

Odlum Brown BC Championships

March 1-3, 2024 Whistler Olympic Park INVITATION

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1 General Information

1.1 Competition Venue

Whistler Olympic Park hosted the Nordic events for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The biathlon stadium features 30 electronic HoRa targets, with covered canopy and lights. The trails are open with natural snow from mid-November until mid-April. There are fourteen on-trail wax cabins within 100 meters of the range. The range is at 870 meters elevation. The highest point on the course is at 890 m elevation and the lowest point is at 849 m elevation.

Whistler Olympic Park is located 16 km south of Whistler and 40 km north of Squamish on Highway 99, then 9 km West on Callaghan Valley Road. Once inside the park, follow the signs to the biathlon stadium at the end of Callaghan Road.

Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics website.

The day lodge is located 1 km from the biathlon range, just up the stairs from parking lots 1 and 2. It includes the following amenities:

- Guest Services
- Rental Shop
- Ski School
- Retail Shop
- Fully licensed Café
- Outdoor deck
- Washrooms
- Change rooms
- Ski Patrol

1.2 Weather

https://www.whistlerolympicpark.com/conditions

https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/CallaghanValley/6day/bot

1.3 Competition Organizing Committee and Contact Information

Please direct any questions regarding this invitation to Kevin Rodger, Organizing Committee Competition Lead, at competition@seatoskynordics.ca.

The Competition Office is located downstairs in the Biathlon Technical Building and will be open from 11:00-15:00 on March 1 and from 8:00-16:00 on March 2 and 3, 2024.

Competition Lead: Kevin Rodger

Competition Secretary: Julie Phon and Barbara Breuner

Range Lead: Stephane Deseau

Timing Lead: Thomas Burkholder and Terry Lum

Course Lead: Anne Wong
Stadium Leads: Scott Aitken
Volunteer Coordinator: John Irvine

Technical Delegate: TBD

1.4 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 <u>Canadian Border Services Agency website</u> to obtain a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration.

1.5 Rules

The event is held in accordance with IBU Rules, and the Biathlon BC Hosting Policy (dated October 2023).

1.6 Eligibility to Enter

All competitors must be registered participants, in good standing, with Biathlon BC, Biathlon Canada, USBA, or IBU. Proof of membership will be requested when registering for the event.

Only Biathlon BC members will be eligible to receive the full benefit of results in Biathlon BC programs, such as BC Cup points, and team or squad selections.

A Cadet competition will be offered at this event. If the cadet participates in the Cadet competition class and is "under orders", using a DND rifle, and supervised by their cadet unit then they do not need a Biathlon BC Membership. Cadets will follow document A-CR-CCP-178/PT-001 Canadian Cadet Organizations Biathlon Championship Series Event and Competition Rules 2021, with regards to Shooting Regulations

1.7 Training

The range will be open for unofficial training on Friday, March 1 from 11:00-14:30.

1.8 Volunteers

We need you! We have big jobs and small jobs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please let us know if you are available to help by registering as a volunteer through the <u>SignUpGenius</u> link. Registered volunteers will receive a trail pass and lunch on days they are available.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FABA72AA2F8C70-47577116-biathlon#/

2 Event Information

2.1 Event Competitions

2.1.1 Saturday

BC Championship, Sport, and U13 classes will compete in a Mass Start. Start position for BC Championship classes will be based on Biathlon BC points standings (see Event-Based Criteria in the Biathlon BC <u>Athlete Manual</u> for points calculations for each class). Unranked athletes will be placed behind Ranked athletes in random order. Start position for Sport and U13 classes will be randomly selected.

Cadet classes will compete in a Sprint with single start on 15 second intervals.

2.1.2 Sunday

BC Championship, Sport and U13 classes will compete in a Sprint with single start on 15 second intervals.

2.2 Registration

All individuals who wish to attend, including athletes and coaches, must register in advance. Finalized registrations are due by Friday, February 23, 2024, at 23:59 through the Zone4 Biathlon BC Championships registration link. No entries will be accepted after this time.

