

Electronic Biathlon Strengthens Club Development Pathways

Electronic biathlon is supporting more than just entry into the sport of biathlon - it is strengthening how clubs structure development.

Through programming supported by the Community Sport for All initiative, Biathlon Canada is equipping clubs with electronic biathlon systems that allow multi-session programs to be delivered safely and flexibly. By using infrared technology rather than traditional ammunition, electronic biathlon reduces logistical barriers and allows introductory and developmental programming to take place in a wider range of settings.

At Chelsea Nordiq in Quebec, both the Bears and Introductory programs are delivered using electronic biathlon. Moving these programs off the traditional .22 shooting range has allowed the club to increase capacity for advanced programming while also creating a more adaptable learning environment for newer participants.

The club's Introductory program has also attracted adult biathletes who may not have otherwise entered the sport.

"Because participants no longer need a firearms safety course or a PAL, not to mention a \$7,000 biathlon rifle, we're seeing much stronger buy-in," said Dave Bradley, coach at Chelsea Nordiq. "Electronic biathlon makes it easier for people to get started and build confidence over time."

Relocating introductory programming to a shared training space, such as a local golf course, has also increased visibility within the club. Delivering Introductory and Bears sessions in the same training area allows other athletes to see electronic biathlon in action, helping create natural progression into ongoing club programming.

By creating more flexible training environments and freeing up traditional range space, electronic biathlon is helping clubs strengthen how athletes enter and move through programs over time.

Through this work, Biathlon Canada continues to support clubs in building sustainable development opportunities that grow participation and performance together.

To learn more about electronic biathlon programming and how you can get involved, visit www.biathloncanada.ca.

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