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1.4.3 + all rules corresponding to Mixed Relay distances 	Men and Women/Mixed Relays a. MR: 2 x 6 km Women + 2 x 6 km Men; b. SMR: 6 km Women + 7.5 km Men (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. MR: 2 x 7,5 km Men + 2 x 7.5 km Women; b. SMR: 6 km Men + 7.5 km Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used)	Men and Women/Mixed Relays a. MR: 2 x 6 km Women + 2 x 6 km Men; b. SMR: 6 km Women + 7.5 km Men (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. MR: 2 x 6 7,5- km Men + 2 x 6 7,5 km Women; b. SMR: 6 km Men + 7.5 km Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used)	All Mixed Relays 4x6 km for all age classes. 1. Simplicity; always the same competition distance Majority of athletes support this proposal (survey 4/2023)	change	
1.6.5 	1.6.5 Replacement of Entry - Force Majeure If an entered competitor cannot start due to force majeure, another registered competitor may take his place, but not later than 30 minutes before the competition start time of the Individual, Sprint, Super Sprint and Relay competitions.	1.6.5 Replacement of Entry - Force Majeure If an entered competitor cannot start due to force majeure, another registered competitor may take his place, but not later than 30 minutes before the competition start time of the Individual, Sprint, Super Sprint Qualification and Relay competitions.		clarification	
1.8.3 Team Captains' Meeting Agenda 	The agenda for a team captains' meeting must include the following items, as appropriate: - Call to order; - Roll call of nations (or teams); - Election of the Jury of Appeal and competition juries (first meeting); - Draw(s); - Technical briefing for the next competition(s); - RD, and/or TD's comments; - Weather forecast; - Miscellaneous; - Adjournment.	The agenda for a team captains' meeting must include the following items, as appropriate: - Call to order; - Roll call of nations (or teams); - Election of the Jury of Appeal and competition juries (first meeting); - Draw(s); - Technical briefing for the next competition(s); - RD, and/or TD's comments; - Weather forecast; - Miscellaneous; - Adjournment.	There are no practical consequences for attending and not attending teams.		
3.2.1 	The start area for all competitions must be level with the snow well packed and smoothly groomed and should be visible to spectators. The start must be placed at right angles to the skiing direction and must be marked with a red line sunken into the snow, except where an electronic start gate is in use. The area must be well fenced-off and must be suitable to cope with the traffic flow of competitors, team support staff and officials without problems. There must be a warm-up area immediately adjacent to the start zone for competitors to perform their final, pre-competition warm-up, with enough room to store warm-up clothing, and space for rifle racks holding a minimum of 140 rifles, or as directed by the RD/TD.	The start area for all competitions must be level with the snow well packed and smoothly groomed, and should be visible to spectators. The start must be placed at right angles to the skiing direction and must be marked with a red line sunken into the snow, except where an electronic start gate is in use. The area must be well fenced-off and must be suitable to cope with the traffic flow of competitors, team support staff and officials without problems. There must be a warmup area immediately adjacent to the start zone for competitors to perform their final, pre-competition warm-up, with enough room to store warm-up clothing, an area for checking and/or storing skis (with ski racks holding the required number of skies for the competition) and space for rifle racks holding a minimum of 140 rifles, or as directed by the RD/TD.	Implementation full fluor ban		





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4.2.2	<p>Competitors must report at the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 10 minutes prior to the competition start to have their marked rifle checked, and their clothing inspected. This applies for all kind of competitions. Competitors are responsible for the time that it takes to make the inspection/markings, even if this results in a late start. Competitors whose materials, equipment or clothing do not conform to IBU regulations will not be authorized to pass through the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection until the discrepancies have been corrected. Equipment, rifles, materials and clothing that have been inspected at pre-start equipment inspection must not be modified in any way prohibited by these rules or the IBU Materials Catalogue. In no case does the foregoing relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2. To facilitate the inspection of the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 15 minutes before the start of zeroing and the competitors will have the right to have their rifles checked from that time onwards. The early opening of the pre-start equipment inspection will be permitted and encouraged at all competitions in order to avoid time difficulties</p>	<p>Competitors must report at the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 10 minutes prior to the competition start to have their rifle checked, and their clothing inspected. Competitors (or team staff) must deliver the race skis either for the Flour test or for the common waxing, according to the provisions and at the time mentioned in the corresponding protocol. This applies for all kind of competitions.