



## **IBU Development Support 2022/2023**

**May 2022**

### **IBU Regional Events (Guidelines)**

#### **Mission**

Increase the visibility of events and athletes across the world (Target26)

#### **Goal**

Establish a strategy for the implementation of sustainable regional IBU events focused on developing biathlon

#### **Goal 2022/2023**

Considering the situation with COVID-19, ensuring the necessary level of biathlon competitions to keep young people engaged in the biathlon

#### **Objectives**

1. Support NFs to implement good quality international competitions for young athletes.
2. Address gaps in participation pathways by supporting NFs to introduce programs based on international cooperation.
3. Create the possibility of wide participation in system sports competitions (popularisation).
4. Support NFs to use and keep or build local biathlon facilities and venues to promote biathlon nationally and regionally.
5. Increase the activity and efficiency of biathlon federations/associations and clubs to promote the sport of children and youth.
6. Gain access to additional resources and funding.

### **IBU Regional Events support principles**

The total budget for the project is 500 000 EUR. This budget includes organisation and travel contributions to participating NFs.

1. The project is focused on structured and future-oriented long-term activities.

The NF/OC should present future-oriented long-term activities in collaboration with NFs from the IBU Region in the application form. In addition, the Regional Coordinator approves the agreed regional event date/place/budget plan.

In season 2022/2023, Regions can apply for a maximum of **80 000 EUR** support for the whole season series. The maximum support per winter event is **20 000 EUR**, and per summer event is **10 000 EUR**. The project's duration is from the 1st of July 2022 to the 31st of March 2023.

2. The project promotes cooperation among NFs inside and between the IBU Regions.

### **IBU-REGIONS 2022/2023**

EUROPE	WEST EUROPE	CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE	NORTH EUROPE	SOUTH EUROPE
<b>Alpen Cup</b>		<b>Central-East Europe Cup</b>	<b>Baltic Cup</b>	<b>Balkan Cup</b>
AUT   ITA   GER SLO   SUI   LIE FRA	FRA**   ESP   NED BEL   GBR   IRL AND*   SUI**	POL   CZE   SVK UKR   HUN   BLR***	FIN   SWE   NOR DEN   GRL   EST LAT   LTU   ISL*	CRO   BIH   GRE BUL   SRB   ROU MDA   TUR   MKD CYP   LBN*
EURO-ASIA	ASIA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	OCEANIA
KAZ   UZB   GEO ARM   KGZ   MGL CHN** RUS***   BLR***	CHN   JPN   KOR IND   TPE   AUS**   NZL**	USA   CAN	BRA   CHI   ARG DOM*   MEX*	AUS   NZL

\*Provisional IBU members

\*\*NFs that could participate in more than one regional event due to their geographic location

\*\*\* Suspended IBU members

Participation of a minimum of three NFs in one IBU Regional Event is required<sup>1</sup>. One NF should be represented with a minimum of 3 athletes. As a priority, the IBU NF should take part in their IBU Regional Event series. The NFs are allowed to participate in the IBU Regional Event competition besides their IBU Region only after OC's agreement with other IBU Region. In that case, the NFs outside the IBU Region will be not supported with travel contributions<sup>2</sup>. The application requires mutual agreement with all NFs presented in the project.

3. IBU support is intended as partial support for organisers.
- 3.1. **IBU financial support shall not exceed 50% of the total project costs** (to ensure own financial activities from the NF/OC). **The donated services and voluntary work<sup>3</sup> could not exceed 50% of NF/OC contribution.** The IBU contribution may be reduced if the applicant reduces the budget during project execution due to the 50% rule.
- 3.2. The IBU financial support can be spent on:
  - 1) Timing
  - 2) Referees
  - 3) Venue preparation costs
  - 4) Provision of unified-wax skis preparation for participants
  - 5) Medical assistance and COVID-19 preventative measures
  - 6) Insurance
  - 7) Other costs specified by organisers and approved by IBU
  - 8) Promotion and popularisation of the project (digital and print materials, award ceremony back wall, speaker/commentator, bibs, photographer or videographer, etc.)
- 3.3. 50% of the financial support will be transferred after the project has been approved, and the other 50% will be transferred after the project report has been accepted.
4. The programme includes partial support for participants.
5. The IBU contributes the travel costs of 100 EUR per youth and junior athlete per event for the host NF and 200 EUR per youth and junior athlete for the guest NF. The maximum contribution is 2500 EUR per participating NF. The travel contribution is based on competition results and will be transferred by IBU to participating NFs.
6. The project stimulates the development and increases the number of biathlon competitions and participating young athletes (more boys and girls, youth and juniors participants, and more financial support).

