



## Biathlon BC Wax Policy for 2018/19

### Backgrounder

At Biathlon BC's 2018 annual general meeting it was discussed that a waxing policy for the use of LF waxes should be incorporated for BC Biathlon Cup races. This was discussed after the 'Yes wax protocol' pilot ended. In a review of the current athlete manual, selections for Nationals for the Senior Boys and Girls categories and older incorporate ski time standards as part of the calculations for selection processes. This poses some issues in introducing an unenforced waxing policy (as opposed to a monitored wax protocol). An LF wax policy that applies to these categories may be perceived as unfair as a voluntary compliance system cannot ensure that all skis will be waxed the same.

BiBC has looked to the CCBC LF Waxing Protocol as a starting point for its wax policy. The CCBC LF Waxing Protocol is based on the honour system; however they don't have time standards for any selection races. Ski time standards that are being used by Biathlon BC are based on using any waxing advantage using HF waxes to have the fastest skis possible. It is felt that with reference times still being applied for selections to BiBC teams and squads, that a graduated approach to the waxing policy should take place for this season, including a more in depth review of ski standards for selections, and possibly incorporating a more broadly-based wax policy for the 2019/20 season.

Therefore, for the 2018/19 competition season for Biathlon BC Cup races, **no waxing policy will be incorporated** for the Senior B/G, Youth M/W Jr M/W, M/W and Masters categories.

The text of the wax policy for the 2018/19 competition season is set out on the next page.



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Biathlon BC respectfully requests all coaches, athletes, wax technicians and parents to abide by a self-governed policy while waxing skis for BC Cup competitions. This also applies to coaches, athletes, wax technicians and parents traveling to British Columbia from out-of-province or out-of-country.

### **Waxing policy:**

- Structure tools ARE permitted.
- Non-Fluoro (NF) or Low Fluoro (LF) glide waxes ARE permitted.
- Medium Fluoro (MF) or High Fluoro (HF) or similar glide waxes are NOT permitted.
- Pure Fluoro glide waxes (powders, pucks, blocks and liquids) are NOT permitted.
- Cold weather powder additives and hardeners are NOT permitted.

### **The above waxing policy applies to the following races/age categories:**

- At BC Winter Games: the wax policy applies to ALL age categories.
- At Biathlon BC Cup races (including the BC Championships) the wax policy applies to Junior B/G categories and younger, as well as the recreational categories.

If an athlete chooses to “race up” and compete in a different age category, the athlete is governed by the wax policy in place for the category into which they race up.

**Adherence to this policy is self-governed and is the responsibility of coaches, athletes, parents and wax technicians.**