









## TC 64 – ECR changes

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1.4.1.g ■	15 km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty (only to be used in extraordinary weather/snow conditions or in the interests of a manageable competition program; IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score)	15 km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty ( <del>only to be used in extraordinary weather/snow conditions or in the interests of a manageable competition program</del> ; IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score)
1.4.2.g ■	12.5 km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty(only to be used in extraordinary weather/snow conditions or in the interests of a manageable competition program; IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score)	12.5 km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty ( <del>only to be used in extraordinary weather/snow conditions or in the interests of a manageable competition program</del> ; IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score)
1.5.1 ■	Only such competitors and team staff who comply with Art. 7.1.9 of the IBU Constitution and the following IBU regulations will be eligible to take part in biathlon events and competitions organized by an IBU member federation. In order to be eligible to participate in an IBU event, biathletes and team staff must sign the IBU Declaration of Obligations, the Court of Arbitration Declaration and the Declaration to Fight Doping in Sport, signifying an agreement to abide by and follow all IBU rules and policies. Competitors and team staff members must sign these declarations prior to taking part in their first IBU competition and must include a copy of their passport with their signed declaration. Each signed declaration will remain in effect until terminated by either party.	Only such competitors and team staff who comply with Art. 7.1.9 of the IBU Constitution and the following IBU regulations will be eligible to take part in biathlon events and competitions organized by an IBU member federation. In order to be eligible to participate in an IBU event, biathletes and team staff must sign the IBU Declaration of Obligations, the Court of Arbitration Declaration and the Declaration to Fight Doping in Sport, signifying an agreement to abide by and follow all IBU rules and policies. Competitors and team staff members must sign these declarations prior to taking part in their first IBU competition and must include a copy of their passport with their signed declaration. Each signed declaration will remain in effect until terminated by either party.  <b>Biathlon Refugee Team</b> Athletes who are recognized as refugees acc. to Art. 7.1.9.6. of the IBU Constitution, provided they fulfill all the mentioned requirements as well as personal qualification criteria (if applicable), will be eligible to compete as a “Biathlon Refugee Team” (BRT) Athletes’ participation must be managed by their host country of residence according to the ECR. The “BRT” should be handled from a quota/Wild card perspective (at all IBU events) as a separate group similar to an NF with a maximum quota to be decided by the IBU Executive Board depending on the existing number of refugees. “BRT” athletes will not compete in relays, Nation Cup points will not be awarded for the “BRT” but personal Cup points and medals/awards can be earned.
1.6.2.d ■	Entries for the Mass Start competition are not required, as qualification is based on the performance in the respective current Total Score and/or on event results. Names of athletes qualified for the Mass Start competition must be confirmed by a signed, written form presented to the competition office as soon as possible and at least two hours before the start. The number of competitors that may be entered in competition are stated in the event rules.	Entries for the Mass Start competition are not required, as qualification is based on the performance in the respective current Total Score and/or on event results. Names of athletes qualified for the Mass Start competition must be confirmed by a signed, written form presented to the competition office <b>or via online registration</b> system as soon as possible and at least two hours before the start. The number of competitors that may be entered in competition are stated in the event rules.







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1.7.4.2 	<p><b>Draw Group System at WCH and OWG</b></p> <p>At the OWG and WCH, competitors must be entered in draw groups as described in Art. 1.7.3.1 above. The top 15 ranked competitors from the current WC Total Score may be placed in any draw group. However, a NF may not place more than three (3) competitors in any of the four draw groups, including the current world champion/Olympic champion. Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 2, 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 2, 3 and 4. This decision must be announced at least two (2) hours prior to the entry deadline for the respective competition.</p>	<p><b>Draw Group System at WCH and OWG</b></p> <p>At the OWG and WCH, competitors must be entered in draw groups as described in Art. 1.7.3.1 above. The top 15 ranked competitors from the current WC Total Score may be placed in any draw group. However, a NF may not place more than three (3) competitors in any of the four draw groups, including the current world champion/Olympic champion. Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 2, 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 2, 3 and 4. This decision must be announced at least two (2) hours prior to the entry deadline for the respective competition.</p> <p style="color: red;">The IBU EB may decide to adapt the draw group system or decide to use a different system. In such case, the details have to be announced in due time before the season start.</p>
3.3.2 	The maximum altitude of any part of the course may not be higher than 1.800 m above sea level, unless an exception is specifically authorized by the IBU EB in necessary circumstances...	The maximum altitude of any part of the course may not be higher than <del>1.800</del> 2.000 m above sea level, unless an exception is specifically authorized by the IBU EB in necessary circumstances.
