, SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS

6.1. RESULTS

Results for all Biathlon Canada events shall be produced in accordance with the IBU Event and Competition Rules and in accordance with this section. For each competitor, the results must indicate the competitor's club, division, team (if applicable), nationality, year of birth, shot penalties, time, time behind, and aggregate points. For mixed gender classes, the results must indicate the competitor's placing within the gendered subcategory for all competitors who indicated their gender in the registration. The results must be provided to Biathlon Canada in an .xls or .csv format immediately after the posting of final results.

All results for all Competitions shall be sent to the addresses specified by Biathlon Canada and posted on the website identified by the OC in the invitation within one hour of the posting of the final results. Separate results must be produced for concurrent events.

6.2. AWARDS AND PRIZES

Awards are subject to approval by Biathlon Canada. They must include medals, and may be supplemented by trophies, plaques or other suitable prizes. The design of the medals must be approved by Biathlon Canada. Medals must either be engraved with, or have printed on them, the following:

- Name of the Event
- Class and type of competition (i.e., Men's 20 km Individual), and placing
- Municipality and Province
- Year

Medals shall be awarded to the top three places in the Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Youth Men, Youth Women, U17 Prone Boys, U17 Prone Girls, U17 Standing Boys, and U17 Standing Girls classes. Medals, or another token of recognition determined by the OC, shall be awarded to competitors in the Development and Adult classes.

In addition to medals, prizes may be given at the discretion of the OC. Awards or Prizes for various reasons such as sportspersonship, ski speeds, or shooting scores are permitted.

For the Development, U17 Prone Boys, U17 Prone Girls, U17 Standing Boys, U17 Standing Girls, Youth Men, and Youth Women classes, results should rank the competitors overall, display the competitors year of birth, and indicate their rank by year of birth.

For the Adult classes, results shall be separated into sub-categories by gender and into three separate age groups: Sport 17-34, Masters 35-49, and Masters 50+.

Official relay teams must be comprised of competitors from one Division. Relay medals will be awarded to official teams by order of finish.

If any non-Canadian competitors finish in the top three, they must be appropriately recognized for their accomplishments at the awards ceremony and be invited to the podium to be given awards, medals or other suitable prizes, as decided by the OC.

The cost for all awards under this section shall be borne by the OC.

6.2.1. Canadian Biathlon Championship Aggregate Awards

During each race at Nationals, points will be awarded to competitors in each category who comply with the following criteria:

1. Competitors are competing in the correct category;

2. Competitors are eligible at the time of registration and during each competition in which points are awarded;
3. Competitors start and complete the race. Athletes who do not finish or are disqualified will not be awarded points;
4. Competitors are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.
5. Points will only be awarded to official relay teams.

Biathlon Canada and the OC will calculate the points for the various aggregate champions, who will be named at the end of each Nationals. The running calculations will be posted on the event website after each competition.

Biathlon Canada will provide the aggregate awards for:

- Individual Champion – plaque;
- Division Championship – banner;
- Club Championship – banner;
- Club 2nd & 3rd place – small banner.

Biathlon Canada and the OC may provide additional prizes.

Points System

The point system for Nationals will use the IBU World Cup Discipline Points for any "individual discipline" competition held at Nationals.

Relay points will only count towards the Division aggregate ranking.

In the event of a tie for the Individual champions, the overall winner will be determined as follows:

1. The Competitor with the greater number of 1st place finishes will be declared the overall winner;
2. if 1) does not produce a winner, the Competitor with the greater number of 2nd place finishes out of the Competitors tied with the most 1st place finishes will be declared the overall winner; and

3. If 1) and 2) do not produce a winner then a tie is declared and the Competitors will be considered co-champions.

In the event of a tie for the Club or Division aggregates, the tied clubs/divisions will each be considered co-champions.

Nordic Marksman Individual Aggregate Awards

Participants in each official category will accumulate points in each race which will create a total. This total will rank against other competitors in the category from most points to least. In the case of a tie, competitors will share the higher numerical rank. Athletes are eligible for the medals and awards within the category in which they are eligible and choose to compete, regardless of their age. It is possible that an individual will have a ranking in two separate categories.

Points will be awarded for the following official categories.

