



Biathlon BC



BC GAMES
TRAIL-ROSSLAND
2026 WINTER

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Contact Info & Resources



- 2025 BCWG Biathlon Provincial Advisor – Roddy Ward (gm[@biathlonbc.ca](mailto:gm@biathlonbc.ca))
- 2025 BCWG Biathlon Sport Chair – Mike Heximer
- Zone Representatives: TBD. Please reach out to gm@biathlonbc.ca if interested
- [External High School Credits](#)
- [BC Games Leadership Bursary](#) – application closes before games begin
- [Volunteer for the Games](#)
- [2025 BC Winter Games Technical Package](#)



BC Winter Games Overview



- Multisport event modelled after Olympics
 - Athletes compete for their home “Zones” – NOT FOR THEIR CLUB
 - BC Games rules require athletes to compete for the zone where they make their permanent residence
 - Home biathlon club may be based in a different Zone
- Trail-Rossland, February 26-March 1, 2026
- Province divided into Zones 1-8
- <https://www.bcgames.org/Games/BC-Winter-Games>



BC Games Zones

Zone 1 – Kootenays

Zone 2 – Thompson-Okanagan

Zone 3 – Fraser Valley

Zone 4 – Fraser River

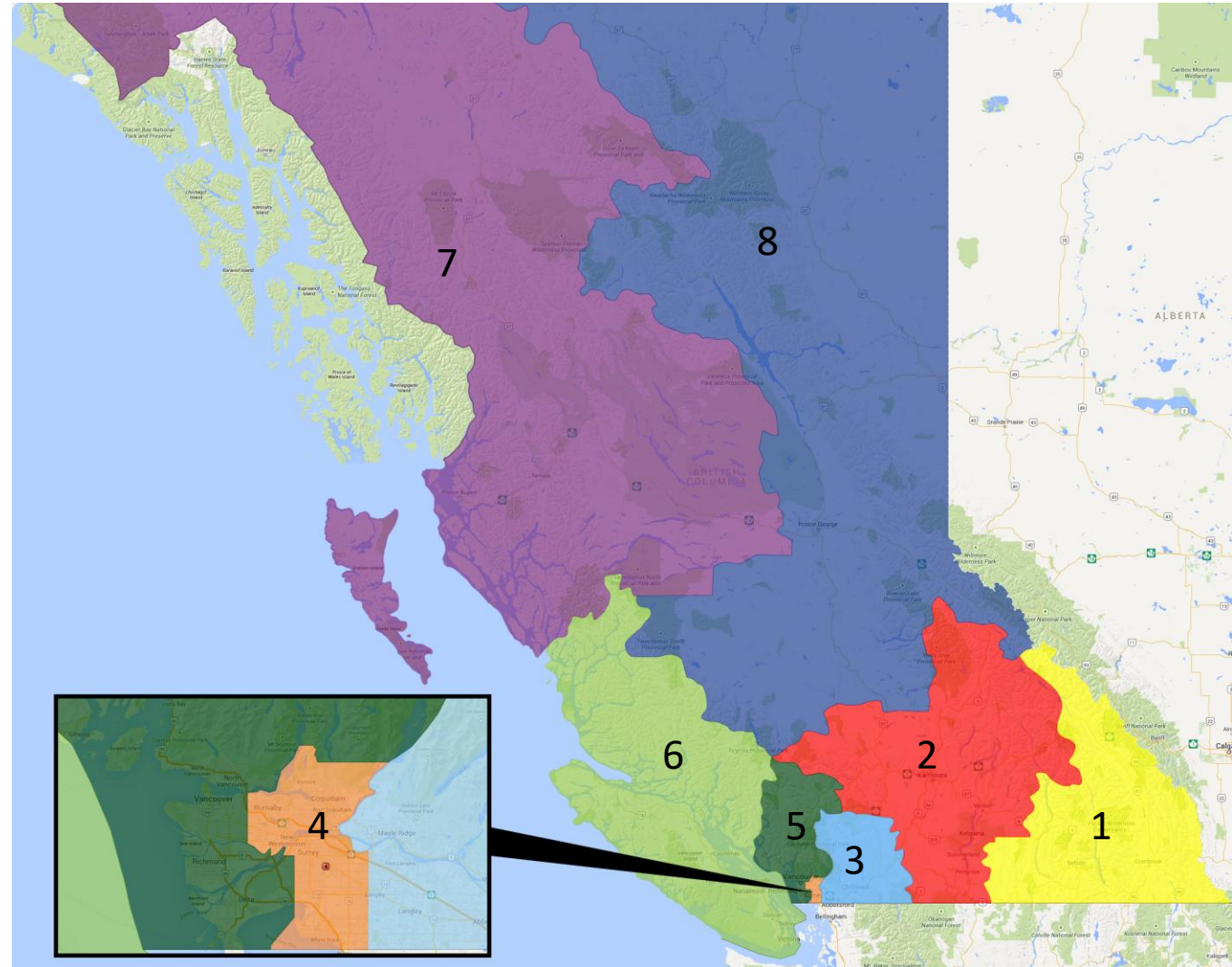
Zone 5 – Vancouver-Coastal

Zone 6 – Vancouver Island-Central Coast

Zone 7 – North West

Zone 8 – Cariboo-North East

Cities within the Zones



Eligibility and Selection



- Athlete Eligibility
 - Year of birth **2011 and 2012**
 - Registered as a Development member of Biathlon BC
 - Race category “Development 2”
- Two male & two female athletes per zone, selected by trials
 - Additional athletes may be given a spot via a wildcard process
- Games Fee – \$225
- Athletes may only compete in biathlon in one games. Not able to qualify for multiple games in biathlon
- Deadline for selection trials: **January 4th, 2026**
- Deadline for registration: **January 19th, 2026**



Zone Qualification Trials



- One Sprint race
- Each Zone needs to designate selection event to select their Zone's team
 - Selection races must be held using Dev 2 Category
- Each Zone needs to post their Zone Trials Invitation on the Biathlon BC Website within 4 weeks prior to the event
- Deadline for selection trials: **January 4th, 2026**
- Zone representatives must have the selection results submitted to the provincial advisor by **January 8th, 2026**



Wildcards



- 8 wildcards (4 male and 4 female) are available for athletes who did not qualify through their zone trials. Athletes must have competed in their zone trials.
