



**Odlum Brown U13
Biathlon Championships**



Battle of the Biathlon Bears

Mt. Washington March 8-9-10

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March 8-9-10, 2024, Mt Washington, Comox Valley, BC**

[Biathlon BC Information page](#)



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General Information

Registration closes on March 6th.

Registration Link: [Zone4 Registration](#)

The latest event information will be posted to our event website:

<https://vibiathlon.ca/wp/>

Date: March 8-10, 2024

Host: Vancouver Island Biathlon Club

The event will be held at the Vancouver Island Biathlon Club's biathlon site which is 350 metres West of Raven Lodge at Mt Washington's Nordic Site. [Raven Lodge](#) is the Nordic ski lodge. Food and beverages can be purchased there and there is access to washrooms and showers. Ski rentals and waxing facilities are available and a retail shop for ski supplies, clothing, and equipment.

On the opposite side of the parking lot is [Vancouver Island Mountain Centre](#).

Team Captains' meeting will be held online, and a WhatsApp link will connect you to the Competition Committee.

Weather information:

[SNOW FORECAST](#)

[Mt. Washington Nordic Report](#)

[NORDIC WEBCAM](#)

Getting There:

The venue is approximately a 40 minute drive from Comox Airport. There are shuttles available through [Ambassador Transport](#). Contact them directly regarding group transportation costs.

Ferries arrive in Nanaimo at Departure Bay from Horseshoe Bay (90 minute drive) and Duke Point from Tsawwassen (100 minute drive) [BC Ferries](#). (Please note that the [BC Ferries Sport Experience Program](#) has reached its funding capacity for the 2023-2024 cycle. The program is scheduled to open again March 15th, 2024, for travel scheduled April 1 onwards.)

Bus link: [Island Link Bus](#)

Competition Committee:

- Competitions Director Normon Thibault
- Competition Lead Glenn Rupertus
- Race Secretary / Timing Lead Jonathan Kerr
- Course Lead TBD
- Range Lead TBD
- Volunteer Coordinator TBD
- Food Coordinator TBD

Notices regarding firearms:

RANGE POLICIES FOR VIBC RANGE:

Rifles are not encouraged in Raven Lodge. If they are taken inside, they must remain locked and in a soft cover or hard case and not left unattended. If needed, there is a safe location inside the white seacan at the range to work on your rifles. Rifles in hard cases must be cased and uncased in the seacan in a safe manner or on the shooting mat.

Rifle Import Regulations:

Teams and individual competitors from outside of Canada must declare their rifles at the Canadian border, complete the necessary documentation, and pay the required fees when bringing rifles and ammunition into Canada. All athletes must register their own rifles and pay the applicable fee. Refer to the government website at <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/iefw-iefa-eng.html> for guidelines.

Rules:

International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules and regulations shall apply as fully as possible to all classes. Specific rules for classes not covered in IBU rules contained in the current Biathlon BC hosting policy shall apply to those classes.

Eligibility to Enter:

All competitors must be registered participants with Biathlon BC or an equivalent Provincial or State organization to enter.

Training:

Parents/guardians that wish to ski or snowshoe must also purchase a day ticket from Raven Lodge. If the parent/guardian is not skiing or snowshoeing, they do not need a day ticket or season pass.

Volunteers:

We need you! We have many jobs on Saturday, Sunday or both days. Please let us know if you are available to help by signing up for a particular job [using this link](#).

Registered volunteers will receive lunch on the days they are available.

Competition Information:

For the U13 Championships this year we will be hosting the “Battle of the Biathlon Bears”. The competition will consist of 5 different challenging mini-competitions. Each athlete will get points for each competition they complete. DNF/DNS of course get no points.

The Bear with the highest points in each of the competition categories will be the Champion for the Battle of the Biathlon Bears.

The Bear with the highest points overall will win the title of “Ultimate Biathlon Bear Warrior Champion of 2024”.

Classes of Competition:

Age is as of December 31, 2023.

Category	Age	Target Size (For race events)
Novice Boys	8-10 years old	Big targets on Rest
Novice Girls	8-10 years old	Big targets on Rest
U13 Boys	11-12 years old	Small targets on Rest
U13 Girls	11-12 years old	Small targets on Rest
13+ Boys*	13-14 years old	Small targets using a sling (no rest)
13+ Girls*	13-14 years old	Small targets using a sling (no rest)

** Intended for 13+ athletes that are not regular BC Cup participants or on the Biathlon BC Talent Squad.*

Events Schedule:

Friday March 8th.

