



# **IBU Regional Event 2026 Canadian Biathlon Championships**

March 24 - 29, 2026  
Canmore Nordic Centre  
1988 Olympic Way  
Canmore, Alberta

Hosted by Foothills Nordic Ski Club, Canmore Nordic  
Ski Club, and Rocky Mountain Racers



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## Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we acknowledge that the Canmore Nordic Centre is located on traditional Treaty 7 territory which includes the ancestral lands of the Îyârhe Nakoda First Nations of Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Goodstoney, the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Blackfoot Confederacy First Nations of Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani. We also acknowledge that this area is part of the historic homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta (Rocky View Métis District 4) which is governed by the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

We acknowledge these Nations as an act of reconciliation that is meant to honour, raise awareness, and express gratitude for the Indigenous peoples who have cared for these lands for generations.

Dear Biathlon Friends,

On behalf of Biathlon Canada, Biathlon Alberta, and the hosting clubs—the Foothills Nordic Ski Club, Canmore Nordic Ski Club, and Rocky Mountain Racers—it is our great pleasure to invite you to the 2026 Canadian Biathlon Championships, taking place March 24–29, 2026 at the world-class Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park.

Nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Canmore offers a spectacular training and racing environment with dependable late-season snow, exceptional trail quality, and a community that proudly supports winter sport at every level. Our organizing committee, supported by dedicated volunteers from all three clubs, is working hard to deliver an outstanding championship experience for athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters.

We look forward to welcoming teams from across Canada and celebrating a week of high-performance racing, skill development, and camaraderie.

Sincerely,

The 2026 Canadian Biathlon Championships Organizing Committee

## Canadian Biathlon Championships

### March 24 - 29, 2026

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Organizing Committee:</b> |                  |
| Organizing Committee Chair   | Trevor Baine     |
| Competition Lead             | Justin Siemens   |
| Timing Lead                  | Greg Klafki      |
| Timing Deputy                | Jason Nishiyama  |
| Course Lead                  | Brendon Jones    |
| Course Deputy                | Dan McCleary     |
| Stadium Lead                 | John Grappolini  |
| Stadium Deputy               | Kirsten Kaarsoo  |
| Range Lead                   | TBD              |
| Range Deputy                 | TBD              |
| Competition Secretary        | Renee Provencher |
| Volunteer Coordinator        | Christine Baine  |
| <b>Technical Delegate</b>    | Ron Pelletier    |

**Questions** should be directed to Competition Lead, Justin Siemens:  
[jdrsiemens@gmail.com](mailto:jdrsiemens@gmail.com)

## 1. General Information

### Competition Venue

The event will be held at the Canmore Nordic Centre, located 5 minutes from downtown Canmore and 25 minutes from Banff. The venue features:

- 30 Kurvinen electronic targets
- Fully lit shooting range
- Extensive natural and machine-made snow coverage
- Multiple homologated race loops (1 km–4 km)
- Heated wax cabins
- Ample stadium space
- Competition office, timing room, jury room, meeting rooms

### Weather & Conditions

Late March in Canmore typically features:

- Morning temperatures: –10°C to –2°C
- Afternoon temperatures: –2°C to +6°C
- Low to moderate humidity
- Stable night cooling that supports consistent grooming

### Rifle Import Regulations

Athletes and coaches traveling from outside Canada must comply with federal firearms regulations and complete the [Non-Resident Firearms Declaration](#).

## 2. Competition Information

### Rules

The Canadian Biathlon Championships will follow the [IBU Event and Competition Rules](#) and the [Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy \(2025 edition\)](#).

### Eligibility

All Canadian competitors must be members in good standing with Biathlon Canada and their respective Division. American competitors must be members of USBA.

### Competition Classes and Ages

The following competition classes for their respective age ranges will be offered:

- Women/Men; 21+; 2004 and older
- Junior Women/Men; 19-20; 2005, 2006
- Youth Women/Men; 15-18; 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- U17 Standing Girls/Boys, U17; 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
- U17 Prone Girls/Boys, U17; 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

### Course Information, Maps, and Stadium

Course and Stadium maps will be posted on the [Nationals website](#).