3.3.11 	The Penalty Loop ..... The loop should be an oval trail which is 6 m wide and 150 m (+/- 5 m) long/75m (+/- 5m) for SSP and SMR, measured along the inside perimeter of the loop. The opening must be at least 15 m long....	The Penalty Loop ..... The loop should be an oval trail which is <del>6</del> 5-6 m wide and 150 m (+/- 5 m) long/75m (+/- 5m) for SSP and SMR, measured along the inside perimeter of the loop. The opening must be at least 15 m long....

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5.1.3.... 	5.1.3 Types of Training "Official training" is the period of time that the OC must provide for training on the facility. The facility must be prepared the same as for the competition. "Training" is the time that the OC allows for training on the facility in addition to the official training, when the facility does not have to be prepared as for the competition. OCs should allow as much time as possible in the event program for training – if necessary, shooting lanes will be allocated for teams as for official training, as directed by the TD. Any training for teams must be offered equally for all teams. Such additional trainings must be requested at IBU (RD) in written.  .....	<del>5.1.3</del> 5.2 Types of Training At all biathlon events, OC should provide "Official training" and "Training".
5.2 		<b>Training</b> <del>At all IBU events, the competition facility and courses must be open for inspection and official training at least once before the first competition. The facilities and courses must be prepared as for the competition and the training</del>
5.2.1 	Not existing	<b>Official training</b> At all IBU events, the competition facility and courses must be open for inspection and official training at least once before the first competition. The facilities and courses must be prepared as for the competition and the training must be held at the same time of day as the competition itself, if at all possible. Each subsequent competition should also be preceded by the official training unless it is not possible in the event program or due to other circumstances. At all IBU events, ranges will be allocated for official training according to Art. 5.2.4 unless specifically changed by the RD/TD. At all other events, a simple draw should be done. After 20 minutes, the first row of paper targets will be changed and metal and paper targets will be used. Athletes are now free to choose any available shooting lane they wish until the end of the training period; however, the paper targets will be reserved for the assigned NF(s) for a further 25 minutes. When the metal targets are opened for Mass Start, Relays and Pursuit official training, the odd-numbered shooting lanes will be set to prone and the even-numbered lanes will be set to standing.
5.2.2 	Not existing	<b>Training</b> Training is the time that the OC allows for training on the facility in addition to the official training, when the facility does not have to be prepared as for the competition. OCs should allow as much time as possible in the event program for training. At all IBU events, ranges will be allocated for training according to Art. 5.2.4 unless specifically changed by the RD/TD. At all other events, a simple draw should be done. After 20 minutes, the first row of paper targets will be changed, and metal and paper targets will be used. Athletes are now free to choose any available shooting lane they wish until the end of the training period; however, the paper targets will be reserved for the assigned NF(s) for a further 25 minutes. When the metal targets are opened for Mass Start, Relays and

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		Pursuit training, the odd-numbered shooting lanes will be set to prone, and the even-numbered lanes will be set to standing.
5.2.3 	Not existing	<b>Additional (Unscheduled) Training</b> Any additional training must be offered equally for all teams. Such additional training must be requested at IBU (RD) in writing. Allocation of the shooting lanes and time when metal targets will be open should be determined by RD/TD.