1. Men
2. Women
3. Junior Men
4. Junior Women
5. Youth Men
6. Youth Women
7. U17 Prone Boys
8. U17 Prone Girls
9. U17 Standing Boys
10. U17 Standing Girls

Club Aggregate

The individual aggregate points of each participant will be added together and will contribute towards the club aggregate points of the individual's registered club. All participating club members individual aggregate points will form the club's aggregate points.

Division Aggregate

A Nationals Champion Division will be named based on the following scoring system:

- For individual competitions each Division will score three best placings in each individual aggregate category to top 40.
- The push down concept will be employed, whereby if a fourth skier or more from the same division ranks in the top 30, those points will not be awarded to anyone.
- For relays; each Division may score up to two male and up to two female teams per official class for 3-4 person relays, or up to 4 teams for 2-person relays. Points will be awarded per team, not per individual.
- Scoring will use the IBU points system.

6.2.2. Eastern and Western Championships

Medals shall be the same for Easterns and Westerns as for Nationals, with the required changes such as the wording placed on the medals. The aggregate awards are not awarded for Easterns and Westerns.

6.3. SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL

These guidelines for ceremonies apply to Nationals but should be considered for the Easterns and Westerns. The OC may organize an opening ceremony and must organize a social function where the Biathlon Canada national awards and other awards presentations may take place. The format of the function must be specified in the bid. Biathlon Canada must review and approve the social and ceremonial arrangements.

6.3.1. Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony is optional but should occur at the competition facility with competitors, officials and spectators gathered. However, it may be held elsewhere as proposed by the organizer, with the approval of the TD and Biathlon Canada. The ceremony should include a recognition of Traditional Lands and of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples as the keepers of the land, a short opening address by a local or visiting dignitary and an Aboriginal Elder or a Traditional Knowledge Keeper a flag rising and the playing of the National Anthem. The ceremony must not interfere with essential competitors' or officials' pre-competition activities.

6.3.2. Medals and Other Awards Presentation

The presentation of medals should be formal in nature, as an acknowledgment of the important achievements attained by the athletes. Medals should be presented daily, after the competitions are complete. The medals for any competitions that take place on the day of the social function may be presented there.

6.3.3. Social Function

The social function may not exceed 3 hours duration. A sound system must be available. The fee for the social function must be included in the bid.

7. FINANCES, SPONSORSHIPS AND PUBLICITY

7.1. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1.1. Organizing Committee

All costs for conducting Nationals, Easterns or Westerns, except team travel to and from the host community and accommodation and meals for the teams, must be borne by the OC. Funding is normally accrued from sponsorships and entry fees. In rare and special cases, a grant may be available from Biathlon Canada. Travel and accommodation costs shall be paid in accordance with the Biathlon Canada Travel and Expenses Policy.

7.1.2. TD Costs at Nationals, Easterns and Westerns

For Nationals, Easterns and Westerns, the OC shall reimburse the TD for their travel, accommodation and meals costs.

7.1.3. Pre-Event Inspection

For Nationals, if a pre-event inspection visit is necessary, the OC shall pay the costs arising from the travel, accommodation and meals for the TD.

7.2. SPONSORSHIPS AND MARKETING

All sponsorships and marketing benefits being sought by the OC are subject to approval by Biathlon Canada prior to finalization. In some cases, sponsorships may be initiated and negotiated by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC. The OC must ensure that it contacts Biathlon Canada about sponsorship and to acquire the Biathlon Canada sponsor banners that must be displayed at the site during the event.

7.2.1. Biathlon Canada Sales Items

Biathlon Canada reserves the right to sell Biathlon Canada merchandise at a suitable site provided by the OC. This does not preclude the OC from marketing merchandise of its own design. The OC must notify Biathlon Canada of its plans to sell merchandise at least six months prior to the event.

7.3. DIVISION OF REVENUES

In cases of sponsorship obtained or negotiated by Biathlon Canada for the event, Biathlon Canada, in consultation with the OC, shall decide the sharing of the sponsorship revenues.

7.4. REPORTING AND AUDITING OF EVENT FINANCES

The OC must report the cost of the event to Biathlon Canada in writing. The financial performance of the event is subject to audit by Biathlon Canada.

