



**Biathlon Canada
United States Biathlon Association
Biathlon Alberta
Invite you to attend the**

North American Cup and Calforex Biathlon Cup #1

**Short Individual and Sprint
November 28, 29 & 30, 2025**

These competitions will take place on traditional Treaty 7 territory, the traditional lands of the Îyârhe Nakoda: Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney and Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani, as well as Metis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We honour and acknowledge these lands, as well as all Nations who live, work, and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

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

IBU Categories

Men/Women
Junior Men/Women
Youth Men/Women

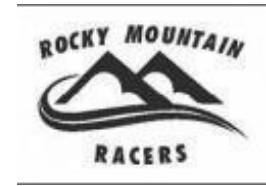
Biathlon Alberta Categories

Para Stand
Para Sit
Senior Boys/Girls
Development 1, 2, 3
Adult 1, 2, 3, 4
Ecoaims Open
Ecoaims U13, U11

[2025 IBU rules](#) and [2025 Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy](#)

Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park, Biathlon Venue
1988 Olympic Way, Canmore, Alberta, Canada, T1W 2T6

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



Date: October 18, 2025

Foothills Nordic, Canmore Nordic, and Rocky Mountain Racers

warmly welcome you to the
Canmore Nordic Centre
for the

North American Cup, Calforex Biathlon Cup #1, Part of the 2025-2026 Western Series presented by Mincher Koeman, and Alberta Winter Games Qualification for Zones 1, 2, and 3 on November 28, 29 & 30, 2025

Hello Biathlon Families,

The Calforex Cup Committee is excited for 2025-2026 competitions and very committed to creating a safe environment and providing a meaningful biathlon competition for our youth and developing athletes. A friendly reminder that we expect all participants to abide by the [Biathlon Alberta Code of Conduct](#).

Western Series presented by Mincher Koeman

Biathlon BC and Biathlon Alberta have designated Calforex 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 Men & Women categories.

The 2025/26 Western Series events are as follows:

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

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 Alberta website](#).



MINCHER KOEMAN
LAW CHAMBERS

Also, on Friday, November 28, there will be an Ecoaims-only Sprint event for Development 2 and Senior Girls/Boys. This will serve as a qualification event for this year's Alberta Winter Games. Additional details about this event are included in Annex A of this invitation.

Range and ski passes outside event days can be purchased at the Canmore Nordic Centre Day Lodge. All range use must be booked via cnc.biathlon@gov.ab.ca, and only CNC-registered Range Safety Officers may reserve lanes. A Range Safety Officer must be present during practice; this can be arranged through the organizing committee. If you plan to arrive early, please let us know so we can assist.

Volunteer Opportunities: We would love to see you: [CLICK HERE FOR CALFOREX #1 SIGN UP](#)

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**North American Cup and Calforex Biathlon Cup #1
November 28, 29 & 30, 2025**

| Calforex Cup Committee: | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Organizing Committee Chair | Trevor Baine |
| Competition Lead | Justin Siemens |
| Timing Lead | Greg Klafki |
| Timing Deputy | Jason Nishiyama |
| Course Lead | Brendon Jones |
| Course Lead Deputy | Dan McCleary |
| Stadium Lead | John Grappolini |
| Stadium Deputy | Patrick Fredette |
| Range Lead | Todd Runnalls |
| Range Deputy | Dave Schigol |
| Competition Secretary | Renee Provencher |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Christine Baine |

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| Technical Delegate | Bernie Gobeil |
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Questions should be directed to Competition Lead Justin Siemens: jdrsiemens@gmail.com

Bringing Firearms from Outside of Canada:

All athletes and teams must declare their firearms (rifles) and ammunition upon arriving in Canada. Please see the following links for information related to bringing firearms to Canada from another country:

More information:

Canada Border Services Agency, Import/Export a firearm into Canada

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/iefw-iefa-eng.html>

Canadian Firearms Program

<https://rcmp.ca/en/firearms>

Firearms: Safety & Transporting

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms/storing-transporting-and-displaying-firearms>

Canadian Air Transport Security Authority

<https://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca/en/what-can-bring/item/firearms>

<https://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca/en/what-can-bring/item/bullets-and-ammunition>

Ammunition:

There is very limited to no availability of ammunition in Canmore, please be prepared to bring all your own ammunition.

REGISTRATION:

Online Athlete Registration on Zone4 will open November 3, 2025 at approximately 9:00 am MST by following the link [here](#). All Athletes are required to register on Zone 4. Online charges will apply.

Online Coaches Registration on Zone4 will open November 3, 2025 at approximately 9:00 am MST by following the link [here](#). All coaches are required to register on Zone4. Online charges will apply. Coach registration will close Wed., Nov. 26, 2025 at 23:59 MST.