</p> <p>Competitors are responsible for the time that it takes to make the inspection/markings, even if this results in a late start. Competitors whose materials, equipment or clothing do not conform to IBU regulations will not be authorized to pass through the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection until the discrepancies have been corrected. Skis can be changed/replaced according to the procedures of the corresponding protocol. Equipment, rifles, materials and clothing that have been inspected at pre-start equipment inspection must not be modified in any way prohibited by these rules or the IBU Materials Catalogue. In no case does the foregoing relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2.. To facilitate the inspection of, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before the start of zeroing competition and the competitors will have the right to have their rifles-materials/equipment checked from that time onwards. The early or late opening of the pre-start equipment inspection will be permitted and encouraged at all competitions in order to avoid time difficulties.</p>	Implementation full fluor ban		
4.2.2.1	<p>The following checks are to be made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That competitors are wearing their start number and thigh numbers; 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 weight, trigger resistance, dimensions and shape of the rifle, and the advertising on it will be checked for correctness. The serial number will be recorded on a checklist so that the rifle can be verified at the finish; Skis and poles will be checked for correctness; 	<p>The following checks are to be made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That competitors are wearing their start number and thigh numbers; 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 weight, trigger resistance, dimensions and shape of the rifle, and the advertising on it will be checked for correctness. The serial number will be recorded on a checklist so that the rifle can be verified at the finish; Skis and poles will be checked for correctness; especially the Skis will be checked with regards to not having been prepared with prohibited 	Implementation full fluor ban		

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	e. Clothing and other materials/equipment will be inspected for correctness, including advertising.	<p>materials (specified in Annex A). Those checks will be conducted in accordance with the current test protocol which will be published for each season.</p> <p>e. Clothing and other materials/equipment will be inspected for correctness, including advertising.</p>			
4.2.2.2 ■	<p>4.2.2.2 Markings</p> <p>Equipment will be marked to prevent unauthorized changes of equipment during the competition by using another competitor's start number.</p>	<p>4.2.2.2 Ski Marking, Storage and Hand-out</p> <p>Competition skis will be marked and stored at the inspection checkpoint inaccessible for competitors and team-staff to prevent unauthorized changes before the competition. The skis will be handed out to the competitors when entering the start area.</p>	Implementation full fluor ban		
4.2.2.4 ■	<p>Two minutes prior to the start, a check will be made of the competitor by the starter's assistant(s) in order to ensure the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the competitor is wearing a start number and thigh numbers; That the rifle is properly marked (IBU control sticker in acc. with Art. 4.2.1); That advertising regulations are not being violated; That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted; That the competitor has transponders if they are in use; That the competitor is not in possession of any wireless communication/listening device; That the competitor has enough magazines to complete the competition. Magazines may be spotchecked to ensure they contain only five rounds that can be loaded directly from the magazine. <p>However, this check does not relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2.</p>	<p>Two minutes prior to the start, a check will be made of the competitor by the starter's assistant(s) in order to ensure the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the competitor is wearing a start number and thigh numbers; That the rifle is properly marked (IBU control sticker in acc. with Art. 4.2.1) and the skis are properly marked; That advertising regulations are not being violated; That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted; That the competitor has transponders if they are in use; That the competitor is not in possession of any wireless communication/listening device; That the competitor has enough magazines to complete the competition. Magazines may be spotchecked to ensure they contain only five rounds that can be loaded directly from the magazine. <p>However, this check does not relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2.</p>	Implementation full fluor ban		