7.5. PUBLICITY AND MEDIA

7.5.1. Television Coverage

The OC must arrange the maximum possible publicity. However, any national television coverage will be negotiated under Biathlon Canada jurisdiction, including any financial arrangements.

7.5.2. Press Support Facilities

Every effort should be made to provide communication facilities for the press, including phone and internet access.

7.5.3. Media Liaison

The OC must designate a media liaison person during the event. The responsibilities assigned to that person must include all Results distribution to the media.

8. JURIES, TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND NATIONAL REFEREES

8.1. COMPETITION JURY

The Competition Jury at Nationals will consist of the TD, the Chief of Competition, and three representatives elected at the first Team Captains' Meeting.

The Competition Jury at Easterns and Westerns will consist of the TD, the Chief of Competition, and three representatives elected at the first Team Captains' Meeting.

When there are competitions in the morning and in the afternoon, separate juries may be established for the morning and the afternoon competitions.

8.2. JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal for Nationals and Biathlon Canada selection events will operate in accordance with the IBU Event and Competition Rules except that no member of the Jury will be considered as prejudiced in case their Division is involved.

The Jury of Appeal for Nationals will be a standing Jury of Appeal, which will normally meet remotely. The Jury of Appeal will consist of the Chair of Biathlon Canada (or their designate), the Chief Executive Officer of Biathlon Canada (or their designate), the Sport Development Manager of Biathlon Canada, and two members of the Board of Directors of Biathlon Canada.

There will be no Jury of Appeal for Easterns or Westerns.

8.3. TECHNICAL DELEGATES

A TD will be appointed by Biathlon Canada for Nationals, Easterns and Westerns. The TD's task is to assist the OC and to ensure that the competitions are conducted in accordance with Biathlon Canada policies and the IBU Event and Competition Rules. The TD represents Biathlon Canada and no other organization or agency.

The TD should make contact with the OC as soon as possible after their appointment. The OC must bring any concerns that it may have directly to the TD, who may then consult Biathlon Canada as required.

All TDs for Nationals, Easterns and Westerns must hold a minimum certification of Technical Delegate under the Biathlon Canada Officials Program.

8.4. NATIONAL REFEREES

It is not necessary to have NRs for Nationals, Easterns or Westerns. However, if suitable qualified candidates are available to the host at no cost to Biathlon Canada, requests to nominate them as NRs will be considered by Biathlon Canada. OC's may consider such appointments to assist the TD as a means to improve the chances for a

successful event, and to provide valuable experience for the officials. NRs may not be a part of the OC or perform any organizational function during the event.

9. FLUORO-FREE WAX POLICY AND WAX PROTOCOLS

9.1. GENERAL

A full fluoro ban applies for all Biathlon Canada sanctioned events. This ban on fluorinated waxes was implemented to protect the health of both people and the environment. High Fluoro (HF), Medium Fluoro (MF) or Low Fluoro (LF) glide waxes, including HF, MF or LF powders, pucks, blocks and liquids, and cold-weather powder additives and hardeners containing fluoros are prohibited.

9.2. FLUORO-FREE AGREEMENT

By participating in Canadian Nationals, Competitors, Coaches and staff agree to refrain from possessing, applying, using, selling, giving-out or trading any products containing fluorocarbons.

Biathlon Canada representatives may conduct periodic wax room checks during any Biathlon Canada sanctioned event.

9.3. WAX PROTOCOL

Biathlon Canada will implement a wax protocol at Biathlon Canada Selection Events. Biathlon Canada may implement a wax protocol at Nationals, Easterns, and Westerns. If so, the details of the wax protocol will be set out in the Invitation.

9.4. PENALTIES

Any individual or team found to be in possession of, applying, using, selling, giving-out or trading any products containing fluorocarbons, or to be in violation of a wax protocol, will be subject to fines of $2000 or disqualification or both.

10. APPLICATIONS TO HOST

10.1. GENERAL

The application form and bidding process to host Nationals, Easterns or Westerns will be made available each year prior to January 15. The requirements for completing a bid are outlined in Annex C. A prospective host organization's application for Nationals should be received by Biathlon Canada by mid-February, unless otherwise stipulated in the application form, one year prior to the event. The application must indicate who from the Division supports and approves the bid.

