

Electronic Biathlon Takes Aim at New Communities Across Canada

For many participants, electronic biathlon is not just a new activity - it is their first introduction to the sport.

Through programming supported by the Community Sport for All initiative, Biathlon Canada is expanding participation by reaching communities that have not traditionally engaged in biathlon. By using infrared electronic rifles, Biathlon Canada is making the sport more accessible in schools, community centres, and outdoor settings where traditional biathlon programming may not have been possible.

Electronic biathlon has enabled first-time participation among newcomers to Canada, participants in northern and remote communities, and individuals who may not have previously seen themselves reflected in the sport. The adaptable equipment allows programs to be delivered safely and flexibly, helping remove barriers related to infrastructure, equipment access, and experience.

In Whitehorse, Yukon, electronic biathlon was introduced at the Whitehorse Nordic Festival, giving community members an opportunity to try the sport in a welcoming and accessible environment. For some families, that first experience led to continued involvement.

“Having the opportunity to try the eco-aims at the Whitehorse Nordic Festival is the reason my son is participating in the Bears program this year,” said Luke, a parent of a young participant.

By broadening where and how biathlon is delivered, Biathlon Canada is helping ensure that more Canadians have the opportunity to try the sport in ways that reflect their community context and needs.

Through this work, Biathlon Canada continues to expand participation pathways and strengthen inclusive sport delivery nationwide.

To learn more about electronic biathlon programming opportunities, visit www.biathloncanada.ca.

This activity is part of Biathlon Canada’s Community Sport for All initiative, supported by the Government of Canada.