5.2.4 	Not existing	<b>Allocation of Zeroing Lanes for Official Training and Training</b>
5.2.4.1 	Not existing	At the OWG, WCH and WC events shooting lanes will be allocated as follows: a) for Sprint, Individual and Super Sprint Qualification, shooting lanes 1-5 will be allocated by a random draw among the top 5 participating NFs, and shooting lanes 6-10 allocated among the next five participating NFs, and so on with the next five targets drawn for the next five ranked NFs until all are allocated. The previous year's WC Nations Cup score will apply for the first event in the new season, thereafter the current Nations Cup score will apply. In case a nation does not participate in the first event of a season, that NF will be drawn in its group of nations at the second event of the season according to the previous season's NC ranking. b) for Relay, Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay, shooting lanes will be allocated based on the current standings in the WC Relay score, or the sum of the current season's Mixed Relay scores for the Mixed Relay, or the sum of the current season's Single Mixed Relay scores for the Single Mixed Relay – with the top ranking team receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. If a team or number is missing, all teams below it will move up in number. In the first WC Relay, Mixed Relay or Single Mixed Relay of the season, the previous year's respective final Relay standings will be used. Teams without a relay team may participate at official training and training, their shooting lanes will be allocated after all relay teams from respective standing have been allocated (by random draw). c) for all other official training and training shooting lanes will be allocated by the RD/TD.
5.2.4.2 	Not existing	For the IBU Cup/OECH, allocation will be made in the same principle as in Art. 5.2.4.1 for Sprint, Individual and Super Sprint Qualification: the IBU Cup Nations Cup score will be used and for the Junior Cup/JOECH and YJWCH, the Junior Cup Nations Cup score will apply. For all other official training and training shooting lanes will be allocated by the RD/TD.
5.2.4.3 	Currently 5.3.3.2	<del>5.3.3.2</del> When a team has more than eight competitors, an additional zeroing lane may be allocated, if available.
5.3.2 	Paper targets used for zeroing must be placed at the same level and the same distance (tolerance max. + 20 cm) from the firing lane as the competition targets. When two rows	Paper targets used for zeroing must be placed at the same level and the same distance (tolerance max. + 20 cm) from the firing lane as the competition targets. When two rows of

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	of paper targets are placed, the second row must be below or above the level of the competition targets. If the paper targets have to be changed during zeroing, they will be changed after 20 minutes and only the top row of paper targets will be changed. The time required for the change will not be deducted from the time allocated for zeroing. Metal targets may not be used for zeroing.	paper targets are placed, the second row must be below or above the level of the competition targets. If the paper targets have to be changed during zeroing, they will be changed after 20 minutes and only the <b>top first</b> row of paper targets will be changed. The time required for the change will not be deducted from the time allocated for zeroing. Metal targets may not be used for zeroing.
7.1.4 ■	<p><b>Passing and giving way</b> A competitor, who is in a position to pass another competitor, and wishes to pass, must yell "Track." A competitor who is about to be overtaken must clear the course in front of the passing competitor at the first yell of "Track" or another voice signal, even if the course is wide enough. However, this obligation does not apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the finish corridors;</li> <li>b. In Pursuit, Super Sprint Finals, Mass Starts, and Men and Women's Relays.</li> </ol> <p>Art. 7.1.4 b applies to lapped athletes at youth and junior competitions. The competitor on or exiting the penalty loop has the right of way over the competitor entering the penalty loop.</p>	<p><b>Passing and giving way</b> A competitor, who is in a position to pass another competitor, and wishes to pass, must yell "Track." A competitor who is about to be overtaken must clear the course in front of the passing competitor at the first yell of "Track" or another voice signal, even if the course is wide enough. However, this obligation does not apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the finish corridors;</li> <li>b. In Pursuit, Super Sprint Finals, Mass Starts, and Men and Women's Relays <b>(it applies to lapped athletes at youth and junior competitions)</b></li> </ol> <p><b>The competitor on or exiting the penalty loop has the right of way over the competitor entering the penalty loop.</b></p>
7.3.5 ■	<p><b>Other Assistance</b> Competitors are not permitted to receive any assistance from any other person, other than as expressly stated in these rules.</p>	<p><b>Other Assistance</b> <b>A specific reason for permission of assistance is if an athlete receives help to return to the track after an incident/crash or if assistance is needed to allow the athlete to continue competing.</b></p>
New 8.1.2 ■	Not existing	<b>Dry shooting during the event period, no matter at which location (not limited to the venue area), is also covered by the shooting regulations described in chapter 8. of the ECR.</b>