10.2. BID PROCESSING

Applications will be received and assessed by Biathlon Canada. Notification of the bid award will be made in writing to the host and Division within 30 days of approval.

10.3. AGREEMENTS

Upon approval, the Application to Host becomes the agreement between Biathlon Canada and the Host by which the Host will conduct the event. The dates of the event will be separately agreed upon by Biathlon Canada and the OC.

11. AMENDMENTS AND COMING INTO FORCE

11.1. MODIFICATIONS

Biathlon Canada can amend this policy at any time.

11.2. COMING INTO FORCE

This hosting policy comes into force on the date shown in the footer of the document and supersedes all previous Biathlon Canada hosting policies.

Annex A – Classes and Specifications of Competitions

Class	Competition Format	Competition Distance	Start Type	Skiing Loops	Loop Length	Shooting Sequence	Penalty
Women (21+)	Individual	15 km	Single, 15 sec	5	3 km	PSPS	60 sec
	Short Individual	12.5 km	Single, 15 sec	5	2.5 km	PSPS	45 sec
	Mass Start 30	12.5 km	Simultaneous	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	12 km	Simultaneous	6	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	10 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	7.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7.5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
Men (21+)	Individual	20 km	Single, 15 sec	5	4 km	PSPS	60 sec
	Short Individual	15 km	Single, 15 sec	5	3 km	PSPS	45 sec
	Mass Start 30	15 km	Simultaneous	5	3 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	15 km	Simultaneous	6	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	12.5 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	10 km	Single, 15 sec	3	3.3 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	7.5 km	Simultaneous	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7.5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
Junior Women (19–20)	Individual	12.5 km	Single, 15 sec	5	2.5 km	PSPS	60 sec
	Mass Start 30	10 km	Simultaneous	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	9 km	Simultaneous	6	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	10 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	7.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7. 5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
Junior Men (19–20)	Individual	15 km	Single, 15 sec	5	3 km	PSPS	60 sec
	Mass Start 30	12.5 km	Simultaneous	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	12 km	Simultaneous	6	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	12.5 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	10 km	Single, 15 sec	3	3.3 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	7.5 km	Simultaneous	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7.5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m

	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
Youth Women (15–18)	Individual	10 km	Single, 15 sec	5	2 km	PSPS	45 sec
	Mass Start 30	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	9 km	Simultaneous	6	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	7.5 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	6 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7.5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
Youth Men (15–18)	Individual	12.5 km	Single, 15 sec	5	2.5 km	PSPS	45 sec
	Mass Start 30	10 km	Simultaneous	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Mass Start 60	12 km	Simultaneous	6	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Pursuit	10 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
	Sprint	7.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Relay	7.5 km	Simultaneous	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
	Mixed Relay	6 km	Simultaneous	3	2 km	PS	150 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6–7.5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5 km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
U17 Prone Boys, U17 Prone Girls (U17)	Individual	8 km	Single, 15 sec	4	2km	PPP	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	8 km	Simultaneous	4	2km	PPP	75 m
	Mass Start 60	8 km	Simultaneous	4	2km	PPP	75 m
	Pursuit	8 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	4	2km	PPP	75 m
	Sprint	6 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2km	PP	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	4.5 km	Simultaneous	3	1.5km	PP	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	4–5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1km	PPPP	75m
	Super Sprint Qualification	3 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PP	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	5 km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPP	75 m
U17 Standing Boys, U17 Standing Girls (U17)	Individual	7.5 km	Single, 15 sec	5	1.5km	PSPS	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Mass Start 60	7.5 km	Simultaneous	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Pursuit	7.5 km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Sprint	6 km	Single, 15 sec	3	2km	PS	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	4.5 km	Simultaneous	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	4–5 km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1km	PSPS	75m
	Super Sprint Qualification	3 km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	5 km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
Development 2 (U17)	Individual	6km	Single, 15 sec	4	1.5km	PPP	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	6km	Simultaneous	4	1.5km	PPP	75 m
	Mass Start 60	6km	Simultaneous	4	1.5km	PPP	75 m