4.2.3 ■	<p>After arriving at the finish, and after the hand-over zone in the Relay competition, a check will be made to confirm the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the rifle does not contain live ammunition in the chamber or inserted magazine; 	<p>After arriving at the finish, and after the hand-over zone in the Relay competition, a check will be made to confirm the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the rifle does not contain live ammunition in the chamber or inserted magazine; That competitors have finished with their marked rifle (IBU control sticker), with their 	Implementation full fluor ban		

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	<p>b. That competitors have finished with their marked rifle (IBU control sticker), with their skis and poles being in accordance with the Materials Catalogue;</p> <p>c. That the rifle trigger resistance is at least 0.5 kg (may be conducted as a spot check, if authorized by the RD/TD);</p> <p>d. That the advertising regulations have not been violated.</p> <p>All ammunition on the stock and in other magazines will be removed at this inspection.</p>	<p>marked skis and poles being in accordance with the Materials Catalogue (Exception: art. 7.3.1 ECR); tests may be conducted as authorized by RD/TD/IBU Referee; in case of skis being tested as non-compliant in the finish, this result will be handled in accordance with the current test protocol);</p> <p>c. That competitors have finished with their marked rifle being in accordance with the Materials Catalogue and that the rifle trigger resistance is at least 0.5 kg (may be conducted as a spot check, if authorized by the RD/TD/IBU Referee);</p> <p>d. That the advertising regulations have not been violated.</p> <p>All ammunition on the stock and in other magazines will be removed at this inspection.</p>			
5.1.3 ■		<p>... Any training for teams must be offered equally for all teams.</p> <p>Such additional trainings must be requested at IBU (RD) in written.</p>	Equality, case Lenzerheide	clarification	
5.3.2 ■	<p>... When two rows of paper targets are placed, the second row must be below the level of the competition targets.</p>	<p>When two rows of paper targets are placed, the second row must be below or above the level of the competition targets</p>	Flexibility connected to potential constructive adjustments of ranges to lead regulation.		
6.4.7 ■	<p>Starting Outside the Start Window</p> <p>If competitors are late to the start, they must start at the first possible opportunity as directed by the assistant starter, without obstructing other competitors.</p>	<p>Starting Outside the Start Window</p> <p>If competitors are late to the start, they must start at the first possible opportunity as directed by the assistant starter, without obstructing other competitors.</p> <p>If in single starts, competitors start more than 3 seconds before or later than the scheduled time, it is considered as Starting Outside the Start Window</p>	Should be specified		
6.4.7.1 ■	<p>If competitors start early or late due to their own fault:</p> <p>a. Early start: their actual start time will be recorded;</p> <p>b. Late start: their start time will be recorded as the one on the start list.</p> <p>If their early or late start was due to force majeure, the Competition Jury will decide their start time.</p>	<p>If competitors start early or late due to their own fault:</p> <p>a. Early start: their actual start time will be recorded;</p> <p>b. Late start: their start time will be recorded as the one on the start list.</p> <p>If competitors start outside the Start Window due to their own fault:</p> <p>a. Early start without returning to the start: their actual start time will be recorded and in addition penalty in Acc. with Art. 11.3.1.b.;</p>	Related with 6.4.7		

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		<p>b. Late start: If competitors are late to the start, they must start at the first possible opportunity as directed by the assistant starter, without obstructing other competitors and in addition penalty in acc. with Art. 11.3.1.b. Their start time will be recorded as the one on the start list.</p> <p>If their early or late start was due to force majeure, the Competition Jury will decide their start time.</p>			
8.3.3 ■	Competitors must ensure that no part of their body, clothing, materials or equipment protrudes over the 1.5 m red lines marking the shooting lane or the extension of those boundaries while shooting. Competitors must also ensure that their rifle muzzle extends over the firing line.	By taking their shooting position athletes are not allowed to disturb/obstruct other athletes on the mats next to them with any parts of their body or equipment. This applies also to the time during the shooting bout and when leaving afterward.		clarification	