- The Provincial Advisor and Biathlon BC will establish a sub-committee to select the wildcards for the BC Winter Games.
 - The sub-committee will be Biathlon BC's Athlete Development Committee
- The sub-committee will weigh the following factors when selecting wildcards:
 - the depth and strength of the field in the athlete's zone
 - equal gender considerations
 - the spread of wildcard allocations across many zones
 - previous race results from BC cups, regional races and/or club time trials if available.





Coach Certification Requirements

- Head coaches must be NCCP Competition-Introduction Biathlon Certified, and complete the NCCP Safe Sport Training, CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module, and Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation.
- Assistant coaches must be NCCP Competition-Introduction Biathlon Trained, and complete the NCCP Safe Sport Training, CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module, and Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation.
- Adult supervisors must complete the NCCP Safe Sport Training, CAC Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module, and Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation.
- All coaches and adult supervisors must provide a criminal record check to Biathlon BC
- All Zones must identify Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches for your zone by **November 15th, 2025** and send their names to the provincial advisor (gm@biathlonbc.ca).



Competition Intro coach pathway

Prerequisites

- In order to participate in the Competition-Introduction biathlon coach workshop, coaches must be:
 - 16 years of age or older; and
 - registered participants with Biathlon Canada.

Recommended Training

- Coaches are encouraged to complete the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and the following NCCP multi-sport modules prior to the Competition-Introduction biathlon coach workshop:
 - Coach Initiation in Sport;
 - Make Ethical Decisions;
 - Safe Sport Training;
 - Understanding the Rule of Two; and
 - Creating a Positive Sport Environment.

Required NCCP Multi-Sport Modules

- It is recommended that the following NCCP multi-sport modules, which are required in order to achieve “trained” status, be completed prior to the Competition-Introduction biathlon coach workshop:
 - Planning a Practice;
 - Design a Basic Sport Program;
 - Nutrition;
 - Teaching and Learning; and
 - Basic Mental Skills.