	Pursuit	6km	Pursuit, 3 sec	4	1.5km	PPP	75 m
	Sprint	4.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5km	PP	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	3km	Simultaneous	3	1km	PP	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	4-5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1km	PPPP	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	3km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PP	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	4km	Simultaneous	4	1km	PPP	75 m
Development 1 (U17)	Individual	4km	Single, 15 sec	4	1km	PPP	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	4km	Simultaneous	4	1km	PPP	75 m
	Mass Start 60	4km	Simultaneous	4	1km	PPP	75 m
	Pursuit	4km	Pursuit, 3 sec	4	1km	PPP	75 m
	Sprint	3km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PP	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	3km	Simultaneous	3	1km	PP	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	2.8-3.5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	700m	PPPP	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	2.1km	Single, 15 sec	3	700m	PP	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	2.8km	Simultaneous	4	700m	PPP	75 m
Adult 4 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	Individual	12.5km	Single, 15 sec	5	2.5km	PSPS	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	10km	Simultaneous	5	2km	PPSS	75 m
	Mass Start 60	10km	Simultaneous	5	2km	PPSS	75 m
	Pursuit	10km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	2km	PPSS	75 m
	Sprint	7.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	2.5km	PS	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	4.5km	Simultaneous	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6-7.5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	7.5km	Simultaneous	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
Adult 3 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	Individual	10km	Single, 15 sec	5	2km	PSPS	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	7.5km	Simultaneous	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Mass Start 60	7.5km	Simultaneous	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Pursuit	7.5km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	1.5km	PPSS	75 m
	Sprint	6km	Single, 15 sec	3	2km	PS	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	4.5km	Simultaneous	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	6-7.5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1.5km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	4.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	5km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
Adult 2 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	Individual	7.5km	Single, 15 sec	5	1.5km	PSPS	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	5km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Mass Start 60	5km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Pursuit	5km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Sprint	4.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	3km	Simultaneous	3	1km	PS	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	4-5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	3km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	3.5km	Simultaneous	5	700m	PPSS	75 m

Adult 1 (17–34, 35–49, 50+)	Individual	7.5km	Single, 15 sec	5	1.5km	PSPS	30 sec
	Mass Start 30	5km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Mass Start 60	5km	Simultaneous	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Pursuit	5km	Pursuit, 3 sec	5	1km	PPSS	75 m
	Sprint	4.5km	Single, 15 sec	3	1.5km	PS	75 m
	Relay, Mixed Relay	3km	Simultaneous	3	1km	PS	75 m
	Single Mixed Relay	4–5km	Simultaneous	4 or 5	1km	PSPS	75 m
	Super Sprint Qualification	3km	Single, 15 sec	3	1km	PS	75 m
	Super Sprint Final	3.5km	Simultaneous	5	700m	PPSS	75 m

Classes and Specifications of Competitions Notes:

1. Competitors in the Adult 2, Adult 3, and Adult 4 classes must carry their rifles when skiing the course. Competitors in the Adult 1, Development, U17 Prone and U17 Standing classes do not carry their rifles when skiing the course.

2. All Competitors who do not carry rifles must conform to the appropriate section of the Range Procedures for Competitors Not Carrying Rifles contained in Annex B.

3. Relay type will determine the distance and number of legs. Relays may be 2, 3, or 4 person relays, same gender or mixed. The formats will be determined after the registration deadline.

4. U17 Prone, U17 Standing, Development and Adult are Biathlon Canada classes. Divisional hosting policies using these names must follow the rules for these classes set out in this Hosting Policy.

5. The U17 Prone and U17 Standing classes shall be offered at Nationals. The Development and Adult classes shall not be offered at Nationals. All IBU and Biathlon Canada classes shall be offered at Westerns and Easterns.

6. Loop lengths/sequences that differ from the provisions of this Hosting Policy should be indicated in the invitation and be reviewed in the Team Captains' Meeting or in a communication prior to the event.

7. Development 1 and Development 2 are mixed-gender classes.

8. The Development 1 class may use a rifle rest. U17 Prone, U17 Standing, Development 2, and Adult classes may not use a rifle rest.