current 8.1.2 ■		Becomes 8.1.3
8.3.2.1 ■	<p><b>No Removal of Skis</b> Removing one or both skis while shooting – including training and zeroing – is prohibited, and placing any kind of object under the skis is also prohibited.</p>	<p><b>No Removal of Skis</b> Removing one or both skis <b>when on the mat</b> – including training and zeroing – is prohibited, and placing any kind of object under the skis is also prohibited.</p>
8.5.1 ■	<p><b>General</b> When a rifle is brought into or is taken out of the stadium area, it must be in a case or a cover bag. Shooting is only permitted on the shooting range, during officially authorized times. Making rifle movements that might endanger others or the competitors themselves, regardless of whether the rifle is loaded or not, is forbidden. Situations considered as safe are: carrying the rifle on the back or having the bolt open. The</p>	<p><b>General</b> When a rifle is brought into or is taken out of the stadium area, it must be in a case or a cover bag. Shooting is only permitted on the shooting range, during officially authorized times. Making rifle movements that might endanger others or the competitors themselves, regardless of whether the rifle is loaded or not, is forbidden. Situations considered as safe are: carrying the rifle on the back or having the bolt open. The</p>





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	rifle muzzle must be over the forward edge of the shooting ramp (firing line) from the beginning to the end of the shooting bout. At no time while being on the mat it is allowed for the athlete to deliberately point the rifle muzzle towards him/herself or others. When the range is open for shooting, no one is permitted to be forward of that line. TV crew members and photographers must take responsibility for their own safety if they enter this area. At all times, competitors will be responsible for the safety of their actions and rifles.	rifle muzzle must be over the forward edge of the shooting ramp (firing line) from the beginning to the end of the shooting bout. At no time while being on the mat it is allowed for the athlete to deliberately point the rifle muzzle towards him/herself or others. <del>When the range is open for shooting, no one is permitted to be forward of that line. TV crew members and photographers must take responsibility for their own safety if they enter this area. At all times, competitors will be responsible for the safety of their actions and rifles.</del> When the range is open for shooting, no one (with no part of the body) is permitted to be forward of that line. Officials, TV crew members and photographers must take responsibility....
9.2.4.1.2 <span style="color: green;">■</span>	At youth/junior competitions, competitors whose relay team is lapped for the second time by the leading relay team must stop competing at an appropriate location in connection with the shooting range. Race officials shall support the competitors by informing them as well as possible. In such cases teams will receive rank and points according to the rank they had when they reached that point	At youth/junior competitions, competitors whose relay team is lapped for the second time by the leading relay team must stop competing <del>at an appropriate location in connection with the shooting range either at "range in" or at the exchange.</del> If the team is lapped on the shooting range, the lapped competitor will be stopped directly after finishing the shooting. As soon as the first relay team finishes, all the relay teams that have not left the shooting range (shooting range exit) are stopped after the shooting. Race officials shall support the competitors by informing them as well as possible. In such cases teams will receive rank and points according to the rank they had when they reached that point
11.3.2.b <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	11.3.2.b: One-Minute Penalty A time penalty of one minute will be imposed on athletes or teams for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. not giving way at the first request by an overtaking competitor in Sprint and Individual Competition;</li> <li>b. committing a very minor violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.</li> </ul>	11.3.2.b One-Minute Penalty A time penalty of one minute will be imposed on athletes or teams for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. not giving way at the first request by an overtaking competitor in Sprint and Individual Competition;</li> <li>b. violation of Art. 7.1.4 and/or Art. 7.2;</li> <li><del>b-c.</del> committing a very minor violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.</li> </ul>
New 12.6.2.4 <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	No existing rule	Mass Start 60 Competitions <del>The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current YJWCH event using the IBU Cup point system. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied, the athlete with the second-best single result will be ranked ahead. Start numbers will be assigned in the order as follows: the gold medalist of the first personal competition of the YJWCH will receive start number 1; the gold medalist of the second personal competition will receive number 2, with the silver medalists of the personal competition receiving start numbers in the same order beginning with start number 3-4, and bronze medalists in the same way beginning with start number 5-6. The remaining start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the IBU Cup point system, and if less than 60 athletes earn points at</del>