12:00-3:00 Race package pick up.

12:00-2:00 Range open for training until 2:00.

2:30 Adventure ski tour (SNOW and WEATHER permitting)
(Approximately 1.0-1.5 hours, trail availability dependant)

Saturday March 9th.

8:00 Registration Opens for numbers pick up and package pick up

9:00-9:45 Range Open for Zero

10:00 Competition #1. **INDIVIDUAL race.**

4 Laps. 3 Shooting bouts.

30 second interval starts.

Time penalty: 30 seconds per miss.

Race order will be Novice Boys, Novice Girls, U13 Boys, U13 Girls, 13+ Boys,
13+ Girls.

11:30 Competition #2. **Shooting competition.**

Quick Shot! This will be all on BIG targets. Each round loaded individually.

Each Competition category competes separately.

12:15-1:00 LUNCH and reload!

1:00 Competition #3. **Ski competition.**

Points are given by placing.

Each category starts together.

2:00. Competition #4. **Shooting Competition.**

10 shots at the stand-alone target.

Each shot that is inside the target is worth 10 points.

3:30. Bonfire and s'mores!

Sunday, March 10th.

9:00-9:45 ZERO

10:00 Completion #5. **Mass Start**

10:00am – Novice Boys/Girls

10:30am – Juvenile Boys/Girls

11:00am – 13+ Boys/Girls

4 Laps. 3 Shooting bouts.
Penalty loop for each miss.

11:30 Competition #6. **The Grand Finale shooting competition.**

How the grand finale shapes up is going to depend on final registration and range conditions. We will communicate this at registration.

12:30 Awards.

Medals will be awarded for:

Novice Boys Individual Race
Novice Girls Individual Race
Juvenile Boys Individual Race
Juvenile Girls Individual Race

Novice Boys Mass Start Race
Novice Girls Mass Start Race
Juvenile Boys Mass Start Race
Juvenile Girls Mass Start Race

Prize Ribbons will be awarded for 13+ categories.

The 4 Biathlon Bears Champions of the Province and the ONE Ultimate Biathlon Bear Warrior Bear of 2024 will also receive an award.

1:30 CLEAN UP and head out after a great two days of competitions!!

Registration:

All individuals who wish to attend, including athletes and coaches must register in advance through [Zone4 Registration Link](#). Finalized registrations are due by March 6th, at 23:59. No entries will be accepted after this time.

Entries will be confirmed at the Team Captains meeting.

Entry Fees:

\$80 for U13 athletes

\$88 for 13+ athletes

All athletes must be registered with Biathlon Canada: <https://zone4.ca/register/yzXnQg/>

Lunch:

Volunteers will be provided with lunch free of charge on the days they are registered.

Cancellation Policy:

There are no refunds if a competitor does not show up for the competition. Zone4 processing fees will not be refunded for any reason.

If an athlete withdraws before March 6th, 2024, a \$15 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent. No refunds will be given after this date.

If the event is cancelled one week ahead then the registration fees will be refunded in full. If unforeseen circumstances cause cancellation closer to the event, the organizers may retain entry fees sufficient to ensure no loss against monies already spent.

Course Maps:

VIBC has a number of courses available in a “normal” snow year. We all know that this year has been more than challenging. We will assess what trails are available closer to race day and make a call as to what course we will be using. In the meantime, here is a link to all our race course maps for reference: <https://vibiathlon.ca/wp/course-maps/>

Waxing:

Waxing stations can be set up outside the biathlon hut.

Waxing Policy:

The [Biathlon BC May 2022 No Fluoro Wax Policy](#) will be in effect.

- All fluorinated wax products are prohibited for use to prepare skis for competition. This includes Pure Fluoro, High Fluoro (UHF and HF), Medium Fluoro (MF), Low Fluoro (LF), and similarly fluorinated glide waxes, powders, pucks, blocks, liquids, and other applications.
- The use of hand structure on skis is permitted.

Logistical Information

Accommodation:

Accommodation on the mountain books up early so don't delay! The first 3 websites have places in the Nordic area, Slopeside is in the Alpine area, there are also some VRBO places.

[Mile High Accommodations](#)

[Cona Getaways](#) info@conagetaways.com

[Slopeside Accommodations](#)

[Mt Washington Accommodations](#)

In Courtenay: [The Westerly \(Best Western Hotel\)](#)

In Cumberland: [Riding Fool Hostel](#)

There is a store on the mountain but it has limited supplies, so we suggest you purchase food before driving up the mountain.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

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