Annex B – Rule adjustments and Range Procedures for Competitors Not Carrying Rifles and for Electronic Biathlon Classes

1. RIFLE PROCEDURES

1.1 For theU17 Standing, and Adult 1 classes, there are two different procedures that may be used for the athletes to get their rifles for their shooting bouts after skiing a course loop. The rifles may be brought to their shooting mat by a coach, or they may be picked up and dropped off by the athlete at rifle racks at the range. It is recommended that for all of these classes the rifles are brought to the shooting mat by coaches or officials. The decision on which procedure to use for which competition can be specified in the Invitation or decided at the Team Captains' Meeting. For the U17 Prone and Development classes, the rifles must be brought to their shooting mat by a coach or official.

2. PROCEDURES FOR RIFLES BEING BROUGHT TO MATS

2.1 Following this procedure, the rifles shall be positioned on the mat by a coach with the barrel pointing toward the targets, or handed directly to the athlete once they have settled onto the mat. Unless lanes are assigned to specific athletes, the rifles must not be placed on a mat before the athlete is in sight of the coach on the range. The Competitor shall carry out the entire loading and firing procedure without assistance. After firing the last shot of each bout, the Competitor must open the action, place the rifle on the mat with the barrel pointing toward the targets, and then exit the mat and the range in the normal manner.

2.2 The coaches are responsible for pre-positioning the rifles, moving them to another firing point or away from the range in a safe manner, and for the provision of ammunition to their competitors. No time adjustment will be awarded for a delay caused by any action that is the responsibility of the coaches. In addition, the coaches are responsible for ensuring that a rifle placed on a mat does not impede or otherwise disrupt or interfere with other competitors.

2.3 The Competitor's Coach is responsible for performing the safety check on the rifle before it is moved to another location, by removing the magazine or confirming that there is no inserted magazine, and by confirming that the action has been opened and that there is no round in the chamber.

3. RIFLE RACK PROCEDURE

3.1 Prior to the start of the competition, all rifles, with the bolts open unless otherwise authorized, will be placed in entrance racks located at the entrance to the range.

3.2 Competitors must come to a complete stop on the mats located in front of the entrance racks before they start to pick up their rifles. Each competitor will then pick up their rifle and place the rifle in the correct carrying position on their back.

3.3 Competitors will then ski to their firing points and carry out normal range procedures, as defined in the IBU rules, for removal and replacement of the rifle, for shooting, and for leaving the firing point.

3.4 After completing a bout of shooting, each Competitor will proceed to the exit racks located at the exit of the range and must come to a complete stop on the mats located in front of the exit racks. They will then remove the rifle from their back and place their rifle on the exit racks. The action/bolt must be in the open position when the athlete leaves the exit mat. Notwithstanding IBU Event and Competition Rule 8.5.2, once on an exit mat, provided the barrel is pointed up, a competitor may open the bolt in order to place the rifle on the exit rack. Once the rifle has been safely and securely placed on the rack the competitor may continue with the competition.

3.5 In the case of inclement weather, the TD, or in their absence the Chief of Competition or Chief of Range may authorize that a designated official closes the bolt of the rifles that have been placed in the exit rack to prevent the build-up of snow or ice. The designated official may only close the bolt after inspecting the rifle to verify that the bolt was open, no rounds or empty casings were in the chamber, and that no rounds are present in any magazine inserted into the action of the rifle. This will permit rifles to be carried and to be left in the rifle rack with closed bolts to prevent the ingress of snow and ice when conditions are adverse.

3.6 Competitors must not be interfered with when retrieving rifles or when placing rifles onto the entrance or exit racks.

3.7 The Organizing Committee is responsible for providing a sufficient number of rifle racks. The entrance and exit racks shall be located outside the Silent Zone on a level area and should be placed so that the rifles on the racks are accessible on both

sides. The mats are to be placed under the rack and extend to both sides by a minimum of 50cm. Effort should be made to ensure that the mats provide a secure, non-slip surface for the athletes.

3.8 The OC must have at least one official at both the entrance and exit racks to monitor the recovery and removal of rifles by the Competitors and to supervise those officials who are moving the rifles.

3.9 The OC must provide sufficient officials to shuttle the rifles back to the entrance rifle racks so that they are ready for the competitors' next shooting bouts. If coaches wish to perform the transfer of rifles from the exit to the entrance rack, this is permitted but the coach must inform the organizer prior to the start of the competition.