Online registration will close on **Sunday November 23, 2025 at 23:59 MST**. No late registrations will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES*

| Categories | One Competition | Two Competitions |
|---|--|---|
| Ecoaims U11, Ecoaims U13, Ecoaims Open | \$27.500 Canadian plus on-line charge | \$55.00 Canadian plus on-line charge |
| Development 1, 2, 3 | \$32.500 Canadian plus on-line charge | \$65.00 Canadian plus on-line charge |
| Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women, Senior Boys/Girls, Para Sit/Para Stand | \$45.00 Canadian plus on-line charge | \$90.00 Canadian plus on-line charge |
| Adult 1, 2, 3, 4 | \$45.00 Canadian plus on-line charge | \$90.00 Canadian plus on-line charge |

* Entry fees include an additional \$5/day (IBU categories, Sr Boy/Girl, Adult, Dev 1/2, Ecoaims Open) & \$2.50/day (Dev 1 and Ecoaims U11/U13 categories) to cover snow storage or snowmaking. (i.e., Frozen Thunder).

Ski trail passes and range passes are not included in the registration fee. Athletes without annual passes must purchase discounted tickets during registration.

The fines for skiing without a pass or using the range without a pass are very steep and should be avoided. Season pass holders must have their passes available. Athletes without an annual season trail or range passes will be provided their passes when their coach comes to pick up their team wax room key or athlete bibs. Passes will be for the two-day event inclusively. No free replacements will be issued if the pass is lost.

A signed range agreement will be required. The range agreement can be reviewed and signed as part of the registration process and is valid for the entire 25/26 season (i.e., does not need to be completed again for other competitions at CNC).

General Nordic Centre information can be found at: <https://albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/canmore-nordic-centre-pp/>

Cancellation Policy in Effect: Any cancellation and/or refund for the event will be handled according to [the Biathlon Alberta](#)

COMPETITIONS:

Saturday – Short Individual ([IBU Rules](#) and [Alberta Hosting Policy](#))

Sunday – Sprint ([IBU Rules](#) and [Alberta Hosting Policy](#))

COMPETITION OFFICE:

Biathlon Building, Room 104 (New Building)

Open Friday 1600-17:30, Saturday 0800-1700, Sunday 0800-1600. Open Hours subject to change. Radio Room, Jury, and Timing will be in Room 104 and First Aid/Medical will be in either Room 103 or 106 (still to be determined). Entrance to the building can be from the small door on the north side, or main building entrance.

VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN:

Located in the Haig Room, in the Bill Warren Center.

[LINK TO VOLUNTEER](#)

WAX ROOMS:

The wax room building is situated adjacent to the biathlon stadium. Wax rooms can be reserved and paid for as part of the event registration process for coaches. Please expect that smaller and potentially medium sized clubs will be required to share a wax room. In addition, Wax Rooms need to be cleaned and vacated by the afternoon of Sunday, November 30, 2025, immediately following the awards ceremony.

TIMING: Transponders, Summit systems and the Kurvinen target system will be used during this event to provide the results.

FIRST AID: Biathlon Building, Room 106

EVENT SCHEDULE - North American Cup and Calforex Cup #1 - November 27 to 30, 2025

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| November 27, 2025 | | |
| Thursday | 1900 – Virtual Team Captains Meeting | Jury selection, competition format review, course information, any last minute updates |
| November 28, 2025 | | |
| Friday | 1600 - 1730 - Biathlon Building Room 104 | Pick-up trail passes, wax room keys |
| | See Annex A, at the end of the Invitation, for Alberta Winter Games Qualifier schedule | |
| November 29, 2025 | Short Individual Competition | |
| Saturday | 0800 - Biathlon Building Room 104 | Bib pickup by team representative |
| Saturday | 0915 - Equipment Check Opens | Rifles checked for trigger & number, leg numbers |
| Saturday | 0930-1015 - Zero AM Classes | |
| Saturday | 1030 - Short Individual Start AM | Men/Women; Jr Men/Women; Youth Men/Women; Sr Boys/Girls TBA. |
| Saturday | Awards for AM Categories post-competition | Location of the awards will be communicated closer to the competition |
| Saturday | 1245 - Equipment check opens | Rifles checked for trigger & number, leg numbers |
| Saturday | 1300-1345 Zero PM Classes | |
| Saturday | 1400 - Short Individual Start PM | Ecoaims Open, U13, U11; Development 1, 2, 3;; Adult 1, 2, 3. 4; Para Sit, Para Stand; Sr Boys/Girls |

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| | | TBA. |
| Saturday | Awards for PM Categories post-competition | Location of the awards will be communicated closer to the competition |
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| November 30, 2025 | Sprint Competition | |
| Sunday | 0800 - Biathlon Building Room 104 | Bib pickup by team representative |
| Sunday | 0915 - Equipment Check Opens | Rifles checked for trigger & number, leg numbers |
| Sunday | 0930 – 1015 Zero AM Classes | |
| Sunday | 1030 - Sprint Start AM | Men/Women; Jr Men/Women; Youth Men/Women; Sr Boys/Girls TBA. |
| Sunday | Awards for AM Categories post-competition | Location of the awards will be communicated closer to the competition |
| Sunday | 1230 - Equipment check opens | Rifles checked for trigger & number, leg numbers |
| Sunday | 1245-1330 Zero PM Classes | |
| Sunday | 1345- Sprint Start PM | Ecoaims Open, U13, U11; Development 1, 2, 3; Adult 1, 2, 3, 4; Para Sit, Para Stand; Sr Boys/Girls TBA. |
| Sunday | Awards for PM Categories post-competition | Location of the awards will be communicated closer to the competition |

