



Cordially invite you to the

**North American Cup 2 / Canadian Youth & Junior
World Championships and IBU Junior Cup Tour 2
Trials / Whistler Biathlon Open**

January 3 - 7, 2018



Whistler Olympic Park, British Columbia, Canada



1. General Information

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 on-trail wax cabins and a wax testing area within 100 metres of the range. The range is at 870 metres elevation. The highest point on course is at 890m elevation and the lowest point is at 849m elevation.

Whistler Olympic Park is located 16km south of Whistler and 40km north of Squamish on Highway 99, then 9km West on Callaghan Valley Road. Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the [Whistler Biathlon Society website](#). A webcam of the biathlon range is available at: <http://www.whistlerolympicpark.com/venues/whistler-olympic-park/webcams>.

Competition Committee and Contact Information

Please direct any questions regarding this invitation to Clay Whitman, Organizing Committee Chair, at info@whistlerbiathlon.com.

The Competition Office is located in the downstairs of the Biathlon Technical Building, and will be open from 9:00-15:00 on January 3 and 5, and from 8:00-15:00 on January 4, 6 and 7.

Chief of Competition:	Bruno St-Onge
Competition Secretary:	Chantal Black
Chief of Range:	Clay Whitman
Chief of Timing:	Rick Cline
Chief of Course:	Toshi Kawano
Chief of Stadium:	James Vanderhook

Technical Delegate appointed by Biathlon Canada: Carol Henley

Rifle Import 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 [Royal Canadian Mounted Police website](#) to obtain a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration.

Rules

The event will be conducted in accordance with the current versions of the following rules and regulations as applicable: the IBU Event and Competition Rules, the Biathlon North America Hosting Policy for North American Championships and North American Cups; Annex A-3 of the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy and the Biathlon BC Hosting Policy.

Eligibility to Enter

All competitors must be registered participants with Biathlon Canada, US Biathlon or an equivalent national federation to enter.

Unofficial Training Prior to Event

Teams are responsible for purchasing their own trail passes and lane rentals for unofficial training prior to January 3. To purchase trail passes and lane rentals contact Whistler Olympic Park guest services at info@whistlerolympicpark.com or 604-964-0060. Trail passes are \$26.75 for adults and \$15.75 for youth, and lanes are \$7 per day.

Official Training for Trials / NorAm

The range will be open on January 3 and 5 for official training for IBU classes from 10:00-12:00. Trail passes and lane fees will be provided by the organizing committee. Upon arrival at the entrance gate to Whistler Olympic Park, athletes will be given their trail passes for the day, which must be carried when not skiing on the competition trails.

Training for Whistler Biathlon Open

The range will be open on January 3 and 5 for training for non-IBU classes from 13:00-15:00. Athletes can purchase discounted trail passes (\$16 per adult, \$8 per youth) in connection with registration for these dates. Upon arrival at the entrance gate to Whistler Olympic Park, athletes will be given their trail passes for the day, which must be carried when not skiing on the competition trails.

2. Competition Information

Entry Fees

\$40 for one competition
\$80 for two competitions
\$120 for three competitions

Please note that zone4 adds a processing fee in addition to the entry fees listed above.

Registration

All finalized registrations, by name and category, are due and must be paid in full by January 1st at 23:59 through <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=16660>. No entries will be accepted after this time.

Cancellation Policy

If an athlete withdraws before January 1st, a \$15 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent. No refunds will be given after this date.

Classes of Competition

The following classes of competition have been scheduled. The organizers reserve the right to change the distances or the classes, or to combine classes based on the numbers and makeup of athletes registered.

Please note that as this event is serving as the trials for the Canadian team for the Youth/Junior World Championships and the IBU Junior Cup Tour #2, distances for the Open, Junior and Youth categories have been modified in some cases.

Age is as of December 31, 2017. An athlete who is 15 or 16 may elect to compete in either the Senior Boys/Senior Girls or Youth Men/Women category. This selection must be made when registering and cannot be changed. Competitors in the Masters categories must carry their rifles.

Trials / North American Cup 2

Class	Jan 4 - Sprint	Jan 6 - Sprint	Jan 7 - Mass Start
Men (21+)	10km - PS	7.5km - PS	12.5km - PPSS
Women (21+)	7.5km - PS	6km - PS	10km - PPSS
Jr. Men (19-20)	10km - PS	7.5km - PS	12.5km - PPSS
Jr. Women (19-20)	7.5km - PS	6km - PS	10km - PPSS
Youth Men (15-18)	10km - PS	7.5km - PS	12.5km - PPSS
Youth Women (15-18)	7.5km - PS	6km - PS	10km - PPSS

Whistler Biathlon Open

Class	Jan 4 - Sprint	Jan 6 - Sprint	Jan 7 - Mass Start
Masters Men (35+)	6km - PS	6km - PS	7.5km - PPSS
Masters Women (35+)	6km - PS	6km - PS	7.5km - PPSS
Sr. Boys (15-16)	6km - PS	6km - PS	7.5km - PPSS
Sr. Girls (15-16)	6km - PS	6km - PS	7.5km - PPSS
Jr. Boys (13-14)	4.5km - PP	4.5km - PP	6km - PPP
Jr. Girls (13-14)	4.5km - PP	4.5km - PP	6km - PPP
Juvenile (11-12)	2.8km - PP	2.8km - PP	3.6km - PPP
Midget (10 & under)	2.1km - PP	2.1km - PP	2.8km - PPP