3.10 Each Competitor is responsible for placing their rifle in the range entrance racks prior to the competition.

3.11 If a rifle is not in place in the rack for a Competitor to retrieve upon arrival at the entrance to the Range, an official with a stopwatch will record the time for the delay and the Competition Jury will make a decision about a time adjustment based upon the circumstances.

4. RIFLE RACKS

4.1 An adequate number of rifle racks must be located on the shooting range to allow each Competitor a place for their rifle. The racks must be made of wood and must facilitate easy deposit and removal of rifles by the Competitors and must prevent accidental falling down of the rifles. The distance between the notches to accept the rifles must be at least 35cm.

4.2 The Organizer must number the range entry rifle racks with the start numbers of the Competitors. The numbers must be easily visible with a permanent marking pen that doesn't run in the rain or snow and placed on or near the notches to indicate clearly where the rifles must be placed.Rifle racks shall be numbered in such a way that the rifles of Competitors with nearly sequential start numbers are physically separated to minimize the likelihood of multiple Competitors having to access the same rifle rack at the same time.

4.3 Rifles placed in the racks must be marked with the start number of the Competitor on the top part of the fore stock, so that the number is clearly visible while the rifle is in the rack. This rifle numbering normally takes place as part of the equipment/material inspection before each competition.

5. PENALTY

5.1 A thirty second penalty will be imposed for each violation of the safety procedures in sections 2 and 3 by competitors.

5.2 The Competition Jury shall handle other issues arising from the above safety procedures according to the principles set out in the IBU Event and Competition Rules and to common sense.

6. OTHER RULE CHANGES

6.1 Biathlon Canada reserves the right to modify existing competitions and to introduce new types of competitions into Biathlon Canada events for all classes.

6.2 The schedule, sequence and types of IBU/Biathlon Canada competitions at events will be set by Biathlon Canada in consultation with the OC.

6.3 The OC/TD may decide not to use draw groups. The timing of entries deadlines (including relays) shall be determined by the TD in consultation with the OC.

6.4 Disqualification will not apply for all violations of section 11.3.4.h of the IBU Event and Competition Rules "deviating from the marked trail". A one minute penalty will be applied per course loop deviated if no advantage is gained by the Competitor by deviating from the marked trail. Competitors will be disqualified if they have gained an advantage by deviating from the marked trail.

6.5 No penalty will be applied if a Competitor skis a longer penalty loop than prescribed. A thirty second time penalty will be imposed each time a Competitor skis a shorter penalty loop than prescribed.

6.6 Even at events where there are multiple classes of competition, all Competitors must report at the pre-start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the first class of competition.

6.7 Organizers may require athletes to pass the pre-start equipment inspection only once prior to starting their first competition at an event. In this case, pre-start equipment inspection must be available during Training, and during zeroing on Competition days as needed. If the trigger weight of an athlete's rifle is adjusted after the rifle has passed pre-start equipment inspection, the trigger weight must be checked again prior to the athlete starting any competition at the event. OCs must have trigger weights on hand at the range or start area on competition days for such purpose. In all cases, the Final Check before Start in IBU Event and Competition Rule 4.2.2.4 must be completed for each competitor at each competition.

6.8 IBU Event and Competition Rule 9.2.4.1.2 may only be applied if necessary to start the next class of competitors and only after all other reasonable options to allow Competitors to finish have been exhausted.

6.9 The following reduced penalties shall apply to the Development, U17 Boys, U17 Girls, and Adult Classes:

IBU Event and Competition Rule	Reduced Penalty
11.3.3.d – crossfire	No penalty
11.3.1.a – an athlete competes in a pursuit and starts up to max. three seconds before the officially assigned start time 11.3.1.b – starting outside the start window in the Sprint, Individual or Super Sprint Qualification competitions without returning to the start 11.3.1.c – breaching the rules listed in Art. 8.2.1 at Mass Start, Sprint and Individual with group start, Super Sprint Final, Pursuit and/or Relay competitions 11.3.1.d – having shot from a wrong shooting position, wrong shooting sequence and/or wrong position in the shooting lane	15 seconds
11.3.2.a – not giving way at the first request by an overtaking competitor in Sprint and Individual Competition	30 seconds
11.3.3.a – every penalty loop, resulting from shot penalties, not done by an athlete immediately after each prone or standing shoot 11.3.3.b – every round not fired if athletes recommence skiing before they have fired all five shots in Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start or Super Sprint competitions, or all eight shots in a Relay competition, having not	60 seconds

