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# 17<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY **IBU** CONGRESS

17 SEP - 20 SEP 2026 | **BERCHTESGADEN GER**

**Dear Presidents, Dear Secretaries General, Dear Biathlon Family,**

In accordance with the IBU Rules of Congress, the Executive Board of the International Biathlon Union has the honour of inviting you to the

## **17<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY IBU CONGRESS**

In Berchtesgaden, Germany, from **17 - 20 September 2026**

### OVERALL SCHEDULE (All times CET)

<b>THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
Until noon	Arrival of Delegates
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch at AlpenCongress
14:00 - 15:45	<b>Workshops</b> for NF delegates
16:00 - 18:00	<b>Open Forum</b> – EB Candidate Q&A
19:00	Welcome Reception at Kulturhof
<b>FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
06:50	Morning networking run or walk
09:00 - 13:00	<b>Congress Session 1</b>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch at AlpenCongress
14:00 - 17:00	<b>Congress Session 2</b>
19:00	Bavarian Night
<b>SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
06:50	Morning networking run or walk
09:00 - 13:00	<b>Congress Session 3</b>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch at AlpenCongress
14:00 - 15:00	<b>Congress Session 4</b> (if needed)
19:00	Congress Dinner and Awards Night at AlpenCongress
<b>SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
10:00 - 13.30	Königssee Boat Trip + lunch at St. Bartholomä

The Executive Board looks forward to welcoming you to Berchtesgaden and wishes you a nice summer!

Yours sincerely,



**Olle Dahlin**  
IBU President



**Max Cobb**  
IBU Secretary General

- ▶ **NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS**  
(full and provisional members)
- ▶ **IBU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**
- ▶ **CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES**  
(TC, AC, Para Biathlon)
- ▶ **BIATHLON INTEGRITY UNIT BOARD MEMBERS**
- ▶ **IBU WCH CANDIDATES 2031**
- ▶ **HOSTS OF**
  - OTEPÄÄ 2027
  - HOCHFILZEN 2028
  - VALTELLINA 2028
  - OSLO 2029
  - FRENCH ALPS 2030
- ▶ **GUESTS OF THE IBU**



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## WORDS OF WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

### **Dear Biathlon Friends,**

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 17th Ordinary IBU Congress in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

This will be a significant Congress as the biathlon family comes together to set our path forward and elect a new President and Executive Board to lead our sport into its next chapter.

We will arrive in Berchtesgaden perhaps stronger than at any point in our history. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together over the last eight years, and I am grateful to my colleagues across two Executive Boards and at all National Federations for your unwavering commitment and collective efforts.

The foundations are in place, and I have every confidence that our new leadership will continue to drive biathlon's extraordinary journey forward.

Under our strategic framework, Target 2030, we are making excellent progress. The biathlon competitions at Milano Cortina 2026 captivated the world and stood among the defining moments of the Games, while Para Biathlon's Paralympic debut under IBU governance was a landmark moment for our federation. The record levels of global interest, broadcast audiences and digital engagement seen during the Olympic and Paralympic Games but also year-on-year during our World Cup season speak to just how far our sport has come and how much potential we have.

Off the snow, last year's inaugural Loop One Festival at Munich's Olympic Park opened our sport to diverse and younger audiences in an exciting way and with the second edition tickets already on sale, we are set to build on that success.

Our commitment to sustainability continues to set new standards in international sport, recognised with the IOC Climate Action Award 2025, while the IBU's ranking at the top of the Winter Olympic Federations governance review reflects the integrity with which our sport is run.

To me, all this demonstrates that biathlon is in strong health and has a future full of possibility.

It has been my honour to serve as IBU President over these past eight years. I look forward to celebrating my last Congress in this role together with you and to cheering on our incredible sport as its most passionate fan in years to come.

I hope to see you in Berchtesgaden.