8.5.1 ■	<p>8.5.1 General</p> <p>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, or that may be perceived by others as dangerous, is forbidden. The rifle muzzle must be over the forward edge of the shooting ramp (firing line) from the beginning to the end of the shooting bout. 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.</p>	<p>8.5.1 General</p> <p>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, or that may be perceived by others as dangerous, 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 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.</p>	The “action” of T.Langer/BEL in Pokljuka last season created a lot of discussions and at the end of the day not a good/safe image for biathlon. A clear new wording addition does not hurt but will help to avoid such pictures in the future.	addition	
8.5.4 ■	<p>Removal of Rifle on the Range</p> <p>Competitors may not remove a strap of their rifle carrying harness from their shoulder before they have reached the shooting lane from which they will be shooting. They must cross the lane marking a line with both feet and lay both ski poles on the ground prior to removing their rifle from the carrying position.</p>	<p>Removal of Rifle on the Range</p> <p>Competitors may not remove a strap of their rifle carrying harness from their shoulder before they have reached the shooting lane/shooting mat from which they will be shooting. They must cross the lane marking a line with both feet and lay both ski poles on the ground prior to removing their rifle from the carrying position.</p>			

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9.4.2.2 	Provisional Results Provisional results are the first official record of the competition produced by the OC after the last finish. Provisional results are always subject to protest and must be published and posted at the finish area and competition office as soon as possible after the last competitor has finished. The TD must sign and write the time of posting on the provisional results list so that the end of the protest period is clear. In case a provisional result needs to be changed (e.g. due to technical issues or issues the jury was not aware of before posting the first version of provisional results), the amended result has to be signed and posted one more time. In such case a new protest time period starts.	Unofficial Results Unofficial results are the first official record of the competition produced by the OC after the last finish. Unofficial results are always subject to protest and must be published and posted at the finish area and competition office as soon as possible after the last competitor has finished and the competition committee and jury has resolved all outstanding issues, such as penalty corrections, time adjustments, disqualifications, and other possible jury decisions. In the case that this operations delay or the jury meeting takes longer, the status of the results remains UNCONFIRMED for electronic display only and no printed output is produced until the resolvent of the case(s) and the production and posting of the Unofficial Results. The TD must sign and write the time of posting on the unofficial results list so that the end of the protest period is clear. In case an unofficial result needs to be changed (e.g. due to technical issues or issues the jury was not aware of before posting the first version of unofficial results), the amended result has to be signed and posted one more time. In such case a new protest time period starts.	To be in the same line with wording at OWG (and/or YOG) where term provisional means different as IBU provisional!		
11.3.4.u. 		Removing one or both skis while shooting or placing any kind of object under the skis while shooting acc. to Art. 8.3.2.1	Lack of penalty, DSQ	NEW	
11.3.4.v. 	Not existing	Old 11.3.4.u		consequential	
12.6.1.1.1. b) 	NFs with athletes ranked in current top 15 World Cup Total Score has a right to enter those competitors, however, the NF's quota for Sprint, Individual may not exceed five (5) per NF.	NFs with more than four (4) athletes ranked top 15 in current WC Total Score have a right to enter those competitors, however, the NF's quota for Sprint, Individual may not exceed five (5) per NF.	Feedback after WCH Oberhof to go back to initial intention	clarification	
15.6.3 c 	At the first World Cup event 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.	At the first World Cup event 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)	Transition to new regulation		

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15.6.3 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)	Award to the winner of the IBU Cup together with personal starting place in WC 1-3 (4). It is a prize that is far more valuable and can contribute to greater development for that athlete than if he/she only gets to go WC 1.		
15.9.4 	Provision of Trophies The World Cup trophies and certificates will be provided by and at the expense of the IBU.	Provision of Trophies The World Cup trophies and certificates will be provided by and at the expense of the IBU.	Most of the certificates are never being picked up; Due to sustainability, one should avoid printing unnecessary documents that then have to be thrown away.		