Entries will be confirmed on March 1, 2024, at the Team Captains Meeting.

2.3 Entry Fees

\$40.00 per athlete per competition

2.4 Banquet

Sea to Sky Nordics will host a dinner banquet for all athletes, coaches, parents, and other supporters. Awards for Saturday's competition will be presented at the banquet. Tickets include dinner, dessert, and a drink. Tickets can be added to your registration in Zone4.

Time: Saturday, March 2, 2024, 6pm to 8pm

Location: Myrtle Philip Community School, 6195 Lorimer Rd, Whistler

Cost: \$30 for children under 19, \$40 for adults 19 and older (includes choice of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage)

2.5 Lunch

Lunch tickets will be available to anyone for purchase through Zone4 for Saturday and Sunday for a cost of \$15 per day.

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

2.6 Cancellation Policy

There are no refunds if a competitor does not show up for the competition. Zone 4 processing fees will not be refunded for any reason.

If an athlete withdraws before February 23, 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 (before February 23, 2024) then the registration fees will be refunded in full, minus the Zone4 processing fee. If unforeseen circumstances cause cancellation closer to the event, the organizers may retain entry fees sufficient to ensure no loss against monies already spent.

If the event is cancelled on the competition weekend due to severe cold weather or force majeure, no refund of registration fees will be made.

2.7 Trail Passes

Trail passes for registered athletes, coaches, and volunteers will be available for pick-up at the Whistler Olympic Park gate kiosk on Friday, March 1, 2024.

2.7.1 Athletes

Trail passes will be included in registration fees for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Ticket requirements must be confirmed on the registration form.

2.7.2 Coaches

Trail passes will be provided free of charge for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Coaches must register in advance through Zone4 and confirm ticket requirements on the registration form.

2.7.3 Volunteers

Trail passes will be provided free of charge for registered volunteers on the days they are available to help (see Volunteers).

2.7.4 Parents, Spectators, Other Supporters

Parents/guardians dropping participants off for competitions must also purchase a day ticket (<u>online</u> or in person) or present a season pass if they plan to ski or snowshoe. If parent/guardians are not skiing or snowshoeing, or only dropping off they do not need a day ticket or season pass.

Pets are not allowed in the competition area or trails near the biathlon stadium.

2.8 Classes of Competition

The following classes of competition will be run, depending on sufficient entries. Classes may be combined with another class to form larger starting groups. Age is as of December 31, 2023. An athlete who is 15 or 16 may elect to compete in either the Senior Boys/Senior Girls or Youth Men/Women category. This selection must be made when registering. Competitors in the Masters classes must carry their rifles. The open Men class has been combined with Jr Men, and the open Women class has been combined with Jr Women to foster competition. These classes will ski the Jr distance together but will be awarded separately.

		Mass Start			Sprint		
Category	Age	Total Distance (Lap)	Shooting	Penalty	Total Distance (Lap)	Shooting	Penalty
Jr Girls/ Boys	13-14	6 km (1.5 km)	P-P-P	100 m	4.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P	100 m
Sr Girls/ Boys	15-16	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
Youth Men	15-18	10 km (2 km)	P-P-S-S	150 m	7.5 km (2.5 km)	P-S	150 m
Youth Women	15-18	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	150 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	150 m
Jr Men / Men	19+	12.5 km (2.5 km)	P-P-S-S	150 m	10 km (3.3 km)	P-S	150 m
Jr Women / Women	19+	10 km (2 km)	P-P-S-S	150 m	7.5 km (2.5 km)	P-S	150 m
Sport Men/ Women	17+	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
Masters Men	35+	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
Masters Women	35+	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
Masters Men	50+	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
Masters Women	50+	7.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P-S-S	100 m	6 km (2 km)	P-S	100 m
U13 Prone	<13	3.6 km (900 m)	P-P-P	50 m	2.7 km (900 m)	P-P	50 m
U13 Stand	<13	2.8 km (700 m)	P-P-P	50 m	2.1 km (700 m)	P-P	50 m
Cadet Jr Girls/Boys	<15				4.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P	100 m
Cadet Sr Girls/Boys	15+				4.5 km (1.5 km)	P-P	100 m