Yours sincerely,



**Olle Dahlin**  
IBU President



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. CONGRESS LOCATION

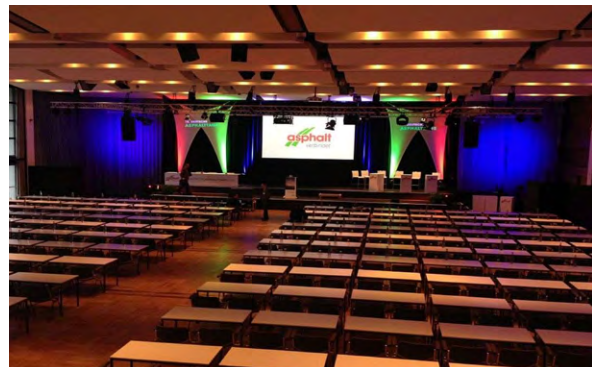
Located between impressive mountains, crystal-clear lakes, and traditional towns, Berchtesgaden offers unforgettable moments to its visitors. The magical landscape consists of rocky peaks and deep gorges and invites you to take a walk, go hiking, cycling, or swimming.

With the authentic backdrop of Berchtesgaden, you will discover Bavarian history and tradition in daily life. Beer gardens and regional delights make sure you experience a taste of Berchtesgaden as well.



### B. CONGRESS HALL AND HOTELS

**AlpenCongress** Berchtesgaden is the official location of the 17th IBU Congress, at Maximilianstrasse 9, right at the centre of town.



Several hotels are available to host IBU Congress participants. *All hotel bookings are to be made through the IBU's Scope platform (see C below).*

**The IBU has pre-reserved rooms in the following hotels in Berchtesgaden (walking distance to AlpenCongress):**

- **Hotel Edelweiss, Berchtesgaden**  
<https://www.edelweiss-berchtesgaden.com/en/>
- **Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, Berchtesgaden**  
<https://www.hotel-vierjahreszeiten-berchtesgaden.de/en/>

The IBU has also pre-reserved rooms in the following hotels in Schönau am Königssee (shuttle bus connection to AlpenCongress):

- **Explorer Hotel, Schönau am Königssee**  
<https://www.explorer-hotels.com/en/berchtesgaden/>
- **Hotel Köppeleck, Schönau am Königssee**  
<https://www.hotelkoeppleck.de/>
- **Hotel Bergheimat, Schönau am Königssee**  
<https://www.hotel-bergheimat.de/en/hotel-bergheimat-at-koenigssee/>



## C. ROOMS AND BOOKING

For hotel reservations, please follow the instructions in IBU Scope ([scope.ibu.at](https://scope.ibu.at)).

Please note that the accommodation reservation and costs are the responsibility of the national member federation (NF), and the IBU reserves the right to invoice the NF for any no-shows, late changes or other costs that incur a fee.

## D. MEALS

Breakfast is included in the room rate.

A lunch buffet will be provided free of charge in AlpenCongress every day from Thursday, 17 September until Saturday, 19 September. The evening reception on Thursday, 17 September, and the dinners on Friday, 18 September, and Saturday, 19 September, are part of the official Congress programme and will be at no charge for registered participants.

Please use the **IBU Scope tool to confirm registration** for the evening events for each member of your delegation and to share any dietary restrictions.

## E. HOTEL PAYMENT

Depending on the hotel you have chosen, you will be invoiced by the IBU or pay the hotel directly for your rooms. Additional costs (car parking, minibar, etc.) must be settled directly at the hotel, latest upon departure.

## F. TRAVEL OPTIONS

As per its sustainability commitment, the IBU prioritises train and other public transportation. Car-sharing and low-carbon mobility are highly encouraged.

### Arrival by train

- **Salzburg (Austria):** 25 km away, international connections
- **Freilassing (Germany):** 20 km away, regional and some long-distance connections
- **Bad Reichenhall (Germany):** 15 km away, local rail and bus routes

### Arrival by plane

- **Salzburg Airport (SZG):** 25 km away
- **Munich Airport (MUC):** 185 km away

### Shuttle service

Transfers are available for registered Congress participants at request. When requesting a transfer, please include the following information: name(s) of the traveller(s), a mobile phone number, arrival/departure date and time, flight/train number, pick-up location, and destination. **The request must be sent at least 15 days prior to the transfer date.**

The IBU Congress shuttle service is available for arrivals/departures at or from the above three train stations and two airports. To request a transfer, please complete the following [form](#).

