



INVITATION

**Biathlon Canada
Youth & Junior World Championships Trials**

January 14-18, 2026

**Whistler Olympic Park
British Columbia, Canada**



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1. Competition Information

1.1. Competition Venue

Whistler Olympic Park hosted the Nordic events for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The biathlon stadium features 30 electronic HoRa targets, with covered canopy and lights. The trails are open with natural snow from mid-November until mid-April. There are fourteen on-trail wax cabins within 100 meters of the range. The range is at 870 meters elevation. The highest point on the course is at 890 m elevation, and the lowest point is at 849 m elevation.

Whistler Olympic Park is located 16 km south of Whistler and 40 km north of Squamish on Highway 99, then 9 km West on Callaghan Valley Road. Once inside the park, follow the signs to the biathlon stadium at the end of Callaghan Road.

Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics [website](#).

The day lodge is located 1 km from the biathlon range, just up the stairs from parking lots 1 and 2. It includes the following amenities:

- Guest Services
- Rental Shop
- Ski School
- Retail Shop
- Fully licensed Café
- Outdoor deck
- Washrooms
- Change rooms
- Ski Patrol

1.2. Rules

International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules and regulations and the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy shall apply as fully as possible to all classes.

1.3. Eligibility to Enter

All athletes participating must be registered participants with Biathlon Canada or US Biathlon or another IBU national federation for the 2025-2026 season.

1.4.Competitions

Date	Competition Format	Notes
Thursday, January 15	Sprint	Start order will be randomized within each class, with single start on 30 second intervals.
Saturday, January 17	Mass Start	Start position will be seeded based on the results of the Thursday Sprint competition. Unseeded athletes will be placed in random order behind seeded athletes.
Sunday, January 18	Sprint (relay shooting)	Start order will be randomized within each class, with single start on 30 second intervals.

1.5. Classes of Competition

The following classes of competition will be run.

Category	Age	Competition Format	Competition Distance	Loops	Loop Length	Shooting Sequence	Penalty
Junior Women Open Women	19-20 21+	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
		Sprint (Relay Shooting)	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Junior Men Open Men	19-20 21+	Sprint	10 km	3	3.3 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	12.5 km	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
		Sprint (Relay Shooting)	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
Youth Women	15-18	Sprint	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	7.5 km	5	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
		Sprint (Relay Shooting)	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Youth Men	15-18	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
		Sprint (Relay Shooting)	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m

1.6. Wax Protocol

A mandatory universal wax protocol will be implemented for all athletes. The fluoro ban described in the Canadian Hosting Policy will be in effect for this event. The trials organizing committee will take responsibility for the preparation of all skis. All athletes must submit one pair of skis to the identified Wax Cabin at Whistler Olympic Park during the times indicated in the event schedule. The organizing committee will make note of the athlete's name and skis, ensure the athlete's skis are waxed and ensure the athlete's skis are available in the start pen as they proceed to the start.

1.7. Team Captains' Meeting

Team Captains' Meetings will be held online on:

- Wednesday, January 14 at 19:00
- A web link will be sent out to registered coaches in advance. There will be an option to join in-person at the Whistler Athlete Centre, in one of the common spaces.

1.8. Event Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	10:00-12:00	Unofficial training
	12:00-13:00	Race ski drop-off
	19:00	Team captains' meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026	9:00-9:45	Zero (all athletes)
	9:45	Race skis brought to start area
	10:00	Sprint competition (Men followed by Women)
Friday, January 16, 2026	10:00-11:30	Official training (Women)
	11:30-12:30	Race ski drop-off
	12:00-13:30	Official training (Men)
	13:30-14:30	Race ski drop-off
Saturday, January 17, 2026	9:00-9:30	Zero (Women)
	9:30	Race skis brought to start area
	9:45	Mass Start competition (Open/Junior Women)
	10:30	Mass Start competition (Youth Women)
	11:30-12:00	Race ski drop-off
	11:30-12:00	Zero (Men)

	12:15	Mass Start competition (Open/Junior Men)
	13:00	Mass Start competition (Youth Men)
	14:00-15:00	Race ski drop-off
Sunday, January 18, 2026	9:00-9:45	Zero (All athletes)
	9:45	Race skis brought to start area
	10:00	Sprint competition (Women followed by Men)

Note: Schedule subject to change and will be confirmed at the Team Captains' Meetings.