Courses will be utilized as follows:

| Competition        | 3.3km | 3km    | 2.5km | 2km | 1.5km  | 1km    |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----|--------|--------|
| Sprint             | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓   |        |        |
| Individual         |       | ✓      | ✓     | ✓   | ✓      |        |
| Mass Start         |       |        | ✓     | ✓   | ✓      |        |
| Single Mixed Relay |       |        |       |     | ✓      | ✓      |
| Colour             | Blue  | Yellow | Green | Red | Orange | Purple |

## Competition Formats

| Class            | Competition Format | Competition Distance | Start Type      | Skiing Loops | Loop Length | Shooting Sequence | Penalty |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
| <b>Women</b>     | Sprint             | 7.5 km               | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2.5 km      | PS                | 150 m   |
|                  | Short Individual   | 12.5 km              | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 2.5 km      | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                  | Mass Start 30      | 10 km                | Simultaneous    | 5            | 2 km        | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                  | Single Mixed Relay | 6 km                 | Simultaneous    | 4            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>Men</b>       | Sprint             | 10 km                | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 3.3 km      | PS                | 150 m   |
|                  | Short Individual   | 15 km                | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 3 km        | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                  | Mass Start 30      | 12.5 km              | Simultaneous    | 5            | 2.5 km      | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                  | Single Mixed Relay | 7.5 km               | Simultaneous    | 5            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>Jr. Women</b> | Sprint             | 7.5 km               | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2.5 km      | PS                | 150 m   |
|                  | Individual         | 12.5 km              | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 2.5 km      | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                  | Mass Start 30      | 10 km                | Simultaneous    | 5            | 2 km        | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                  | Single Mixed Relay | 6 km                 | Simultaneous    | 4            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>Jr. Men</b>   | Sprint             | 10 km                | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 3.3 km      | PS                | 150 m   |
|                  | Individual         | 15 km                | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 3 km        | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                  | Mass Start 30      | 12.5 km              | Simultaneous    | 5            | 2.5 km      | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                  | Single Mixed Relay | 7.5 km               | Simultaneous    | 5            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |

## Competition Formats

| Class                          | Competition Format | Competition Distance | Start Type      | Skiing Loops | Loop Length | Shooting Sequence | Penalty |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
| <b>Youth Women</b>             | Sprint             | 6 km                 | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2 km        | PS                | 150 m   |
|                                | Individual         | 10 km                | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 2 km        | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                                | Mass Start 30      | 7.5 km               | Simultaneous    | 5            | 1.5 km      | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                                | Single Mixed Relay | 6 km                 | Simultaneous    | 4            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>Youth Men</b>               | Sprint             | 7.5 km               | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2.5 km      | PS                | 150 m   |
|                                | Individual         | 12.5 km              | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 2.5 km      | PSPS              | 45 sec  |
|                                | Mass Start 30      | 10 km                | Simultaneous    | 5            | 2 km        | PPSS              | 150 m   |
|                                | Single Mixed Relay | 7.5 km               | Simultaneous    | 5            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>U17 Standing Girls/Boys</b> | Sprint             | 6 km                 | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2 km        | PS                | 75 m    |
|                                | Individual         | 7.5 km               | Single, 15 sec. | 5            | 1.5 km      | PSPS              | 30 sec  |
|                                | Mass Start 30      | 7.5 km               | Simultaneous    | 5            | 1.5 km      | PPSS              | 75 m    |
|                                | Single Mixed Relay | 4-5 km               | Simultaneous    | 4 or 5       | 1 km        | PSPS              | 75 m    |
| <b>U17 Prone Girls/Boys</b>    | Sprint             | 6 km                 | Single, 15 sec. | 3            | 2 km        | PP                | 75 m    |
|                                | Individual         | 8 km                 | Single, 15 sec. | 4            | 2 km        | PPP               | 30 sec  |
|                                | Mass Start 30      | 8 km                 | Simultaneous    | 4            | 2 km        | PPP               | 75 m    |
|                                | Single Mixed Relay | 4-5 km               | Simultaneous    | 4 or 5       | 1 km        | PPPP              | 75 m    |



**Note:**

Mass Start and Single Mixed Relay competition format and related distances will be finalized once registration closes and athlete numbers are known.

**Team Captains' Meeting Schedule**

| Date and Time                   | Location   | Agenda   |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday, March 9, 7:00pm<br>MDT  | Zoom (details to be shared<br>closer to meeting) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Event overview</li><li>• Technical overview</li><li>• Registration corrections</li></ul>   |
| Monday, March 23, 7:00pm<br>MDT | Biathlon Building, 2nd<br>Floor                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to order</li><li>• Election of the<br/>competition juries</li><li>• Technical briefing</li><li>• TD's comments</li><li>• Weather forecast</li><li>• Miscellaneous</li><li>• Adjournment</li></ul>                       |
| Friday, March 27, 7:00pm<br>MDT | Biathlon Building, 2nd<br>Floor                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to order</li><li>• Technical Briefing, Mass<br/>Start</li><li>• Technical Briefing, SMR</li><li>• Official Relay teams<br/>submitted by Division<br/>Representatives</li><li>• Unofficial teams<br/>submitted</li></ul> |

