



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

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Organizing Committee:	
Organizing Committee Chair	Trevor Baine
Competition Lead	Justin Siemens
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Course Lead	Brendon Jones
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Stadium Deputy	Kirsten Kaarsoo
Range Lead	TBD
Range Deputy	TBD
Competition Secretary	Renee Provencher
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Questions should be directed to Competition Lead, Justin Siemens:
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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 $+6^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 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
Women	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
Men	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
Jr. Women	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
Jr. Men	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
Youth Women	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
Youth Men	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
U17 Standing Girls/Boys	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
U17 Prone Girls/Boys	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 MDT	Zoom (details to be shared closer to meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Event overview• Technical overview• Registration corrections
Monday, March 23, 7:00pm MDT	Biathlon Building, 2nd Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order• Election of the competition juries• Technical briefing• TD's comments• Weather forecast• Miscellaneous• Adjournment
Friday, March 27, 7:00pm MDT	Biathlon Building, 2nd Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order• Technical Briefing, Mass Start• Technical Briefing, SMR• Official Relay teams submitted by Division Representatives• Unofficial teams submitted

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 jdrsieimens@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 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. 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.