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<sup>1</sup> This rule does not apply to North America and Oceania IBU Region

<sup>2</sup> In case of COVID-19 travelling restrictions, the NFs which can't take part in their IBU Regional Event series might be supported with travel contribution for participation at other regional events after IBU approval

<sup>3</sup> The value of donated services and volunteer contribution should be calculated on the basis of the type of services and price list

The competition program requires participation in a minimum of two age classes per gender. Senior classes are not considered within those two classes. However, the competitions for seniors may be included in the program<sup>4</sup>. In addition, the National Cup competition can be a part of the IBU Regional Event after the agreement of participating NFs. In that case, all official regional participants start first, and IBU should agree on that.

7. The competitions follow IBU rules and guidelines for Regional Events.

The IBU classes and competition specification rules apply to the juniors and youths categories. However, the regional rules can be adapted for younger categories and should be included in the application form. In exceptional cases, the use of air and laser rifles is possible. An ideal duration is an event with 2 competition days. IBU TC will confirm the IBU Regional Events TDs upon the respective regions' proposal. Any TD needs to hold at least a valid IBU IR license. Exceptions require prior IBU approval.

8. Athletes and coaches registration.

The NFs take responsibility for entered athletes.

9. The project supports a unified waxing system

IBU supports the unified waxing systems and covers the provision of participants' ski preparation.

10. Application

The applications have to be submitted online in the IBU Scope no later than the 13th of June for summer events organised from the 1st of July to the 30th of October and no later than the 15th of September for events scheduled from the 01st of November to the 31st of March. The application should be confirmed by the regional event project coordinator/leader who represents the IBU Region. The applications will be analysed by the DD, S&E, and TC members and communicated to the EB according to the following criteria:

- 1) Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme
- 2) Feasibility of the activities
- 3) Budget consistency

Following the analysis and approval, the Development Department will inform the regional event projects coordinator and the appropriate NF/OC about the project's acceptance, the maximum budget, and the budget distribution. Finally, the agreements will be signed separately with each organiser.

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<sup>4</sup> Due to COVID-19, the maximum number of participants, might be limited according to IBU event guidelines and national regulations



## 11. Promotion and popularisation

The invitation should include the official event name (IBU Regional Event+regional event name+season+venue ex. IBU Regional Event, Alpen Cup, 2022/2023 Pokljuka) and the IBU composite logo. The event's name with the IBU logo should be visible on the results, certificates and during the medal/flowers ceremonies on the back wall and/or victory podium. In addition, the IBU will provide an event composite logo and a template for the layouts for print materials. The information published in media should include the competition's full name and connection to the IBU social media.

The results should be shared with IBU immediately after the competition ends, the latest the next working day after the event ends. The results are published on the IBU website. The IBU may request the proper results format to publish it in DATACENTER.

## 12. Reporting

Following the project's approval, the NF/OC must ensure that the approved activities are completed, and comprehensive reporting is provided as indicated on the project. The report generally includes a statement on the achieved goals (number of NFs and athletes participating in the event), results, a list of invoices or other documents confirming the costs incurred, photos, etc. The reports with financial statements should be sent no later than 30 days after the project's end but no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. The IBU has the right to publish the reports and results on the IBU website. Only the OCs and NFs who finalise the project can apply for the next IBU Regional Event support.

13. IBU reserves the right for announced/unannounced visits to check the project implementation. Furthermore, in case of misused support, the IBU might decide to suspend the respective NF from any development support for a certain time.