

Biathlon Canada Expands Sport's Access with Electronic Biathlon Programming

Electronic biathlon is creating new entry points into the sport of biathlon across Canada.

Thanks to support from the Government of Canada's [Community Sport for All initiative](#), Biathlon Canada has expanded delivery of its electronic biathlon programming nationwide, strengthening inclusive participation and reducing barriers to entry.

Electronic biathlon uses infrared-based rifles in place of traditional .22 calibre rifles, allowing safe and flexible delivery in schools, community settings, and indoor or outdoor environments. This adaptable format makes it easier to introduce the sport of biathlon to more Canadian youth.

Biathlon Canada has provided funding and resources to 32 clubs and partner organizations across 10 provinces and territories, including biathlon clubs, nordic ski clubs, para ski clubs, and provincial and territorial biathlon organizations. This extended national reach reflects a growing effort to make biathlon - one of the most watched programs in the 2026 Olympic program - more accessible in communities of all sizes.

Across these regions, electronic biathlon systems have also supported community demonstrations and coach education initiatives, further increasing visibility and local program capacity.

Coaches are using electronic equipment to support participants of varying abilities and to create welcoming environments for youth, families, newcomers to Canada, and persons with a disability. Para-biathlon initiatives delivered in collaboration with disability sport organizations are also helping ensure meaningful and adaptable participation pathways within the sport.

"We're seeing first-hand how electronic biathlon is creating new opportunities for participation," said Kerry Dankers, CEO of Biathlon Canada. "We are grateful to the Government of Canada for its continued support helping us build stronger and healthier communities through sport, while growing biathlon across the country with this inclusive and adaptable program delivery."

Through this work, Biathlon Canada continues to build safe, inclusive, and accessible opportunities for Canadians to engage with biathlon from coast to coast to coast.

To learn more about Biathlon Canada's electronic programming and community sport initiatives and how to get started with a local club, visit www.biathloncanada.ca.