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		<p>the current event, the field will be filled with the athletes having the best single result from the event with the same tie breaker as above.</p> <p>Five (5) competitors will be the maximum number of entries allowed by any NF.</p>
<p>12.6.2.5 and 12.6.2.6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p>		<p>Current 12.6.2.4 becomes 12.6.2.5 and current 12.6.2.5 becomes 12.6.2.6</p>
<p>12.8.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p>	<p><b>Leader Start Numbers (WCH)</b></p> <p>The competitors, both men and women, who are the best ranked in the current World Cup scores (acc. to Art. 15.8.1.1 a-f), the "Under 25 Award" leaders (acc. to Art. 8, Rules for Honors) and the defending Champions of the previous World Championships in the respective single competition format will wear a numbered, designated colored start number during the World Championships instead of a conventional start number. Bib colors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Total Score leaders – yellow;</li> <li>b. Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start leaders – red;</li> <li>c. "Under 25 Award" leaders – dark blue;</li> <li>d. Defending Champions - gold;</li> <li>e. Competitors fulfilling more than one criteria of a. – d. will wear a combined colored bib.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Leader Start Numbers (WCH)</b></p> <p><del>The competitors, both men and women, who are the best ranked in the current World Cup scores (acc. to Art. 15.8.1.1 a-f), the "Under 23 Award" leaders and the defending Champions of the previous World Championships in the respective single competition format will wear a numbered, designated colored start number during the World Championships instead of a conventional start number. Bib colors:</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a. Total Score leaders – yellow;</del></li> <li><del>b. Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start leaders – red;</del></li> <li><del>c. "Under 23 Award" leaders – dark blue;</del></li> <li><del>d. Defending Champions - gold;</del></li> <li><del>e. Competitors fulfilling more than one criteria of a. – d. will wear a combined colored bib.</del></li> </ol> <p>The defending Champions of the previous World Championships in the respective single competition format will wear a designated golden start number during the World Championships instead of a conventional start number.</p> <p>Additional leader bibs might be worn based on contractual obligations upon decision of the IBU EB.</p>
<p>15.6.3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■</p>	<p><b>Additional start rights at WC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ...</li> <li>b. ...</li> <li>c. For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score will receive an additional personal start quota, if his/her NF intends to register this athlete for the event. This applies for the season 2023/24 (respectively for the Total Score winners of the 2022/23 season).</li> <li>d. For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score (M+W) earns an additional NF start quota that can be used by the NF for any qualified athlete. The rule comes into place starting from the 2024/25 season (respectively for the 2023/24 IBU Cup Total Score winners).</li> </ol>	<p><b>Additional start rights at WC</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ...</li> <li>b. ...</li> <li><del>c. For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score will receive an additional personal start quota, if his/her NF intends to register this athlete for the event. This applies for the season 2023/24 (respectively for the Total Score winners of the 2022/23 season).</del></li> <li>d. For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score (M+W) earns an additional NF start quota that can be used by the NF for any qualified athlete. <del>The rule comes into place starting from the 2024/25 season (respectively for the 2023/24 IBU Cup Total Score winners).</del></li> </ol>

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15.6.5.1 	The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 25 competitors in the current WC Total Score and the remaining five competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current WC event. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current WC Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. If competitors are absent from the top 25, they will be filled in from the current WC Total Score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final five start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the WC Points scored at the current event.	The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 25 competitors in the current WC Total Score and the remaining <b>five</b> competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current WC event.; In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current WC Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. <del>If competitors are absent from the top 25, they will be filled in from the current WC Total Score list in rank order.</del> Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final <b>remaining five</b> start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the WC Points scored at the current event.