## Competition Schedule

| Monday, March 23 — Arrival            |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
|                                       | Arrival, unofficial training                         |
| 7:00pm - 8:00pm                       | Team Captains' Meeting, Biathlon Building, 2nd Floor |
| Tuesday, March 24 — Official Training |  |
| 8:00am - 10:30am                      | Official Training - AM Categories                    |
| 11:30am - 2:00pm                      | Official Training - PM Categories                    |
| Wednesday, March 25 — Sprint          |  |
| 8:00am - 8:45am                       | Zero - AM Categories                                 |
| 9:00am - 10:30am                      | Sprint competition - AM Categories                   |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm                     | Zero - PM Categories                                 |
| 12:30pm - 2:00pm                      | Sprint competition - PM Categories                   |
| Thursday, March 26 — Individual       |  |
| 8:00am - 8:45am                       | Zero - AM Categories                                 |
| 9:00am - 10:30am                      | Individual competition - AM Categories               |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm                     | Zero - PM Categories                                 |
| 12:30pm - 2:00pm                      | Individual competition - PM Categories               |
| 5:00pm - 8:00pm                       | Banquet - Venue and Menu TBD                         |
| Friday, March 27 — Official Training  |  |
| 8:00am - 10:30am                      | Official Training - AM Categories                    |
| 11:30am - 2:00pm                      | Official Training - PM Categories                    |
| 7:00pm                                | Team Captains' Meeting, Biathlon Building, 2nd Floor |
| Saturday, March 28 — Mass Start       |  |
| 8:00am - 8:45am                       | Zero - AM Categories                                 |
| 9:00am - 10:30am                      | Mass Start competition - AM Categories               |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm                     | Zero - PM Categories                                 |
| 12:30pm - 2:00pm                      | Mass Start competition - PM Categories               |

| Sunday, March 29 — Single Mixed Relay |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 8:00am - 8:45am                       | Zero - AM Categories                           |
| 9:00am - 10:30am                      | Single Mixed Relay competition - AM Categories |
| 11:30am - 12:15pm                     | Zero - PM Categories                           |
| 12:30pm - 2:00pm                      | Single Mixed Relay competition - PM Categories |

The organizing committee will provide the opportunity for athletes in para-biathlon categories to compete in the Canadian Biathlon Championships. If you are an athlete who would like to compete in a para-biathlon category, please reach out to the Competition Lead, Justin Siemens at [jdrsiemens@gmail.com](mailto:jdrsiemens@gmail.com), before the close of registration.

## Competition Registration

### Athlete Registration

Registration will be completed via Zone4. Fees will be as follows:

- 4 Competitions, 2 Official training days, incl. range and trail passes and wax protocol: \$240. Range and trail passes for unofficial training days can be purchased directly from the Nordic Centre.
- Wax rooms: \$100 from March 23 to 29, 2026. Any teams that are arriving early, can book rooms directly with the Canmore Nordic Centre.
- Cancellation policy: if an athlete withdraws before or after registration, no refund will be provided.

Registration deadline is Monday, March 9, 11:59pm MST.

A signed range agreement will be required. This can be signed during athlete registration. If a signed range agreement is not provided, athletes could forfeit the ability to participate in the event.

### Coach Registration

Coach registration deadline is Monday, March 9, 2026, at 11:59pm MST.

All coaches will need to register in Zone4 to obtain access to the shooting range. When registering, coaches will need to provide proof that they meet the Safe Sport requirements as described in section 4.4.1 of the [Canadian Hosting Policy](#).

## **IBU Travel Subsidy**

As this is an IBU Regional Event, travel grants for eligible U21 athletes will be provided by the IBU to the participating National Federations. Travel grants for Canadian athletes will be sent by Biathlon Canada directly to the athletes' club/team. Contact your club/team for details about how your club/team will handle any travel grant funding provided to it.

Travel grants for US athletes who compete at the event may be provided through the USBA. US athletes should contact the USBA for details about the administration of IBU regional event travel grants.

## **IBU Membercenter Registration**

Athletes in IBU categories (Women/Men, Junior Women/Men, Youth Women/Men) must be registered in the IBU Membercenter to earn qualifying points. To check your registration, visit [biathlonresults.com](http://biathlonresults.com) and use the Athletes Search. If your name does not appear, you are not registered.

Canadian athletes who need registration can email a copy of page 3 of their passport to Sheri Adams-Selinger at [sadamsselinger@biathloncanada.ca](mailto:sadamsselinger@biathloncanada.ca). This must be submitted at least two weeks before the event for processing.

Athletes from the U.S. or other nations must contact their own federation to complete IBU registration.

## **Wax Protocol**

The host clubs will be providing a common waxing protocol. Details of ski drop schedule and location will be provided closer to the event. All competitors will be required to submit skis ahead of each competition and may only use the submitted skis during competition.