15.9.5 	World Cup and Nations Cup Certificates The IBU will present a certificate to the top 10 competitors and NFs according to the World Cup Total Score and Nations Cup score. In each type of competition the IBU will present a certificate to the top placed competitor at the end of a competition season.	World Cup and Nations Cup Certificates The IBU will present a certificate to the top 10 competitors and NFs according to the World Cup Total Score and Nations Cup score. In each type of competition the IBU will present a certificate to the top placed competitor at the end of a competition season.	No more certificates will be handed out; see above		
		15.9.6 will be new 15.9.5 15.9.7 will be new 15.9.6			
18.3.1 	A maximum of 30 relays may compete in JC Relay, Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay competitions (based on the current JC Nations Cup score).	Relay/Mixed Relay Teams at IBU Junior Cup Each NF is allowed to enter one team. No draw will be made for the Relay, and start numbers will be assigned based on the NF's current men's or women's IBU Junior Cup Nations Cup score respectively, with the start numbers assigned in rank order. For the Mixed Relays, start numbers will be assigned based on the sum of the NF's current men's and women's IBU Junior Cup Nations Cup score, with the start numbers assigned in rank order. If a team is missing or not entered, all teams below it will move up a number correspondingly. During trimester 1 of each season, the respective final NC Score of the previous season will apply - for both Relay and Mixed Relay start orders. The assigned Relay/Mixed Relay/Single Mixed Relay start number will be each team's start position for the simultaneous start and their shooting lane number on the range for zeroing and for the first bout of shooting only. A maximum of 30 relays may compete in IBU Junior Cup Relay, Mixed Relay or Single Mixed Relay competitions, based on the current IBU Junior Cup Nations Cup score. In case there are more than 30	Clarification, align rule with the one of IBU-Cup (16.9)	clarification	

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		relay teams, the best teams from the respective NC Scores are qualified in rank order. If there are still free start positions, these can be filled up with unranked NFs; their start position will be determined by a simple jury draw			
18.6.2 ■	Pursuit Lapped competitors may continue until the finish.	Pursuit Lapped competitors may continue until the finish.	ECR 9.2.3 does not refer to JC/YJWCH, so basically in JC/YJWCH Pursuit, MS and MS 60 there is no lapping and thus this article is not needed. For relays the double lapping is mentioned in ECR 9.2.4.1.2		
ANNEX A					
1.3 ■	In principle, all materials are prohibited that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. affect the natural push-off movement of competitors’ feet and arms or those that enhance it (such as spring devices or other mechanisms in skis, poles, bindings or boots); b. make use of sources of energy not originating from the competitor, such as artificial or chemical energy suppliers, electrical batteries, mechanical aids, etc.; an exception applies to heating devices for shoes and gloves only; c. affect the external conditions of the competition to the detriment of other competitors, such as changing the track or snow conditions; d. increase the risk of injury to competitors and other persons who are authorized to be present at the competition venue, when used normally; e. products for ski preparation which are prohibited by Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 and Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (Explicitly all PFOA- or so called “C-8”-products and their precursors); f. are prohibited by applicable law. 	In principle, all materials are prohibited that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. affect the natural push-off movement of competitors’ feet and arms or those that enhance it (such as spring devices or other mechanisms in skis, poles, bindings or boots); b. make use of sources of energy not originating from the competitor, such as artificial or chemical energy suppliers, electrical batteries, mechanical aids, etc.; an exception applies to heating devices for shoes and gloves only; c. affect the external conditions of the competition to the detriment of other competitors, such as changing the track or snow conditions; d. increase the risk of injury to competitors and other persons who are authorized to be present at the competition venue, when used normally; e. products for ski preparation which are prohibited by Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 and Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (Explicitly all PFOA- or so called “C-8” products and their precursors); products for ski preparation which contain Fluorocarbons (CF) f. are prohibited by applicable law. 	Implementation full fluor ban		
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2.1.1.1 b. ■	The candidate must have and have held a valid IBU IR license for at least four years and must have officiated in at least two international events during the past four years;	The candidate must have and have held a valid IBU IR license for at least four two years and must have officiated in at least two four international events during the past four years;	The time period for how long the candidate holds the IR licence doesn't describe any experience. As we need more experienced referees we should encourage them with shorter waiting time period and gaining more event's experience		
2.1.2.3 b. ■	The candidate must have and have held a valid national referee license for at least four years or must have proved a similar education as confirmed by his/her NF;	It is highly recommended that the candidate has held a valid national referee license for at least two years, has officiated in at national events and/or has significant other relevant biathlon experience as confirmed by his/her NF	The time period for how long the candidate holds the national licence doesn't describe any experience. As we need more experienced referees we should encourage them with shorter waiting time period and gaining more practical event's experience		
5.2.2.j. ■	WCH Summer – TD, 2 IBU Referees from IBU, 2 IBU Referees from NF;	SB WCH - TD, 4 IBU Referees;	Align with ECR 2.7.4.e.	editorial	
ANNEX D					
1.4 ■	Registration and Entry At each WCH each national federation may register eight and start with six athletes. In the relay competition, only one team may be entered per NF.	Registration and Entry Each NF may register a maximum of eight men and women each, and eight junior men and junior women each in the SB WCH. A maximum of six competitors per NF and per category may be entered for the Sprint and Super Sprint competitions.	New wording according the SB WCH Technical Procedure (TC60 approved)	clarification	