









Sovereign Lake Nordic Club warmly welcome you to the

# North American Cup #2, Western Series #2 & Odlum Brown BC Cup #1

**Individual & Sprint Competitions** 

December 5, 6, 7, 2025

# Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Biathlon Range

250 Sovereign Lake Road, Vernon, BC

These competitions will take place on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories of the Syilx and Secwépemc Nations. We honour and acknowledge these lands on which we live, work, and play.

In the spirit of reconciliation, we support the work of Spirit North in creating opportunities for sport and play for Indigenous youth.

#### **Western Series presented by Mincher Koeman**

Biathlon BC and Biathlon Alberta have designated Odlum Brown BC Cup #1 as a Western Series event for the 2025/26 season. Aimed at bringing the strongest and deepest fields together in Western Canada, the Western Series will feature the best biathletes the west has to offer. The Western Series will consist of two Biathlon Alberta events and two Biathlon BC events, with a season-long points race and prize money up for grabs in the Senior B/G, Youth M/W, Junior M/W, and Senior M/W categories.

The 2025/26 Western Series events are as follows:

- Calforex Cup #1 Canmore (November 29-30)
- Odlum Brown BC Cup #1 Vernon (December 6-7)
- Calforex Cup #4 Hinton (February 21-22)
- Odlum Brown BC Champs and Westerns Prince George (March 5-8)

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The top 3 eligible athletes in the season-long points race for Senior B/G, Youth M/W, Junior M/W, and Men/Women categories will earn the following prize payouts:

1st place: \$250 2nd place: \$150 3rd place \$100

For more information, including eligibility criteria and scoring please see the Biathlon BC website

# A Huge Thank You to our Sponsors



# **ODLUM BROWN**

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#### 1 General Information

# 1.1 Competition Venue

Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre, Vernon, BC. The facility is located 22 km east of Vernon within Silver Star Provincial Park. Located off Silver Star Road, just 2 km west of Silverstar Mountain Resort.

All competition information and course maps will be available on Sovereign Lake Nordic's website HERE

# 1.2 Competition Organizing Committee and Contact information

Technical Delegate: John Neumann
Competition Lead: Marcus Boyle
Range Lead: Antoine Bertrand
Range Deputy: Dominik Dlouhy

Timing Co-Leads: Craig Ralph / Terry Lum

Stadium Lead: Alex Lane Course Lead: Neil Hendry

Competition Secretary: Lynn Algra / Kerry VanSickle (biathlon@sovereignlake.com)

Volunteer Coordinator: Laura Bot (<u>volunteers@sovereignlake.com</u>)

Food & Banquet Lead: Kara Williamson

Announcer: TBC

The Competition Office is located in the Biathlon Cabin beside the Range and will be open from 08:00 - 16:00 on December 5, 6, 7, 2025.

### 1.3 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 RCMP Firearms Program to obtain a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration for guidelines.

Biathlon rifles are not permitted in the Day Lodge. Competitors are required to transport their rifles from the parking lot to the biathlon range in either a soft or hard case. All Canadian athletes who are carrying their rifles on course must have in their possession, and be able to show upon request, their Possession and Acquisition Licence or Minor's Permit. Rifles may not be left unattended.

#### 1.4 Rules

International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules and regulations shall apply as fully as possible to all classes. The North American Hosting Policy shall apply to the IBU classes. Specific rules for classes not covered in IBU rules contained in the Biathlon BC Hosting Policy shall apply to those classes.

# 1.5 Eligibility to Enter

All athletes participating must be registered participants with <u>Biathlon Canada</u> or <u>USA Biathlon</u> or another IBU national federation for the 2025-2026 season.

Biathlon BC members in good standing are eligible to receive full benefit of results in Biathlon BC programs, such as BC Cup points and team or squad selections.

# 2 Competition Information

#### 2.1 Competition Events

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - INDIVIDUAL (Short INDIVIDUAL for Men/Women classes)
Sunday, December 7, 2025 - SPRINT

# 2.2 Classes of Competition

The following classes of competition will be run, depending on sufficient entries. Classes with fewer than 3 registrants may be combined with another class.

Penalty loop distances: 150m for Men/Women, Jr Men/Women, Youth Men/Women; 75m for U17 Boys/Girls, Development 1 & 2, Adult 1- 4, Para, and U11