### Public Transportation in Berchtesgaden

The train station in Berchtesgaden is within walking distance from AlpenCongress (1km). For train connections, please check: <https://int.bahn.de/en>

### Arrival by car

Berchtesgaden is well connected by highways (such as A8/A10/A1 West) and scenic alpine roads (B160/B305/B20).

### Parking

For parking on site, check with your chosen hotel for details. There is central parking available in Berchtesgaden adjacent to AlpenCongress.

## G. VISA

A visa for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany is required for Congress participants coming from the following countries:

▶ **ARM** ▶ **CHN** ▶ **DOM** ▶ **IND** ▶ **KAZ** ▶ **KGZ** ▶ **LBN** ▶ **MGL** ▶ **MAR** ▶ **THA** ▶ **TUR** ▶ **UZB**

The entry visa will be issued by the Embassy of Germany in the participants' respective countries based on an invitation letter from the IBU.

**The above-mentioned NFs must send a completed "Application form for visa invitation letter" by using IBU Scope ([scope.ibu.at](https://scope.ibu.at)) no later than 17 June 2026 containing the following:**

- Surname(s), first name(s)
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Nationality
- Passport number and passport expiry date
- Address and telephone

Persons who do not require a visa to enter Germany must, as a general rule, not remain on German territory for more than 90 days in any 180-day period. Nor may they take up gainful employment whilst there. More detailed information in this regard can be obtained at the websites of the German embassies and consulates in the respective countries and here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-navigator-2315250>

## CONGRESS INFORMATION

### A. DELEGATE REGISTRATION

All provisional and full members may attend the Congress with up to three (3) delegates (Art. 7.2, 15.1-15.3 of IBU Constitution). If an NF Member nominates two or more delegates for a meeting of Congress, there must be at least one delegate of the male gender and at least one delegate of the female gender.

To register your Congress delegates by name, please use the form in IBU Scope under **Congress - Official Registration**. Please submit your form no later than 17 June 2026.

#### The IBU will contribute assistance to attend this Ordinary Congress per NF as follows:

- € 350 for the following NFs: AUT, CRO, CZE, GER, ITA, HUN, LIE, POL, SLO, SVK, SUI
- € 800 for other European federations
- € 1'300 for non-European member federations

The contribution will be paid by bank transfer following Congress.

### B. GUEST REGISTRATION

Each official NF Delegate may bring max. one (1) accompanying guest. To register your NF guest(s), please use the form in IBU Scope under Congress - Official Registration. Please submit your form **no later than 17 June 2026**.

GGuests who are not affiliated with a member federation are kindly invited to register [here](#). Please note, guest registration is necessary for accreditation and logistical planning purposes.

### C. NF RIGHTS

- Full members may submit motions to the IBU Congress according to the IBU Constitution (Art. 7.1.4), nominate representatives to official functions (Art. 7.1.5., 7.1.5.1, 7.1.5.2), and vote (Art. 7.1.3).
- Each full member has one vote. The Head of the Delegation exercises the right to vote for them (Art. 15.2). Deferring the right to vote to others (voting by proxy) is forbidden.
- Provisional members may attend the IBU Congress and may be heard (Art. 7.2.1 of IBU Constitution). However, according to the IBU Constitution, they are not permitted to file motions or submit nominations, or to vote.
- A person may not be a delegate for more than one NF Member at Congress.
- No member of the Executive Board, the BIU Board, or any IBU Staff may be a delegate of an NF Member at Congress (Art. 15.3)

### D. MOTIONS

According to Art. 7.1.4 of the IBU Constitution, any full IBU member federation may submit motions to amend or modify the IBU Constitution and Rules. Please use the **IBU Scope form for Motions/Rule Amendments** and submit it no later than 17 June 2026.

