



US Biathlon National Championships
North American Biathlon Championships
25-29 March 2020
Rendezvous Ski Trails
West Yellowstone, Montana USA

The West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation, Crosscut Mountain Sports Center, US Biathlon Association, and Biathlon Canada Invite you to attend the United States Biathlon National Championships and North American Championships
Sprint -- Pursuit -- Super Sprint
Crosscut Mountain Sports Center Introductory Biathlon Event

IBU categories:

Men, Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women,

USBA Categories:

U15 Men/Women, U17 Men/Women, Masters Men/Women

International Paralympic Categories:

Standing, Sit Ski, Visually Impaired

Novice Categories:

Novice U15 Men/Women, Novice Men/Women

Hosted by: West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and Crosscut Mountain Sports Center
At Rendezvous Ski Trails

100 South Geyser Street West Yellowstone, MT 59758 USA

Event Website: www.skirunbikmt.com

Registration Site: www.skireg.com

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The West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and Crosscut Mountain Sports Center welcome you to the Rendezvous Ski Trails for the US Biathlon National Championships and the North American Biathlon Championships on 25-29 March, 2020. The organizing committee is looking forward to hosting an excellent competition and athletes from across North America are encouraged to attend this event.

Teams and individuals are welcome to enjoy the typically plentiful snow on the trails at this time of the season, both before and after the event. Ski passes are required on the trails at all times and may be purchased at the Trailhead, the US Forest Service District Office, or Free Heel and Wheel, our local ski shop. Use of the range is included in your ski pass.

Please contact Marc Sheppard to arrange use of the range outside of the event schedule in this Invitation.

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Organizing Committee:

Chair/Chief of Competition	Marc Sheppard
Race Secretary	Toni Brey info@skirunbikemt.com
Crosscut Representative	Seth Hubbard
Chief of Range	Glenn Jobe
Chief of Course	Samsara Duffey
Chief of Stadium	Jack Hart
Chief of Timing	Sportstats
Chief of Scoring	Peggy Lynn
Chief of Logistics	Drew Barney
Chief of Volunteers	Brenda Holland
TD	Julia Collins
IR-Range	Sara Studebaker
IR-Course/Stadium	TBD

Questions should be directed to Marc Sheppard altiusguns@gmail.com 406-646-9222

Eligibility to Compete: Competitors must be prepared to show a membership card or otherwise demonstrate proof of Biathlon Canada or USBA membership for the current year as part of the event registration and entry process.

Citizenship and Residency (as per IBU constitution): The IBU Rules with respect to the Nationality of Athletes will be used to determine any question of eligibility, for reasons of citizenship, of any athlete entered into a competition that is conducted under this Invitation. There are no residency restrictions for this Event.

Competition Ability: Any Competitor registering for this event tacitly guarantees that they are fully able to compete at the level/category for which they are registered.

Category Definitions:

IBU: Includes Youth, Junior, Men, Women Categories as defined by the IBU. Competitors must be USBA Red Bok certified (or Biathlon Canada equivalent). Rifles are carried in competition, all shooting per IBU rule book.

USBA: Includes U15, U17, and Masters categories.

U15 competitors shoot Prone only, on standard Prone Targets. Rack to Rack Procedure in the Range.

U17 competitors shoot Prone/Standing, on standard Prone and Standing Targets. Rack to Rack Procedure in the Range.

Masters competitors shoot Prone/Standing, on standard Prone and Standing Targets. Rifles carried on course.

Novice: Includes Novice U15, Novice Men/Women categories.

Competitors must have previously completed a Novice safety clinic. All shooting is in Prone on Standing targets. Rifle rest or sling is permitted. Competitors may use their own, IBU approved rifle or use range rifles. Rifles are not carried by competitors at any time. If using their own rifle a coach must deliver and retrieve the rifle from the range for each shooting bout.

IPC: Per IPC rules or as specified by US Paralympics.

Non-Resident Firearms Declaration Process: Competitors from outside of the USA must have authorization to bring their rifles into the USA. They must have an approved USATF FORM 6 NIA **PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE USA**. Processing of this permit may take 30 days or more. Information on this process can be found here:

<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/form-6nia-applicationpermit-temporary-importation-firearms-and-ammunition>. This process does require an invitation for which you may use the cover letter of this document or request an invitation by name by emailing Marc Sheppard altiusguns@gmail.com.