CLASSES	AGE	INDIVIDUAL DISTANCE	INDIVIDUAL COURSE	SPRINT DISTANCE	SPRINT COURSE
Open Men	21+	15.0 km	5 x 3.0 km PSPS (Yellow)	10.0 km	3 x 3.3 km PS (Blue)
Open Women	21+	12.5 km	5 x 2.5 km PSPS (Green)	7.5 km	3 x 2.5 km PS (Green)
Junior Men	19-20	15.0 km	5 x 3.0 km PSPS (Yellow)	10.0 km	3 x 3.3 km PS (Blue)
Junior Women	19-20	12.5 km	5 x 2.5 km PSPS (Green)	7.5 km	3 x 2.5 km PS (Green)
Youth Men	15-18	12.5 km	5 x 2.5 km PSPS (Green)	7.5 km	3 x 2.5 km PS (Green)
Youth Women	15-18	10.0 km	5 x 2.0 km PSPS (Red)	6.0 km	3 x 2.0 km PS (Red)
U17 Prone Boys/Girls	11-16	8.0 km	4 x 2.0 km PPP (Red)	6.0 km	3 x 2.0 km PP (Red)
U17 Standing Boys/Girls	11-16	7.5 km	5 x 1.5 km PSPS (Orange)	6.0 km	3 x 2.0 km PS (Red)
Development 2 Mixed Gender .22 and Electronic	11-16	6.0 km	4 x 1.5 km PPP (Orange)	4.5 km	3 x 1.5 km PP (Orange)
Development 1 Mixed Gender .22 and Electronic	11-16	4.0 km	4 x 1.0 km PPP (Purple)	3.0 km	3 x 1.0 km PP (Purple)
Adult 4 Carry Rifle	17-50+	12.5 km	5 x 2.5 km PSPS (Green)	7.5 km	3 x 2.5 km PS (Green)
Adult 3 Carry Rifle	17-50+	10.0 km	5 x 2.0 km PSPS (Red)	6.0 km	3 x 2.0 km PS (Red)
Adult 2 Carry Rifle	17-50+	7.5 km	5 x 1.5 km PSPS (Orange)	4.5 km	3 x 1.5 km PS (Orange)
Adult 1 Electronic Free Hold. Target size set at 6. Shoot Left to Right	17-50+	7.5 km	5 x 1.5 km PPPP (Orange)	4.5 km	3 x 1.5 km PP (Orange)
U11 Electronic Rifle rest. Target size set at 6. Shoot Left to Right	10 and younger	2.8 km	4 x 700 m PPP (Black)	2.1 km	3 x 700 m PP (Black)
Para	Open	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

As per the <u>Biathlon North America Hosting Policy</u>, the classes of competition for the NorAm event are Men/Women (21+), Junior Men/Women (19-20), and Youth Men/Women (15-18).

BC Cup classes of competition are found at Biathlon BC Hosting Policy.

When selecting a competition class, competitors should follow the competition standards guidelines in Annex E of the <u>Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy</u>.

# 2.3 Entry Fees and Registration

All registration will be done through <u>Zone4</u>. Registration will open October 29th, 2025 and will close at 23:59 Pacific Time on Wednesday, November 26th, 2025. Payment must be made by credit card.

\$45 per athlete per competition - All .22 Rifle Categories

\$35 per athlete per competition - All Electronic Rifle Categories

All registered members of Biathlon Canada or US Biathlon are eligible to compete in the classes as stipulated in this invitation. Electronic Rifle only athletes may compete with a Recreational Membership.

# 2.4 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 a competitor withdraws prior to registration closing (by 23:59 on November 26, 2025) they will be refunded their registration fee of \$10 per competition day. If withdrawal is made after registration closing, there will be no refunds.

In the event of event cancellation (other than due to "day of" weather), a refund of registration fees less administration and event expenses already incurred will be provided. There will be no refunds for cancellation due to "day of" weather.

For up to date weather information, check out Sovereign Lake Nordic <u>Webcam</u>, Silverstar Mountain <u>Snow Forecast</u>, or Silverstar Mountain <u>Webcam</u>

#### 2.5 Trail Passes

Trail and Range passes are included for Official Training and Competition Days. Passes must be purchased for any use of the trails on any day outside of the Official Training and Competition days. Tickets can be purchased online through the Sovereign Lake <a href="webstore">webstore</a> or in person at the Day Lodge. Sovereign Lake Nordic Club reserves the right to remove athletes from events (without refund) if they are discovered skiing at Sovereign without a trail pass.

Should you wish to use the range prior to Friday, December 5, 2025, you must book and pay for requisite lane reservations at the Day Lodge or email <a href="mailto:info@sovereignlake.com">info@sovereignlake.com</a>. Feel free to contact Eric Schryer, <a href="mailto:biathloncoach@sovereignlake.com">biathloncoach@sovereignlake.com</a> if you have any questions about the range.

#### 2.6 Volunteers

We need you! We have many volunteer roles available and will provide training, if needed. Please let us know if you are available to help by contacting Laura Bot at <a href="mailto:volunteers@sovereignlake.com">volunteers@sovereignlake.com</a> or signing up <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a>. Volunteers will receive snacks and lunch on days they are available to help out and a trail day pass for personal use or to pass along to friends.