**E. CONGRESS DEADLINES**

DATE	ACTION
Deadline for submitting <b>17 June 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motions to amend or add to the IBU Rules and Constitution</b></li> <li>• <b>Nominations for elections</b></li> </ul>
Deadline for submitting <b>17 June 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registration for NF delegates</b></li> </ul>
Publication to Member NFs <b>18 August 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IBU Congress Agenda and Handbook</b></li> </ul>

**F. ELECTIONS**

**The 17th Ordinary IBU Congress is an Election Congress and will see the following positions filled by individuals elected by Congress:**

- President;
- Vice-President;
- Treasurer;
- Executive Board Member (6 positions to be filled); and
- Technical Committee Member (10 positions to be filled).

Role profiles for the positions to be filled on the Executive Board may be found in [Appendix 1 of the Rules of Congress](#).

All National Federations, Commercial Partners, Delegates attending Congress, Candidates and Persons seeking to become Candidates must act in full compliance with the [IBU Integrity Code](#), [the IBU Constitution](#), [the Rules of Congress](#) and the [IBU Elections and Campaigning Guidelines for 2026 Elections](#).

Any questions in relation to Elections should be directed to [elections@biathlonintegrity.com](mailto:elections@biathlonintegrity.com).

**Nomination Procedure**

Nominations for the Executive Board may be submitted for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Executive Board Member. Nominations may also be submitted for positions on the Technical Committee.

Nominations for election must be submitted in accordance with Article 17 (Executive Board) and Article 26.2 (Technical Committee) of the Constitution and Article 4.1(d) of the Rules of Congress, above. They must be signed by the President or Secretary General of the nominating NF Member, and must be accompanied by:

- the Official Nomination Form;
- the written consent of the Candidate;
- the Candidate Information Form, attached with a Curriculum Vitae and a signed integrity declaration confirming that no criminal disciplinary, or integrity proceedings are pending or unresolved;
- supporting documents as outlined in Section 1.1.4 of the IBU Elections and Campaigning Guidelines for the 2026 Elections; and
- a Candidate Video Statement (optional but strongly encouraged, as outlined in Section 1.1.5 of the IBU Elections and Campaigning Guidelines for the 2026 Elections).

Only persons who have been proposed in writing by the deadline by a full IBU member federation 90 days before the beginning of the Congress may be elected to the Executive Board. The personal presence of the candidate is desirable, but not mandatory (Art. 13.1&13.2 Rules of Congress). The persons elected will remain in office until the next elections that will be held at the Congress 2030.

All nomination documents must be submitted electronically via IBU Scope **by 17 June 2026 at 23:59 CET**. Nominations documents submitted past the deadline will not be considered.

#### **Vetting Procedure**

Any person who represents and/or works on behalf of the IBU, whether as a result of election or appointment or otherwise, is an IBU Official. To be eligible as an IBU Official, the requirements in Article 27 of the Constitution must be fulfilled and in accordance with the Vetting procedure set out at Article 11 of the BIU Rules.

Once a Candidate's nomination has been received and accepted, the BIU will begin the vetting process in accordance with Article 11 of the BIU Rules and as described in Section 1.2 of the IBU Elections and Campaigning Guidelines for the 2026 Elections and Article 11 of the BIU Rules.

Notably, Candidates may need to attend a structured interview before the BIU to clarify information provided in the documents submitted to the IBU and BIU as part of the Candidate's nomination, in accordance with Article 13.4 of the Rules of Congress. Candidates for positions on the Executive Board must be available for such interview between 24 June and 15 July 2026. Candidates that have not attended an interview when requested may not be able to stand for Election at the 2026 Congress.

#### **Campaigning, Integrity and Ethical Conduct**

Candidates that have seen their Candidacy confirmed by the BIU Board may campaign from 22 July until 19 September 2026. Only confirmed Candidates will have their Candidate Profile included in the Agenda and Handbook for Congress and on the voting ballot.