Ammunition, Rifles, and Accessories: A complete selection of Biathlon rifles, parts, accessories, and ammunition is available at Altius Handcrafted Firearms in West Yellowstone. 611 Parkway B. www.altiusguns.com. 406-646-9222.

Registration: Registration will be ON LINE ONLY on SKIREG.COM. Payment must be made using a credit card (Visa or Master Card). Online charges will apply. On-line registration CLOSES on Wednesday March 25. No Registration will be taken on site.

NOTE THAT ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT VIA SKIREG.COM. ALL USA COACHES MUST BE SAFESPORT CERTIFIED

Entry Fees:

One Competition \$35

Two Competitions \$70

Three Competitions \$125 (includes 4-day ski pass and Banquet Ticket)

Extra Banquet Ticket \$20

Cancellation Policy in Effect: If the total event is cancelled on or before 25 March, a 50% refund of registration fees will be given. If any portion of the event is cancelled after 25 March, no refund of registration fees will be given.

Ski Passes:

Ski passes are required for all skiers on the Rendezvous Ski Trails.

A Ski Pass is included in your registration for each day of competition

Competitors registering for all 3 competitions will receive a ski pass to cover 4 days as part of their registration.

Competitions:

Sprint

Sprint per IBU rules. Interval Start, Distance and Penalty per list below.

Pursuit

“North American” Pursuit format. Start will be based on results of the Sprint. 5 Second interval start. Athletes without a Sprint result will start at the end of their category on a 5 second interval, in random order. Final Pursuit result is based on order of finish not time on course. Distance and Penalty per list below.

Super Sprint

Super Sprint per IBU rules, modified as follows. For any category with more than 22 competitors, an Interval start Qualifying Round, 3x1km, PS, 5+1 rounds per bout, 75m Penalty Loop may be run. For all other categories, a Mass Start Final-only, 5x1km, PPSS, 5+1 round per bout, 75m Penalty Loop will be run. Note that Categories may be combined for the Super Sprint, depending on numbers of competitors per category.

Awards:

US Biathlon National Championships Awards will be presented to the top 3 USA competitors in each category, including USBA, IBU, Novice, and IPC.

North American Championships Awards will be presented to the top 3 USA or CAN competitors in IBU categories.

North America Cup Awards will be presented to any CAN competitors finishing in the top 3 of USBA U15, U17, and Masters categories.

Awards for Friday and Saturday will be presented at the Banquet Saturday night. The Altius Handcrafted Firearms Top Shooter Award will also be presented at the Banquet. Awards for Sunday's competitions will be presented at the Stadium immediately following each event. Awards for Sunday will be for the top 3 competitors in each Mass Start Final.

Competition Office and Team Captains Meetings:

Competition Office and Team Captains Meetings will be located at the West Yellowstone Visitors Center, 30 Yellowstone Avenue.

Wax Rooms: This venue does not have wax rooms. Please confirm the availability of a ski preparation area when you book your accommodations.

Waxing Protocol:

All racers in the IBU Youth, Junior, and Senior categories will be subject to the Waxing Protocol. Athletes may submit one pair of skis the day prior to each competition. Skis will be available at the start. Full details of the protocol will be made available prior to Official Training.

Timing:

Timing and results will be by Sportstats. Live timing will be available at www.sportstats.us.

Range:

In the interest of the safety of those working on the range, please remove all personal belongings including skis from the range at the end of Zero. Any items left on the range will be removed prior to the start of the competition.

Course Maps:

Course maps are available at <http://www.skirunbikemt.com/biathlon1.html> . Any changes will be detailed at the Team Captains Meetings.

Venue Information:

The Rendezvous Ski Trails Range and Stadium includes 22 lanes with mechanical targets, Timing and Warming Cabins, and a permanent Vault Toilet. For this event additional toilets to accommodate expected participants and temporary warming facilities will be made available. Power is available at the Stadium. A wax testing area is adjacent to the Stadium. Access to the Stadium will be via skiing from the Trailhead in West Yellowstone (South end of Geyser Street). It is approximately 1.5km from the Trailhead to the Stadium. A shuttle service for non-skiing coaches, spectators, and volunteers will be available. Transport of Team gear will also be available.