2.10. Courses

Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics [website](#).

2.11. Zeroing Lanes

The Organizing Committee will assign zeroing lanes for training and competitions. Athletes will indicate the name of the club or team that they will be zeroing with when they register. Each team will have zero lanes grouped beside each other in accordance to how many athletes they have on their team.

2.12. Minimum Coach Certification

Pursuant to the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy, each Canadian club that has athletes competing must have a head coach present at the event who is NCCP certified at the Competition-Introduction level or higher. One coach may act as a head coach for multiple clubs.

In addition, all Canadian coaches and team staff (including all club/team volunteers who are on the range, course, or in the stadium) must be registered with Biathlon Canada and have completed the NCCP Safe Sport module, the NCCP Creating a Positive Sport Environment module, and the NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two module.

3. General Event Information

3.1. Event Organizing Committee and Contact information

Technical Delegate:	Clayton Whitman
Competition Lead:	Kevin Rodger (competition@seatoskynordics.ca)
Range Lead:	Stephane Deseau
Timing Lead:	Terry Lum
Stadium Lead:	TBD
Course Lead:	Anne Wong
Competition Secretary:	Anne Clifford
Volunteer Coordinator:	Shelley Hansen (shellshansen@gmail.com)
Wax Protocol:	Alan Firth

3.2. Entry Fees and Registration

Registration will open on Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 12:00 PST and will close on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 23:59 PST. All individuals who wish to attend, including athletes and coaches, must register in advance. Payment must be made using a credit card.

- Registration cost is \$55 per day of competition
- Trail passes for competition days and training days are included in the registration fee
- Trail passes for Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13, will be available for purchase in Zone4 at a cost of:
 - \$15/day for athletes under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2025
 - \$20/day for athletes 19 and older as of December 31, 2025

Register for the event at <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=40499>

3.3. Trail Passes

Trail pass requirements must be confirmed on the registration form. Trail passes for registered athletes, coaches, and volunteers will be available for pick-up at the Whistler Olympic Park gate kiosk starting on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Parents/guardians dropping participants off for competitions must also purchase a day ticket ([online](#) or in person) or present a season pass if they plan to ski or snowshoe. If parent/guardians are not skiing or snowshoeing, or only dropping off they do not need a day ticket or season pass.

Pets are not allowed in the competition area or trails near the biathlon stadium.

3.4. Cancellation Policy

If circumstances force cancellation of the event, registration fees, less the costs already incurred by the host club, will be refunded to registered athletes. Note, that a \$20 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent. If an athlete wishes to withdraw before the registration deadline due to medical reasons, he/she should apply, with a doctor's note, to the competition secretary for a refund. No refunds will be provided after the registration deadline of January 4, 2026.

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

Notice regarding firearms:

Maintenance and cleaning of rifles may be performed in team wax cabins. It is not permitted in the Biathlon Flex Space. 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 should not be left unattended.

3.6. Wax Cabins

Whistler Olympic Park has 13 wax cabins at the biathlon range stadium. The cabins are heated and have electricity. They have a table and chairs.

- Wax cabins are available at a cost of \$40/day plus \$100 key deposit
- To secure a wax cabin, e-transfer the total amount to competition@seatoskynordics.ca. The key deposit will be refunded after the keys have been returned. Please include a note in the transfer to indicate "Wax Cabin" and Club or Team Name.
- Keys will be available at the Competition Office starting on Wednesday, January 14. For rentals earlier than Wednesday, contact competition@seatoskynordics.ca to arrange pick-up.

3.11. Volunteers

We need you! We have big jobs and small jobs, Wednesday through Sunday. Please let us know if you are available to help by contacting Shelley Hansen (shellshansen@gmail.com). Registered volunteers will receive a trail pass and lunch.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Whistler!

Sea to Sky Nordics Organizing Committee