15.7.1 	Men and women competitors who are ranked the best in the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions in the current World Cup score and in the WC Total Score must wear a World Cup Leader start number during the competition. This applies also for the “Under 25 Award” leader (acc. to Art. 8, Rules for Honors).	Men and women competitors who are ranked the best in the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions in the current World Cup score and in the WC Total Score must wear a World Cup Leader start number during the competition. This applies also for the “Under <b>23</b> Award” leader <del>(acc. to Art. 8, Rules for Honors).</del>
15.7.2 	The special start numbers will have the competitors’ number as shown on the start list, and be colored as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. WC Total Score leaders – yellow;</li> <li>b. Each Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start, Super Sprint leader – red;</li> <li>c. “Under 25 Award” leader – dark blue;</li> <li>d. Competitors fulfilling more than one criteria of a. – c. will wear a combined colored bib.</li> </ul> Numbers will be printed on the start number bibs. Any advertising on the special start numbers will be fully under IBU jurisdiction.	The special start numbers will <del>have the competitors’ number as shown on the start list, and</del> be colored as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. WC Total Score leaders – yellow;</li> <li>f. Each Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start, Super Sprint leader – red;</li> <li>g. “Under <b>23</b> Award” leader – dark blue;</li> <li>h. Competitors fulfilling more than one criteria of a. – c. will wear a combined colored bib.</li> </ul> <del>Numbers will be printed on the start number bibs.</del> Any advertising on the special start numbers will be fully under IBU jurisdiction.
15.8.2.1 	<b>World Cup Discipline Points</b> At each WC Individual, Short Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start 60, Relay and Mixed Relay competitions, points will be awarded for each discipline as follows: 1st place 90 points 2nd place 75 points 3rd place 60 points 4th place 50 points 5th place 45 points 6th place 40 points 7th place 36 points 8th place 34 points 9th place 32 points 10th place 31 points further decreasing by one down to 40th place (1 point).	<b>World Cup Discipline Points</b> At each WC Individual, Short Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start 60, Relay and Mixed Relay competitions, points will be awarded for each discipline as follows: 1st place 90 points 2nd place 75 points 3rd place <b>65</b> points 4th place <b>55</b> points 5th place <b>50</b> points 6th place <b>45</b> points 7th place <b>41</b> points 8th place <b>37</b> points 9th place <b>34</b> points 10th place 31 points further decreasing by one down to 40th place (1 point).



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New 1.5.3.4 ■		<p><b>New 1.5.3.4 IBU Cup and OECH</b>                      The IBU Cup season consists of three trimesters generally made up of two to three events each, including OECH.                      As the minimum requirement to compete in IBU Cup/OECH, a competitor must have 300 IBU QP or less gained at Junior Cup or IBU Regional Events at the end of the trimester preceding the event.                      This rule applies starting from the season 2026/27.</p>
New 1.5.3.5 ■		<p><b>New 1.5.3.5 Junior Cup and JWCH</b>                      As the minimum requirement to compete in IBU Junior Cup/JWCH, a competitor must have 400 IBU QP or less gained at IBU Regional Events at the end of the trimester preceding the event.                      This rule applies starting from the season 2026/27.</p>
12.6.2.1 ■	<p><b>YJWCH Maximum Registration and entries</b>                      Each NF may register a maximum of five junior men and junior women each, and five youth men and youth women each in the YJWCH. The following entry regulations apply to specific competitions at the YJWCH:</p>	<p><b>YJWCH Maximum Registration and entries</b>                      Each NF may register a maximum of five junior men and junior women each, and five youth men and youth women each in the YJWCH.                      From the season 2026/2027 on (meaning from the 2027 edition), the event will be limited to the U21/Junior category. There will be no Youth competitions any longer. Youth athletes may participate according to Art. 1.3.1                      From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.5 to be entitled to start at the JWCH.</p> <p>The following entry regulations apply to specific competitions at the YJWCH <b>until then</b>:                      ...</p>