In addition to the developed Stadium area, the Rendezvous Ski Trails include approximately 35km of trails with skate and classic grooming.

Event Schedule

Wednesday 25 March

0900-1200 Unofficial Training

1400-1600 Unofficial Training

1600 Range Closed

1600-1800 Competition Office Open* for Competitor/Team Check-in

1700 – Online Registration Closes-NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN ON SITE

1800 – Team Captains Meeting 1*

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Thursday 26 March

0800-1100 Official Training

0800-0830 - Paper Only, Paper change as needed

0830-1100 – Paper and Metal (Odd Numbers Prone, Even Numbers Standing)

1100 Range Closed

1100-1200 – Ski Drop Off for Protocol (Youth, Junior, Senior ONLY) – Location TBA at Team Captains Meeting 1

1600-1700 Competition Office Open for Competitor/Team Check-in

1700 Team Captains Meeting 2

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Friday 27 March Sprint – All Categories

0800-0850 Zero

0900 Start

Novice and IPC start after Completion of IBU Categories

1200-1330 – Ski Drop Off for Protocol (Youth, Junior, Senior ONLY)

Range Closed after competition

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Saturday 28 March Pursuit – IBU/USBA Categories(U15-Masters)

0800-0850 Zero

0900 Start

Novice and IPC Sprint start after Completion of IBU Categories

1200-1330 – Ski Drop Off for Protocol (Youth, Junior, Senior ONLY)

~1400 Crosscut Special Event-*Girls with Guns*

Range Closed after Event

1800 Banquet

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Sunday 29 March Super Sprint – IBU/USBA Categories only (U15-Masters)

0800-0850 Zero

0900 Start

*Competition Office and Team Captains Meetings at West Yellowstone Visitors Center, 30 Yellowstone Avenue

Table of Classes and Competitions**

Category	Class	Year of Birth	Friday SPRINT	Saturday PURSUIT	Sunday SUPER SPRINT
USBA	U15 Women	2005-2006	4.5km, *	5km, *	3x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	U15 Men	2005-2006	4.5km, *	5km, *	3x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	U17 Women	2003-2004	4.5km, *	5km, *	3x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	U17 Men	2003-2004	6km, *	7.5km, *	3x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Youth Women	2001-2004	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Youth Men	2001-2004	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Junior Women	1998-2000	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Junior Men	1998-2000	10km	12.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Men	1997 & Earlier	10km	12.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
IBU	Women	1997 & Earlier	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Master Men	1980-1989	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Master Wmn	1980-1989	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Mast Men	1970-1979	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Mas Wmn	1970-1979	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Veteran Men	1960-1969	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Veteran Wmn	1960-1969	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Vet Men	1950-1959	7.5km	10km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Vet Wmn	1950-1959	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Vet II Men	1949 & Earlier	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
USBA	Sen Vet II Wm	1949 & Earlier	6km	7.5km	5x1km, 5+1 Rounds, *
Paralympic	Stand Women		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Sit Women		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Paralympic	VIS IMP Wmn		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Stand Men		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Sit Men		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Paralympic	VIS IMP Men		4.5km, *	4.5km, *	NO EVENT
Novice	U15 M/W	2005 & Later	4.5km SPR*	4.5km SPR*	NO EVENT
Novice	Men/Women	2004& Earlier	4.5km SPR*	4.5km SPR*	NO EVENT

*75m Penalty Loops

**Schedule and classes may change due to weather conditions and number of competitors. 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 WYSEF Website www.skirunbikemt.com and via direct contact. All notices will be posted at the Trailhead.

Travel to West Yellowstone:

International airports in Bozeman (1.5 hour drive), Idaho Falls (2 hour drive), and Salt Lake City (5 hour drive) are the closest arrival points for air travel.

Accommodations:

West Yellowstone offers a wide variety of hotels, condos, suites, vacation rentals and B&Bs. Visit <https://www.destinationyellowstone.com/sleep/>, or other online booking agents to see the local hotels and amenities available.