All details in relation to Campaigning, including conduct to adopt during such period and expenditure and financial disclosure may be found in the [IBU Elections and Campaigning Guidelines for the 2026 Elections](#).

### **G. CONGRESS LANGUAGE**

The primary language of Congress proceedings is English. Online interpretation into German or Russian will be available at request. If your NF delegation wishes interpretation, please submit your request in writing by email to [IBUCongress@ibu.at](mailto:IBUCongress@ibu.at) **no later than 17 June 2026**.

### **H. CONGRESS 2028 APPLICATIONS**

According to Art 14.1.2 of the IBU Constitution, Member Federations may apply to host the Congress held in non-Olympic years. Hosting a Congress is a great opportunity to invite the Biathlon Family to visit your country in early autumn 2028. Please refer to the separate document outlining the hosting obligations for the next ordinary Congress.

To apply to host the Congress 2028, please use the IBU Scope application form for Congress 2028 and submit it **no later than 17 June 2026**.

### **I. HONOURS**

The member federations are also invited to nominate recipients for IBU Honours to be awarded as per the current [Rules for Honours](#). Such proposals should be sent in writing by email to [IBUCongress@ibu.at](mailto:IBUCongress@ibu.at) **no later than 17 June 2026**.

**J. APPOINTMENT OF THE HOST FOR THE IBU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2031 BIATHLON**

One of the highlights of the 17th Ordinary Congress in 2026 will be the appointment of the host of the IBU World Championships 2031 Biathlon.

For further information on the candidature process please consult the [IBU Sport & Events website](#).

**K. WORKSHOPS FOR NF DELEGATES**

On Thursday, 17 September, NF delegates are invited to participate in afternoon workshops from 14:00 - 15:45 CET on key topics of importance for the IBU's future development.

Please plan your arrival accordingly and consult the IBU Scope system for workshop details.

## SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME

### WELCOME RECEPTION WITH A SCENIC VIEW OF THE BERCHTESGADEN MOUNTAINS

**Thursday, 17 September 2026, 19:00 - 22:30 CET**

**LOCATION: Kulturhof Stanggass**

Berchtesgadener Str. 111  
83483 Bischofswiesen bei Berchtesgaden

**DRESS CODE:** Smart casual – relaxed and elegant.  
Guests are welcome to add a touch of white if they like.



Set against the striking alpine scenery of Berchtesgaden, the Welcome Reception marks the opening of the 17th Ordinary IBU Congress. This evening offers the perfect opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends from across the global biathlon family in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Surrounded by breathtaking views, we will enjoy live soft music from Doro and her band, welcome drinks, and a thoughtfully curated dinner featuring regional specialities, making this the perfect moment to arrive, engage, and be inspired.

### BAVARIAN EVENING IN THE OLDEST BREWERY IN THE VILLAGE

**Friday, 18 September 2026, 19:00 - 23:00 CET**

**LOCATION:**

**Braeustueberl Berchtesgaden**

Bräuhausstraße 13  
83471 Berchtesgaden, Germany

**DRESS CODE:**

Informal Casual – relaxed. Guests are warmly welcome to wear a traditional (Bavarian) Dress



The Bavarian Evening offers a relaxed, convivial atmosphere for connecting while immersing yourself in authentic Bavarian culture. We will enjoy traditional music from the Schallmooserbuam, regional cuisine, and warm hospitality that reflect the heritage of the area, creating a lively and engaging setting for meaningful exchanges. Designed to bring people together through shared cultural experiences, the evening provides a memorable opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Bavaria and the unique location of the congress.

## GALA DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT

**Saturday, 19 September 2026, 19:00 - 00:00 CET**

### LOCATION:

**AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden**  
Maximilianstraße 9  
83471 Berchtesgaden, Germany

**DRESS CODE:** Formal evening attire – suit and tie for men; long dress, cocktail dress, or elegant separates for women.