16.1 ■	<p>IBU Cups are IBU events that, as a general rule, are held for Men and women. Juniors may compete. Youth athletes are entitled to start in the IBU Cup, if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or</li> <li>b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season.</li> </ol> <p>The number of IBU Cup events in each competition season will be set by the IBU Executive Board upon the recommendation of the TC. The TC will make recommendations to the EB. The EB will decide how many and what types of competitions will be organized at an event. This information will be included in the IBU Biathlon Guide. IBU Cup points will be awarded at the OECH.</p>	<p>IBU Cups are IBU events that, as a general rule, are held for Men and women. Juniors may compete. Youth athletes are entitled to start in the IBU Cup, if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or</li> <li>b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season.</li> </ol> <p>The number of IBU Cup events in each competition season will be set by the IBU Executive Board upon the recommendation of the TC. The TC will make recommendations to the EB. The EB will decide how many and what types of competitions will be organized at an event. This information will be included in the IBU Biathlon Guide. IBU Cup points will be awarded at the OECH.</p>

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		From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.4 to be entitled to start at the IBU Cup.
17.2 ■	<p>As a general rule, OECH are held for men and women. Juniors may compete. Youth athletes are entitled to start in the OECH, if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or</li> <li>b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season. Athletes who have not earned the right to start in the respective IBU Cup trimester under Art. 16.2.1, may not compete at the OECH.</li> </ol>	<p>As a general rule, OECH are held for men and women. Juniors may compete. Youth athletes are entitled to start in the OECH, if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or</li> <li>b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season. Athletes who have not earned the right to start in the respective IBU Cup trimester under Art. 16.2.1, may not compete at the OECH.</li> </ol> <p style="color: red;">From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.4 to be entitled to start at the OECH</p>
17.3 ■	<p><b>Participants, Registration and Entry</b></p> <p>Competitors must be members of an IBU NF. All NFs of the IBU may register up to seven competitors in each class to participate in the OECH. Six competitors from each NF may be entered to start in Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint competitions per class. Each NF may enter one relay team per class in the relay competition. The 60 best competitors from each class in the qualification competition will be eligible to start in the Pursuit competition.</p>	<p><b>Participants, Registration and Entry</b></p> <p>Competitors must be members of an IBU NF. All NFs of the IBU may register up to <b>eight (8)</b> competitors in each class to participate in the OECH. Six competitors from each NF may be entered to start in Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint competitions per class. Each NF may enter one relay team per class in the relay competition. The 60 best competitors from each class in the qualification competition will be eligible to start in the Pursuit competition.</p>
18.1 ■	<p>The IBU Junior Cup is an IBU competition series for junior-class competitors. Youth-class athletes may compete if they start as junior-class competitors and meet the requirements for competing as juniors.</p>	<p>The IBU Junior Cup is an IBU competition series for junior-class competitors. Youth-class athletes may compete if they start as junior-class competitors and meet the requirements for competing as juniors.</p> <p style="color: red;">From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.5 to be entitled to start at the IBU Junior Cup</p>
18.2. ■	<p><b>Events and competitions</b></p> <p>All IBU member federations may apply to host IBU Junior Cup events. Venues with an IBU License are preferred, but a license is not required. The IBU EB will schedule IBU Junior Cup events for each season based on recommendations from the IBU TC. One of the IBU Junior Cups is conducted as the Junior Open European Championships (JOECH). With the approval of the IBU, in exceptional cases, Regional Cups may be held at the same time and at the same host venue as IBU Junior Cup events. However, if this is the</p>	<p><b>Events and competitions</b></p> <p>All IBU member federations may apply to host IBU Junior Cup events. Venues with an IBU License are preferred, but a license is not required. The IBU EB will schedule IBU Junior Cup events for each season based on recommendations from the IBU TC. <del>One of the IBU Junior Cups is conducted as the Junior Open European Championships (JOECH).</del> <del>With the approval of the IBU, in exceptional cases, Regional Cups may be held at the same time and at the same host venue as IBU Junior Cup events. However, if this is the case, junior-class athletes will take priority to participants competing in the Regional Cup.</del></p>

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6.6.1 ■	<b>Temperature</b> Biathlon competitions must not be started if the air temperature is colder than minus 20°C measured at the coldest part of the site (range or course), 1.5 m above ground.	<b>Temperature</b> Biathlon competitions must not be started if the air temperature is colder than minus 20°C measured at the coldest part of the site (range or course), 1.5 m above ground. Young athletes (youth/junior) being more vulnerable for the effects of cold and less experienced to such conditions should be protected more. Therefore, the limit for Youth/Junior competitions is minus 15°C.