All skis must be submitted in a clean and brushed state. Skis should not be pre-waxed and the IBU and Biathlon Canada fluoro bans apply. The organizing committee will supervise the preparation of all skis. Skis will be marked when they are submitted. Athletes will be able to pick up their waxed skis in the start pen, immediately prior to their start.

Per the IBU's [Common Waxing Protocol documentation](#), we will look to all participating teams to provide volunteers for ski cleaning and waxing. More details and schedules will be provided closer to the event.

## **Rifles and Equipment Check**

Rifle safety checks will be done on the first official training day in the biathlon building. Random spot checks will be conducted daily, throughout the competition.

Rifles must be safe and in a case while in the parking lot or on the back of the athlete via a carry harness.

Competitors in all classes except U17 Prone, as well as coaches/staff who are handling rifles, must have in their possession and be able to show upon request their PAL or Minor's License and comply with Canadian firearms laws.

Athletes competing in the U17 Prone class will not require a Minor's License. After skiing a course loop, their rifle will be brought to their shooting mat by a coach for each shooting bout. While following this procedure, the rifles shall be positioned on the mat by a coach with the barrel pointing toward the targets or handed directly to the athlete once they have settled onto the mat. Unless lanes are assigned to specific athletes, the rifles must not be placed on a mat before the athlete is in sight of the coach on the range. The competitor shall carry out the entire loading and firing procedure without assistance. After firing the last shot of each bout, the competitor must open the action, place the rifle on the mat with the barrel pointing toward the targets, and then exit the mat and the range in the normal manner.

### Competition Office

The Competition Office will be located in Room 104 of the new Biathlon Building. It will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for any official training or race days. Radio and timing will also be in Room 104. First aid will be in room 106. Entrance for these rooms is from the main building entrance.

### Wax Rooms

The wax room building is situated adjacent to the biathlon stadium. Wax rooms will be reserved and paid for as part of the event registration process for coaches. There are a total of 24 rooms and smaller teams (ie, <6 athletes) may be requested to share a room with another club. If required, if too many teams request wax rooms, the organizing committee reserves the right to place smaller teams together. Wax rooms need to be cleaned and vacated by mid-afternoon of Sunday, March 29, 2026, immediately following the awards ceremony. Any damage, required cleaning, or lost keys will be billed to clubs.

### Course, Stadium, and Range Access

The Canmore Nordic Centre continues to be under construction in the Biathlon area. It is possible that muddy/ice conditions and on-going construction will exist between the parking lots and the course/stadium/range. Please follow all signage on-site.

### Kananaskis Conservation Pass

The Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park is part of the Kananaskis Parks area and a Kananaskis Conservation Pass is required to park and use the facilities. CNC staff have asked that all participants purchase the Conservation Pass online, and prior to coming to the event since they don't have the staff capacity to process passes on site. The Kananaskis Conservation Pass can be purchased [HERE](#). Conservation pass checks will occur during the competition and fines are expensive.

### 3. Logistical Information

#### Web Site

A website with competition, accommodation, things-to-do in the area, and volunteer information is provided and available [HERE](#).

#### Accommodation

Teams are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. Recommended hotels in Canmore and Banff can be found on the [Nationals website](#).

#### Banquet

A championship banquet will be held on the evening of March 26, 2026. It is currently estimated that the banquet will cost \$65, to a maximum of 225 people. Athletes, coaches, and team support staff will have priority and must register for the banquet by March 2, 2026. Accompanying persons (parents, friends, etc.) may have access, if extra space is available. Tickets will be available for purchase from March 2 to March 9, 2026. Menu will be provided prior to the competition.

The banquet will be held at CanGOLF - #125B 306 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore.  
<https://www.cangolfcanmore.ca/>. Doors will open at 5pm on Thursday, March 26. There is limited parking at the banquet centre. Please try to carpool or walk, if you are close by.

#### Transportation

- Calgary International Airport (YYC) is 1 hour from Canmore.
- For a 25% discount on any Basecamp property, use the promo code BIATHLON2026.
- Receive a 20% discount on the Banff Airporter's daily shuttle service between the Calgary Airport and the Canmore Coast Hotel, use the promo code skicanmore.
- Major rental car agencies available at the airport.
- Teams are encouraged to arrange their own transportation.

#### Food & Groceries

Canmore offers numerous restaurants and grocery stores. On-site food options will be announced later.

#### Volunteers

Volunteer registration will open later this season. Officials and volunteers from across Canada are welcome. Check in will be in the new Biathlon Building.

### **Canmore Nordic Centre**

There is food service at the Day Lodge with hot and cold food for purchase. Pack a lunch or use the food service at the Day Lodge. There are toilets and coin-operated showers in the wax room areas and the Day Lodge but you must bring your personal towels and supplies.

### **4. Awards**

Medals will be awarded according to the Canadian Championships Hosting Policy. Medal ceremonies locations and schedules are TBD.