***Schedule and classes may change due to weather and snow conditions and number of registered participants. The Organizing committee reserves the right to change the event schedule as needed. Every effort will be made to alert participants of changes through the Biathlon Alberta Website and social media pages.**

TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING:

The Team Captains Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday November 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm. This will provide any last minute updates regarding Course Access and Courses. Coaches/ Team Captains will be required to disseminate this information to participants, as well as help manage participants, during the event, according to these procedures. All registered coaches will receive a zoom link to the Team Captain's meeting.

PENALTY LOOP DISTANCES:

Penalty Loop distances will be as per [IBU Event and Competition Rules](#) and [Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy](#) with the exception that Ecoaims categories may use a 75m penalty loop if space and snow conditions don't allow for a 50m loop.

COURSE MAPS:

Course Maps will be posted online and in Room 104, as well as at the start line. Courses used will be dependent on the natural snow and the condition of the man-made snow provided by the Nordic Centre. CNC staff will provide the best case given conditions available for our event.

RANGE ACCESS:

The Canmore Nordic Centre continues to be under construction in the Biathlon area. It is possible muddy/icy conditions will exist between the parking area and the course. Please follow all signage on site, and do your best to preserve our early season snow.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented after final results are posted for AM and PM classes. Awards will be provided following the guidelines in the [Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy](#), section 12.7, Awards.

On Saturday, November 29, 2025, Biathlon Alberta will be presenting the 2024/25 Biathlon Alberta Awards. These awards recognize the achievements of Alberta's top athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. The award presentation will be held in conjunction with the Biathlon Alberta Training Centre (BATC) team fundraiser, see below.

BATC FUNDRAISING BANQUET:

On the evening of November 29, 2025, the Biathlon Alberta Training Centre (BATC) will be holding their annual fundraiser. All proceeds from the event go to the BATC program, offsetting training and competition costs. The 2025 fundraiser will feature a 50/50 raffle, numerous silent auction items, and fundraiser reception. For more information and to purchase tickets to the fundraiser reception, **please click [here](#).**

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. Rifles must be in a case while in the parking lot or on the back of the athlete via a carry harness. Please note the IBU's addition of section 8.5.1.1 Safety Marker in the [IBU Event and Competition Rules \(version July 2025\)](#)

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: <https://www.alberta.ca/kananaskis-conservation-pass.aspx>

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Canmore offers a wide variety of hotels, condos, suites, vacation rentals and B&Bs. Visit <https://www.explorecanmore.ca/> to see the local hotels and amenities available.

LOCATION:

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Canmore+Nordic+Centre/@51.0903395,-115.3877238,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x5370cf52096c28eb:0xf726180e425ae50?hl=en>

Calgary International Airport is 122 Km from the Canmore Nordic Centre. The ring road (Stoney Trail) is the fastest way to get to and from the airport, avoiding numerous lights and traffic in Calgary. All Car Rental agencies are available at the airport. Driving time from Calgary is 1.3 hours in good weather on excellent four-lane highways. Edmonton to Canmore is 4.5 hours.

Annex A - Alberta Winter Games Qualification Event

Participation

This event is open to any Zone who has declared their intention to use this event to Biathlon Alberta. Athletes who wish to compete in the Senior Girls/Boys or Development 2 categories from participating Zones are eligible to register. Athletes from Zones 1, 2, and 3 may participate to qualify for their zone's biathlon team at the Alberta Winter Games. [Biathlon Alberta](#) and the [Alberta Winter Games](#) websites have more details about the games, qualification criteria, and zone boundaries.

Awards

No awards will be given out in any category at this event

Results

Results will be published by Zone then category

ENTRY FEES*

| Categories | |
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| Development 2, Senior Girls & Boys | \$5.00 plus Snow Enhancement Fee and on-line charge |

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR Alberta Winter Games Qualification Event, Friday, November 28, 2025

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| November 27, 2025 | | |
| Thursday | 2000 (or immediately following Calforex/NorAM TCM, which ever is first) – Virtual Team Captains Meeting | Competition format review, course information, any last minute updates |
| November 28, 2025 | AWG Ecoaims Sprint Competition | |
| Friday | 1800-1845 - Zero All Classes | |
| | 1900 - AWG Ecoaims Sprint Start | Development 2, Senior Girls & Boys |

Competition Rules

All shooting at the 2026 Alberta Winter Games (AWG) Biathlon competition will be using Ecoaims. As such, the qualification event will follow this format as well. Details of the AWG Biathlon competition rules, including selection criteria, can be found in [Annex C of the Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy](#) and in the [Alberta Winter Games Sport Information for Biathlon](#). We will attempt to have this selection event follow those rules as faithfully as practical.