Marking the conclusion of the 17th Ordinary IBU Congress, the Gala Dinner and Awards Night provide a distinguished setting following the elections. For this special occasion, the congress venue is transformed into an elegant gala environment, creating the perfect atmosphere to reflect on the achievements of the biathlon family and the path ahead. The evening brings together delegates, partners, and guests and combines fine dining with a formal awards ceremony to celebrate excellence across our sport. As this milestone moment unfolds, we invite you to join us for an evening of recognition, connection, and forward-looking inspiration.

## NETWORKING RUN/WALK

**Friday, 18 September & Saturday, 19 September 2026**  
**06:50 - 08:00 CET**

### MEETING POINT:

**AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden**  
Maximilianstraße 9  
83471 Berchtesgaden, Germany

### DRESS CODE:

Sport clothing and running shoes



Start your day with energy and fresh inspiration by joining our morning networking run or walk, offered on Friday and Saturday at 06:50 am. Combining light activity with meaningful exchange, these sessions provide an opportunity to connect with fellow delegates before the day's program begins. Each route is thoughtfully designed to showcase the charm of Berchtesgaden's old town and its surroundings, creating an enjoyable and refreshing start to the day at a walking or running pace, led by the IBU colleagues.

## EXCURSION

**Sunday, 20 September 2026, 09:00 - 13:30 CET**

### LOCATION:

#### **Königssee and St. Bartholomä**

Transport will be provided from the hotels to Königssee and back.

### DRESS CODE:

Casual clothing and comfortable shoes.



Experience one of the region's most iconic highlights with a morning boat excursion on the Königssee. Surrounded by the unique natural setting of Berchtesgaden National Park, this guided journey takes you across the lake's renowned emerald waters to the picturesque peninsula of St. Bartholomä. Upon arrival, enjoy a relaxed lunch featuring regional specialities in a truly distinctive atmosphere. Combining natural beauty, local heritage, and shared experience, this excursion offers a memorable opportunity to connect beyond the Congress setting.

**Please note that the number of participants in the excursion is limited to 85 persons and advance registration is required – please reserve your spot as part of the Congress registration!**

## BERCHTESGADEN BEYOND THE IBU CONGRESS

- [Salzbergwerk Berchtesgaden](#)
- [Eagle's Nest \(Kehlsteinhaus\) Visit](#)
- [Walk to the Kneifelspitze \("Local Mountain" of Berchtesgaden\)](#)
- [Haus der Berge & National park Berchtesgaden](#)
- [Almbachklamm](#)
- [Trip to Salzburg](#)

## USEFUL LINKS

- **About Berchtesgaden:**  
<https://www.berchtesgaden.de/>
- **Public Transport:**  
<https://berchtesgaden.wohin-du-willst.de/>
- **Excursion time – Information brochure in English:**  
[https://www.berchtesgaden.de/fileadmin/Berchtesgaden/Bilder/Gut\\_zu\\_wissen/Prospekte/berchtesgaden-excursion-time.pdf](https://www.berchtesgaden.de/fileadmin/Berchtesgaden/Bilder/Gut_zu_wissen/Prospekte/berchtesgaden-excursion-time.pdf)
- **Tourist Information & Opening Hours: Tourist-Information Bergerlebnis Berchtesgaden | Berchtesgaden**  
<https://berchtesgaden.wohin-du-willst.de/>

## MORE INFORMATION

All documentation related to the 17th Ordinary Congress in Berchtesgaden will be available on the Congress 2026 page on the IBU website [here](#).

### Questions

- For questions related to **IBU Elections**, please contact [elections@biathlonintegrity.com](mailto:elections@biathlonintegrity.com).
- For questions related to **Congress logistics**, please contact [IBUCongress@ibu.at](mailto:IBUCongress@ibu.at)
- For **general queries**, please contact Max Cobb, IBU Secretary General, at [max.cobb@ibu.at](mailto:max.cobb@ibu.at).



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