6.6.2 ■	<b>Wind Chill</b> If it is colder than minus 15°C, wind chill and humidity must be considered before starting and during the competition. In the case of a high wind chill factor, the competition jury will decide whether to start or continue the competition, in consultation with the Competition Physician. The course to be skied may also be changed to avoid windy areas.	<b>Wind Chill</b> If it is colder than minus 15°C (minus 10°C for Youth/Junior competitions), wind chill and humidity must be considered before starting and during the competition. In the case of a high wind chill factor, the competition jury will decide whether to start the competition or continue the competition, in consultation with the Competition and/or Team Physicians. The course to be skied may also be changed to avoid windy areas.
4.2.2.1.b ■	The rifle will then be safety-checked to confirm it does not contain a live cartridge in the chamber and no magazine is inserted;	The rifle will then be safety-checked to confirm it does not contain a live cartridge in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well
4.2.2.4.d ■	That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted;	That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well
New 8.4.2.1 ■		<b>Magazine Transfer Definition</b> The process of transferring a magazine involves the following steps: the magazine is initially located in the magazine holder, and then moved intentionally by hand to the magazine well. It is physically inserted into the magazine well by hand power, ensuring secure placement for use. It must be ensured that a magazine cannot be inserted accidentally.
New 8.4.2.2 ■		<b>Magazine Replacement Definition</b> The magazine replacement process involves the following steps: the empty magazine is removed from the magazine well and placed into the magazine holder. A full magazine is then inserted intentionally by hand into the magazine well, ensuring the insertion is performed safely and securely. It must be ensured that a magazine cannot be inserted accidentally.

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3.1.6.5.1 <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>		<p><b>General</b> A rifle magazine is a component of a firearm designed to store and feed ammunition into the firing chamber. It accommodates a maximum of five rounds, which must be manually loaded into the firearm's chamber one at a time for individual firing. Detachable magazines are required.</p> <p>The use of double magazines, side-by-side magazines, or any self-manufactured magazines is prohibited. Only manually loaded magazines are permitted. Only manually loaded magazines are permitted</p>
3.1.6.5.2 <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>		<p><b>Magazine well</b> The magazine well is the section of a firearm that serves as a housing or cavity for manually loading the magazine. It provides guidance and a secure fit for the magazine, ensuring proper alignment for the smooth feeding of ammunition into the firearm's chamber. The magazine well must be distinctly separated from the rifle magazine holder, and the magazine should be clearly separated from the magazine well when not in use.</p>
3.1.6.5.3 <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>		<p><b>Magazine holder</b> A magazine holder, often referred to as a magazine pouch or magazine carrier, is an accessory designed to hold and transport the necessary number of magazines. It allows for quick access to magazines during reloading.</p> <p>The magazine holder should be constructed to ensure that magazines remain secure and are not lost during competition. It can be mounted on the rifle stock, partially inserted into the stock, or fully integrated into the stock, provided it remains clearly separate from the magazine well. The magazine holder can accommodate both single and multiple magazines. One stock can have multiple magazine holders.</p>