2.9 Event Schedule

Friday, March 1, 2024						
Unofficial Training						
11:00	Range opens for training					
14:30	Range closes					
19:00	Team captain's meeting (Online)					
Saturday, March 2, 2024						
Mass Start (BC Championship and Sport Classes) / Sprint (Cadet Classes)						
7:00	Range, stadium, and course setup					
8:00	Bib pickup opens (Competition Office)					
8:45	Equipment check opens					
9:00	Range opens for zeroing (BC Championship, Sport classes)					
9:45	Range closes; Equipment check closes					
9:50	Opening ceremony					
10:00	Morning competition starts (BC Championship, Sport classes)					
13:00	Range opens for zeroing (U13, Cadet classes)					
13:30	Range closes					
13:45	Afternoon competition starts (U13, Cadet classes)					
18:00	Banquet at Myrtle Philip Community School					
Sunday, March 3, 2024						
Sprint (BC Championship, Sport, U13 Classes)						
7:00	Range, stadium, and course setup					
8:00	Bib pickup opens (Competition office)					
8:45	Equipment check opens					
9:00	Range opens for zeroing					
9:45	Range closes; Equipment check closes					
10:00	Sprint competition starts					

Note: Schedule subject to change based on registration numbers or other unforeseen circumstances.

2.10 Sr Girls/Boys Classes

Rifle racks will be set up at the entry and exit of the range. Coaches will be responsible for coordinating rifle runners for their athletes during competition.

2.11 Team Captains Meeting

The Team Captains Meeting will be held online on March 1, 2024, at 19:00. A web link will be sent out in advance to registered coaches.

2.12 Awards

The awards for Saturday's Cadet competitions will be presented following the last finisher at the biathlon stadium. The awards for Saturday's BC Championship competitions will be presented at the evening banquet at Myrtle Philip Community School. The awards for Sunday's competitions will be presented in the biathlon stadium, following the last finisher.

For the BC Championship and Cadet Classes, medals for the first three places will be awarded in classes with four or more competitors along with podium recognition for 4th, 5th and 6th place; in classes with three competitors, medals will be awarded for first and second place; in classes with two competitors, medals will be awarded for first place; and in classes with one competitor there will be podium recognition only.

U13 classes will be awarded participant medals.

2.13 Wax 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.

3 Logistical Information

3.1 Accommodation

Teams are responsible for arranging their own accommodation during the event. There are many options in Whistler and Squamish:

http://www.whistlerathletescentre.com

https://www.whistler.com/

https://www.exploresquamish.com/lodging

3.2 Vehicle Rentals

A list of car rental companies at Vancouver International Airport is available at this link:

http://www.yvr.ca/en/getting-to-from-yvr/car-rentals.aspx

3.3 Groceries

3.3.1 Nesters Market Squamish

https://www.nestersmarket.com/store/squamish/

710 Hunter Place, Squamish

3.3.2 Nesters Market Whistler

https://www.nestersmarket.com/store/whistler/

7019 Nesters Road, Whistler

3.4 Wax Cabins

Whistler Olympic Park has 13 wax cabins at the biathlon range stadium. The cabins are heated and have electricity. They have a table and chairs. To secure a wax cabin, e-transfer \$220 to competition@seatoskynordics.ca to cover the weekend rental fee (\$120) and key deposit (\$100). The key deposit will be refunded after the keys have been returned. Please include a note in the transfer to indicate "Wax Cabin" and Club Name.

Keys will be available at the competition office starting on Friday.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sea to Sky Nordics Organizing Committee

4 Revision History

Version	Date	Comment
1	February 10, 2024	Initial release
2	February 26, 2024	Corrected course length for Masters sprint to 2 km (Section 2.8)
3	February 27, 2024	Equipment check on both days. Sunday schedule updated (Section 2.9)