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IBU PARA BIATHLON DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2024

7-9 JUNE 2024 | LENZERHEIDE SUI

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INVITATION

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the IBU Para Biathlon Development Forum 2024 at Lenzerheide, Switzerland, the host site for the IBU Biathlon World Championships 2024 and a growing centre for biathlon development activities.

Following the transfer of governance for Para Biathlon from the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to the IBU in July 2022, the IBU became a full member of the IPC in September 2023.

While we are still in the early phases of fully integrating Para Biathlon into the IBU, we have started the work to provide Para Biathletes with the conditions under which they can develop to their fullest, and to secure them the stage on which they can deliver their best performances in front of global audiences.

The IBU Para Biathlon Development Forum aims to discuss the strategies and exchange ideas for creating an environment that supports the future growth of Para Biathlon worldwide.

We aim to explore practical approaches and search for creative solutions to current challenges, so that we all work together toward the first-ever Paralympic Winter Games under the IBU's governance at Milano Cortina 2026 and beyond.

Looking forward to good discussions in Lenzerheide in June!

Olle Dahlin IBU President

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 2024	
Whole day	Arrival of participants
19:00	Dinner at Hotel Sarain, Lantsch/Lenz
SATURDAY, 8 JUNE 2024	
09:00 - 12:00	Forum Opening
	Season debrief 2023/2024
	Plans for 2024/2025, 2025/2026
	Para Biathlon Rules
	Development of Para Biathlon officiating • Current Para Biathlon IR education and training plans • Vision for Para Biathlon official development
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 18:00	 Para Biathlon Development Para Biathlon athlete recruitment and development pathways IBU Biathlon4All / International Biathlon Day – Integration of Para Biathlon IBU Development support Governance National arrangements BU cooperation
19:00	Dinner with IBU Mentoring program at www.tgantieni.ch
SUNDY, 09 JUNE 2024	
09:00 - 12:00	 Para Biathlon Education Para Biathlon integration into existing IBU Coaching Certificate Courses Stand-alone course on coaching Para Biathlon Mandatory Biathlon Safety course
10.00	Next steps and closing
12:00	Lunch
14:00	Optional: Visit Lenzerheide Roland Arena

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REGISTRATION

We invite one person per nation to attend the Forum (exceptions on separate agreement).

The preferred audience are those with responsibility for developing Nordic para snow sport in your nation.

Please register your participation **no later than 15 May 2024** via the following link: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParaBiathlonForum</u>

LOGISTICS

The Forum will take place at Hotel Sarain in Lantsch/Lenz, Switzerland.

The IBU will cover room and board for the confirmed Forum participants.

Please provide your arrival and departure details as part of the registration so that we can plan appropriately. The travel arrangements and costs are the responsibility of the participant, including airport transfers.

Accommodation is planned in double rooms. Check-in is scheduled for Friday, 7 June, and check-out is on Sunday, 9 June, after breakfast. Different dates of arrival and departure must be agreed with the hotel directly and additional costs exceeding the planned Forum period must be covered by the participants.

Costs for room cancellations after 31 May 2024 will be charged back to your NF.

TRAVEL TO HOTEL

Lenzerheide is located approximately 140 km or 90 minutes from Zurich by car.

You can also take the train to Chur or Thusis and then the bus. This trip will take approximately 2 hours.

IBU CONTACT / QUESTIONS

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