Competition-Introduction Biathlon Coach Workshop

- The Competition-Introduction biathlon coach workshop consists of two parts:
 - Part 1: Setting the Scene, Creating the Training Environment, Designing a Seasonal Plan, Supporting the Competitive Experience; and
 - Part 2: Equipment, Supporting the Athlete in Training, Analyzing Performance.

Certification

- Coaches who have “trained” status must complete an evaluation to become “certified” Competition-Introduction coaches. The evaluation consists of the following:
 - Completion of the Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation;
 - Submission of a practice plan, emergency action plan, and seasonal plan;
 - Direct observation of the coach during training or competition by an evaluator; and
 - Debrief and preparation of an action plan with the evaluator.

Safe Sport Screening (New Policy Suite)



Travel and Accommodation

- Athletes travel and stay as a team under a coach's supervision
- BC Games arranges transportation out of "hubs" in each zone.
 - Athletes may be expected to travel to the BC Games transportation hub.
 - Athletes must travel with their zone coach.
 - There is no "hop on, hop off" service.
 - Alternative is for athletes to travel to BC Games on their own at their own expense.
 - Expect long bus rides to the 2026 Games
- Accommodation in schools
 - Sleep in school classrooms
 - Eat in school cafeterias
 - Athletes must stay in the Games environment for the duration of the games.
- Compete Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Closing Ceremonies Sunday





2026 BC Games Schedule

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026: Travel to Games
- Thursday February 26, 2026: Medal Event: Individual Competition
- Friday February 27, 2026: Medal Event: Sprint Competition
- Saturday February 28, 2026: Medal Event: Mixed Relay
 - Official teams: 2 athletes: 1 male and 1 female per zone team
 - Zones can have multiple official teams. However, zone teams and unofficial teams may be balanced so all athletes can race
 - Zones with extra or insufficient athletes may form mixed zone teams
- Sunday, March 1, 2026: Closing Ceremony and travel home





Zone Representatives

- No previous experience necessary other than enthusiasm, a level of organizational ability and basic computer skills, the Zone Rep has the following duties and responsibilities:
- Communicates with the Provincial Advisor (PA);
- Is the main point of contact between the PA and the athletes, coaches and parents in the Zone;
- Promotes the Games to the athletes in the Zone;
- Order optional swag for zone team (hoodies);
- Ensures all eligible athletes in the zone have an opportunity to attend Trials;
- Works with the coaches and officials in the Zone to organize Trials;
- Works with the PA to identify coaches for the Zone;
- Registers the successful athletes and their Coaches into the BC Games database;
- Works with the athletes, coaches and PA to identify where each participant will catch the bus and that there will be an Adult Supervisor for athletes on the bus.
- **The Zone Rep does not attend the Games as a Zone Rep but may attend as a Coach, Official or Volunteer if they wish.**
- Zone representative identified by **September 15th, 2025**



Registration



- Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Spares, Adult Supervisors
- Necessary to fill in an electronic form with lots of fields
- Every field is necessary for a complete registration
- Registration deadline: **January 19th, 2024**



2024 BC Winter Games Deadlines



- Zone representative must be identified by **September 15th, 2025**
- Coaches must designate coaches by **November 15th, 2025**
- Zones must complete selection trials by **January 4th, 2026**
- Zones must have the selection results submitted by **January 8th, 2026**
- All Participants must complete registration by **January 19th, 2026**
- All Coach certifications must be completed by **January 19th, 2026**



BC External Sport Credits



- All athletes who qualify, and compete, at BC Winter Games will receive 4 credits to be applied towards graduation from high school
 - UXSA 10 – 4 credits
- Full details: [BC External Sport Credits](#)





Future BC Winter Games

- Kamloops 2028. e-biathlon.
- Think about creating systems for your zone to support the upcoming games!
 - **Develop & train coaches**
 - Attract athletes
 - E-biathlon will allow for the Games to be more inclusive and accessible. Trial races will have the potential to be large participation events themselves.



Questions about the BC Winter Games?