Event Schedule

Date	Time	Description
January 3, 2018	10:00-12:00 12:00-12:30 12:30-13:30 13:30-15:00	Training (IBU classes) NorAm Wax Protocol Ski Drop-off Team Captains' Meeting Training (Whistler Biathlon Open classes)
January 4, 2018	9:00-9:45 10:00 Following last finisher 12:00-12:45 13:00 Following last finisher	Zeroing (IBU classes) Sprint Start (IBU classes) Awards Ceremony Zeroing (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Sprint Start (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Awards Ceremony
January 5, 2018	10:00-12:00 12:00-12:30 12:30-13:30 13:30-15:00	Training (IBU classes) NorAm Wax Protocol Ski Drop-off Team Captains' Meeting Training (Whistler Biathlon Open classes)
January 6, 2018	9:00-9:45 10:00 Following last finisher 12:00-12:30 12:00-12:45 13:00 Following last finisher	Zeroing (IBU classes) Sprint Start (IBU classes) Awards Ceremony NorAm Wax Protocol Ski Drop-off Zeroing (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Sprint Start (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Awards Ceremony
January 7, 2018	9:00-9:45 10:00 Following last finisher 12:00-12:45 13:00 Following last finisher	Zeroing (IBU classes) Mass Start (IBU classes) Awards Ceremony Zeroing (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Mass Start (Whistler Biathlon Open classes) Awards Ceremony

The schedule is subject to change on account of weather and number of competitors.

Team Captains Meeting

The Team Captains Meetings will be held at 12:30 on January 3 and 5 in the Biathlon Building at Whistler Olympic Park. Entries will be confirmed, juries will be elected, and draws for the Sprint competitions will be conducted.

Equipment Check

Trigger weights will be checked and rifles marked before each competition. Equipment check will be open starting at 8:45 and 11:45 on January 4,6 and 7.

Mandatory Wax Protocol for Trials / NorAm Cup

Biathlon Canada will be executing a universal waxing protocol for all athletes competing in the IBU categories, regardless of whether they are participating in the trials or not. National Team staff will oversee the preparation of all skis in conjunction with club coaches and volunteers. We will be looking for 5-6 volunteers to help prepare all trial skis immediately following the drop-off times listed below.

All athletes competing in the IBU categories must submit one pair of skis to the identified Wax Cabin at Whistler Olympic Park between 12:00-12:30 on January 3, 5, and 6.

Biathlon Canada Staff will make note of the athlete's name and ski, 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. Skis will be marked and checked at the finish line.

Seeding of Mass Start

On Sunday morning, there will be one combined Mass Start for Youth Women and Junior Women, and one combined Mass Start for Youth Men and Junior Men. Depending on the number of athletes registered, open Men and open Women may be combined with these starts or may be given a separate start.

The seeding for these combined Mass Starts will be based on the times of the athletes from the Saturday Sprint competitions.

Calculation of Percentages and NorAm Cup Points

NorAm Cup 2 will serve as Biathlon Canada's trial event for the 2018 IBU Junior Cup Tour 2 and the 2018 World Youth/Junior Championships.

Biathlon Canada registered participants in good standing born in 1997-2002 are eligible for selection.

Selection criteria and processes are detailed in Biathlon Canada's [2017/18 National Team Program](#). Athletes and coaches are urged to familiarize themselves with this document.

As all Youth/Junior athletes are eligible for selection to both IBU Junior Cup Tour 2 and the World Youth/Junior Championships, a combined Youth/Junior category will be employed for the three selection competitions. For World Youth/Junior selection purposes, however, separate percentages will be calculated for Youth category athletes and Junior category athletes respectively.

NorAm Cup points will be awarded separately to athletes in Youth and Junior categories.

Awards

North American Cup medals (for IBU classes) and Whistler Biathlon medals (for non-IBU classes except Midgets and Juveniles) will be awarded to the top three finishers. All participants in the Midget and Juvenile classes will receive participation awards. Awards will be presented in the biathlon stadium following the last finishers.

3. Logistical Information

On-Site Services

Food services are available at the Whistler Olympic Park day lodge. There are no food service facilities at the biathlon building.

Parking for teams is available in front of the biathlon building.

Washrooms can be accessed from the parking lot of the biathlon building.

Accommodation

Teams are responsible for arranging their own accommodation during the event. The organizing committee has negotiated discounted rates in Squamish and Whistler.

Sandman Hotel Squamish – \$99 per night plus taxes. Quote “Whistler Biathlon Society”.
www.sandmanhotels.com
39400 Discovery Way, Squamish. Phone: 604 848 6000

Best Western Squamish – \$99 per night plus taxes. A cot can be added to the room for \$10. This rate has been reserved until December 6th. To book use the the Group Code CG6476 or quote “Whistler Biathlon Society” group reservation.
http://www.hotelsone.com/squamish-hotels-ca/mountain-retreat-hotel.html
38922 Progress Way, Squamish. Phone: 1-855-213-0582

Executive Suites Hotel – \$149 per night plus taxes
http://www.executivehotels.net/squamish-resort-hotel
40900 Tantalus Road, Squamish. Phone: 1-877-815-0048

Vehicle Rentals

A list of car rental companies at Vancouver International Airport is available at this link:
<http://www.yvr.ca/en/getting-to-from-yvr/car-rentals.aspx>

Groceries

Nesters Market Squamish

nestersmarket.com/squamish

710 Hunter Place, Squamish, BC V8B 0G8

Phone: 604-815-0733

Nesters Market Whistler

nestersmarket.com/whistler

7019 Nesters Road, Whistler, BC V0N 1B7

Phone: 604-932-3245

Wax Cabins

Heated waxing facilities are available on site. Each wax cabin contains a table and a chair.

Wax cabins must be booked through Whistler Olympic Park Guest Services at 604-964-0060 ext. 2460 or info@whistlerolympicpark.com. Keys must be picked up and dropped off at Guest Services in the Whistler Olympic Park Daylodge. The fee for renting a wax cabin is \$35 per day.