hit all targets 11.3.3.c – starting without a tag at the relays hand-over	
11.3.4.p – for the Development classes only, using a second magazine instead of hand-loading lost rounds, replacement rounds for misfires, or spare rounds individually 11.3.4.s – starting more than three seconds earlier than the assigned start time in a Pursuit competition	120 seconds

7. OPTICAL/LASER BIATHLON RULES

7.1 Optical/laser biathlon classes that follow the rules for Development 1, Development 2, and Adult 1 (with prone shooting only) should be offered.

7.2 The targets for the optical/laser rifles should be placed 10m from the firing line, and should be as close as possible to 43cm above the level of the shooting ramp.

7.3 The target size for Ecoaims for should be set to level 7 for prone shooting and level 3 for standing shooting.

7.4 Optical/laser rifles should be zeroed by the coaches prior to the competition. Optical rifles shall be placed at the shooting mats for the competitions and should be shared by all athletes competing in the class.

7.5 The Development 1 class may use a rifle rest. Development 2, and Adult classes may not use a rifle rest, but they may use a sling/handstop if available.

7.6 For Ecoaims competitions, the competitors shall be allowed to view the display during the shooting bouts, in consideration of the rifles being zeroed generally and shared by all competitors.

Annex C – Wax Cabin Safety Notice

FOR SAFETY REASONS, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED

1. Make sure you wear a filter mask and change the filter cartridges at least once a month or as recommended by the manufacturer of your mask.
2. Make sure your filter mask has a tight seal against your face.
3. Avoid spending any unnecessary time in the cabin.
4. Do not keep any food in the wax cabin.
5. Do not consume any food or beverage in the Wax Cabin or with any wax particles on your hands.
6. Ventilate the room if there is any dust or smoke in the room.
7. Keep athletes out of the room except when absolutely necessary.
8. Consider whether you need ear protection if you are using noisy power tools.
9. Clean the cabin daily, wearing a mask while sweeping the particles.
10. Dispose of the swept wax as requested by the Organizer.

Annex D – Application to Host the Canadian Championships or the Eastern or Western Canadian Championships

On or before January 15 each year, the application process will open for hosting Biathlon Canada events. An online form must be completed and will include the following questions/requirements:

- Event, Facility Name, Proposed Dates (please consider alignment with IBU international calendar, USBA, and Nordiq Canada nationals where possible)
- Name of contact information of the Chair of the OC
- Certification level of the following officials: Chief of Competition, Chief of Range, Chief of Course, Chief of Timing, Chief of Stadium, and Competition Secretary
- Anticipated Volunteer Count

Annex E - Competition Standards

1. General Competition Standards for All Events

When selecting a competition class, competitors should follow these guidelines:

- Competitors in IBU Classes are expected to complete an average Sprint competition in 20-35 minutes and complete an average Individual competition with a ski time of under 60 minutes
- Competitors in an Adult class are expected to complete an average Sprint competition in 20-30 minutes, and to complete an average Individual competition with a ski time of 35-50 minutes.
- Competitors in a U17 class are expected to complete an average Sprint competition in 20-30 minutes, and to complete an average Individual competition with a ski time of 30-45 minutes.
- Competitors in a Development class are expected to complete an average Sprint competition in 15-25 minutes, and to complete an average Individual competition with a ski time of 25-35 minutes.

2. Competition Standards for Nationals

In order to compete in an IBU Class at Nationals, a competitor must have completed a Sprint competition that season in that competition class in under 45 minutes.

The OC for Nationals may require competitors on a case-by-case basis to provide results from the season showing that the competitor has met the required competition standard. Competitors who have registered for an IBU Class at Nationals but whose registration is cancelled for not meeting the competition standard must be provided with a refund less an administration fee of up to $25 per competition.