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PROFILE

Biathlon professional with more than 20 years of experience in sport at multiple levels and in various roles, including athlete, coach, team leader, organizer, referee, technical official and sports administrator.

Throughout my career, I have worked in athlete development, team management, event organization, logistics, international competition operations and federation administration. Working within a small biathlon nation has required creativity, flexibility and efficient problem-solving to support sustainable development and international competitiveness.

As an athlete, I represented Hungary at two Olympic Winter Games (Sochi 2014 and PyeongChang 2018). Later, I participated in the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games as a coach, gaining valuable experience in high-performance athlete preparation and team leadership. Most recently, I served as a Fluor Control IR Official at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, further strengthening my expertise in technical operations and international sport governance.

My experience across Olympic participation as an athlete, coach and official, combined with my work in national federation leadership and biathlon development, provides a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing athletes, coaches, organizers and National Federations at all levels of the sport. In addition, my service as a member of the IBU Technical Committee during the 2024-2026 term has broadened my perspective on the technical, operational and strategic challenges facing biathlon internationally. This involvement has enhanced my understanding of sport governance, competition management and the long-term development needs of National Federations, providing a well-rounded view of sport from both national and international perspectives.

EDUCATION

University Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Master's Degree in Sport and Physical Education, Fitness and Leisure Tourism (2011)

Nordic Ski Coach Qualification (2015)

Sports Event Organizer Qualification (2021)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hungarian Ski Association

Nordic Director (2025 - Present)

Responsible for the strategic and operational management of the Nordic disciplines, including biathlon, cross-country skiing and ski jumping. Oversight of national team programs, development projects, international cooperation, event organization and federation representation.

Head Coach - Biathlon (2018 - 2024)

Executive Board Member NF HUN (2018 - 2020)

Sport and Physical Education Teacher (2009 - 2014)

INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON EXPERIENCE

International Referee (IR)

Technical Delegate (TD) Candidate / Licensed Official

Participation in numerous IBU events and competitions in officiating roles.

Serving as a Fluor Control Referee at numerous IBU World Cup events has provided me with extensive hands-on experience in the application of technical regulations and equipment control procedures. The position requires continuous communication and cooperation with athletes, coaches, technicians and team staff from across the biathlon community. Through this work, I have developed a broad international network and a deeper understanding of the practical challenges faced by teams, while contributing to the smooth and consistent implementation of regulations in a fair and professional environment.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Technical knowledge of biathlon competition systems
- Athlete development pathways
- Strategic planning and sport development
- Problem-solving and decision-making
- Communication and stakeholder engagement
- Governance and federation administration

LANGUAGES

- Hungarian - Native
- English - Fluent
- Romanian - Fluent