#### 2.7 Event Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
THUR Dec 04, 2025	19:00	ONLINE TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING
		OFFICIAL TRAINING
FRI Dec 05, 2025	AM	Morning Classes

	Noon	Electronic Rifle Classes	
	PM	Afternoon Classes	
		INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	
SAT Dec 06, 2025	AM	IBU Classes	
	Noon	Electronic Rifle Classes	
	PM	BC Cup Classes	
	17:30	Dinner & Awards @ PaddleWheel Hall- 7813 Okanagan Landing Rd	
		SPRINT COMPETITION	
SUN Dec 07, 2025	AM	IBU Classes	
	Noon	Electronic Rifle Classes	
	PM	BC Cup Classes	
		Medal presentation on range following last finisher	

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that the schedule is subject to change based on registration numbers and a detailed schedule will be posted when registration closes.

# 3 Waxing

A Fluoro ban is in effect for this event. Teams are responsible for waxing their own team's skis. An area will be provided for teams to set up their waxing tents for this event.

#### 4 Courses

Course maps are posted on the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre website HERE

## **5 Zeroing Lanes**

Zeroing lanes will be assigned by draw based on how many athletes they have competing, with no priority to any team or club. If you will be zeroing with another Club/Training Centre other than your affiliated club, please indicate this on your Zone4 registration.

# 6 Online Team Captains' Meetings

The Team Captains Meeting will be held virtually on Thurs, Dec 4th at 19:00. A meeting link will be sent out closer to date. A WhatsApp Link will be active for the race weekend for competition communication.

## 7 Wax Protocol - only for Biathlon Canada Selection Categories

If this event serves as a nomination event for Biathlon Canada, a wax protocol will be implemented for competitors in the Men, Junior Men, Women, and Junior Women classes. More information to follow.

### 8 Awards & Banquet

North American Cup Medals will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each of the following IBU categories: Men/Women, Junior Men/Women and Youth Women/Men.

Biathlon BC Medals will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in the following male and female BC Cup categories: U17 Standing and U17 Prone Categories

Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Medals will be awarded to top 3 competitors in the following male and female BC Cup categories:

- Adult 1-4 (.22 and Electronic, irrespective of age)
- Development 1 & 2 (.22 and Electronic, irrespective of age)
- Para (.22 and Electronic, irrespective of age)

The Individual Competition medal presentation will be awarded after dinner at the Banquet.

A **Banquet Dinner** will be held on Saturday, December 6th @ 17:30 - PaddleWheel Hall (7813 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon). **Tickets are \$35**. Vegetarian and Gluten free options available.

### 9 Hot Lunch

Hot lunches will be available for athletes, coaches and families, and must be pre-ordered through <u>Zone4</u>. There will be limited hot lunches for purchase at the race event. Anyone can purchase food on Zone4 by registering as a <u>Non Athlete/Coach Food Purchase</u> option.

All volunteers will receive a hot lunch at no cost, so no need to pre-order.

Recovery drinks and snacks will be available to athletes at the Finish Pen.

A limited selection of packaged food and drinks are also available for purchase at the Sovereign Lake Day Lodge. Full service restaurants, cafes, pubs and a small grocery store are available at Silver Star Mountain Resort (3 km away)

#### 10 Accommodations

# Vance Creek Hotel & Conference Centre - 15% Discount

Guests can either call 250.549.5191 or they can email <u>info@vancecreekhotel.com</u>, or they can book directly on website <u>www.vancecreekhotel.com</u> using Promo Code **BIA25**. 15% Discount on rooms is available from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Best Western Pacific Inn** (4790 - 34th Street, Vernon) Standard rooms (mix of 2 queen beds or Kings with sofa) \$129.00 + tax One bedroom suites + sofa bed & kitchenette at \$149.00 + tax 25% discount on meals at our onsite restaurant

**Best Western Premier Route 97** (5350 Anderson Way, Vernon) Standard double queen rooms (2 queen beds + pullout sofa) at \$139.00 + tax Mini Kitchen with King beds + pullout sofa at \$149.00 + tax 20% off of lunch/dinner at our onsite restaurant *RB Bar & Grill*.

**Holiday Inn Express** (4716 - 34th Street, Vernon) Standard rooms (mix of 2 queen beds or Kings with sofa) \$139.00 + tax Hot breakfast Buffet included

# Reservation Procedures for Best Western and Holiday Inn Bookings:

Each team leader or coach will email sales@phihotelgroup.com to book under Group Name: **Biathlon North American Cup**, providing the below information when booking:

- Team leader/coach's name along with address, phone #
- Team name
- Specific hotel name
- Form of payment

After receiving these details, the respective hotel will issue individual contracts to each team.

Hotel will set up a team sub-block in the system and will provide a booking link, allowing participants to make online reservations and enter their own credit card information directly. Alternatively, participants can call the hotel directly for bookings by dialing **250-550-7777** and identifying the name of their team. A third-party credit card authorization form is also available upon request. Cut off Date for the bookings is **November 5th**, **2025**. After this date the remaining rooms will be released from the block and regular rates will apply to late bookings.

For all other Silverstar Mountain accommodation options please connect with Silverstar Stays

We look forward to hosting you! Sovereign Lake Nordic Biathlon Organizing Committee