



Adapted draw group system

Introduction

The draw group system (seeding) for SPR and IND competitions is regulated by ECR 1.7.4.a, the specifications for the WC and WCH/OWG are regulated by ECR 1.7.4.1 and ECR 1.7.4.2

The current seeding system causes the top athletes at SPR and IND competitions in the World Cup to usually start at the beginning of the competition (first start group) and finish their race when 50% of the remaining participants have not yet started. As a result, in many cases, the battle for the top positions is decided early on and excitement for TV viewers drops significantly halfway through the competition. Broadcasters have raised this issue for years and urged IBU to elaborate improvement options for the starting order.

To ensure the attractiveness for the viewers and thus the income for the IBU, the teams, and the athletes, the TC was tasked by the EB to develop an alternative starting order, whereby the top athletes start later and thus ensuring that the thrill for spectators is maintained for longer. A positive side effect is that there are more storytelling opportunities for broadcasters. The new seeding system will be implemented in the WC season 2024/25 with the option to adjust it if needed.

Principles of the new draw group system

For Individual and Sprint competitions there are four draw groups.

Athletes with a current WC Total Score rank 1-15 are designated as the Red Group and athletes ranked 16-30 are designated as the Blue Group.

Athletes with high IBU Qualifying points are designated the Green Group and are assigned to draw group four. The following limits are set for the 2024-25 competition year and may be updated by the IBU EB on recommendation of the IBU TC following each season or as needed after each trimester: for men over 80 points and for women over 90 points.

Athletes who are not designated into one of the three groups mentioned above, the non-designated athletes, are to be seeded into draw groups 1-3 by their NF according to the rules below.

NFs are required to spread their non-designated athletes among the three draw groups.

Draw Group 1: Each NF is allowed to enter one non-designated athlete into group 1.

The remaining non-designated athletes are to be spread among draw groups 2 and 3 as evenly as possible.



DRAW/SEEDING procedure:

Within each draw group and each designated group, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order.

- The draw of non-designated athletes will be done based on the entered groups and determine the order of those athletes, giving a consecutive number 1-X
- The first 15 athletes will be the numbers 1-15 of this overall order
- Bib number 16 will be the first designated athlete of the blue group, followed by the next athlete (the 16th drawn) of the non-designated draw; continuing by alternation of blue group athletes and overall non-designated list
- The first designated athlete of the red group will follow 60 seconds after the last designated athlete of the blue group, followed by the next consecutive athlete of the non-designated order; continuing by alternation of red group athletes and overall non-designated list
 - **Exemplary notes:** if all designated athletes are entered, this would be bib number 46 for the first red group athlete, followed by athlete number 31 of the non-designated list; The highest possible bib number of a designated athlete of the red group will be 74 if all eligible athletes will be entered
- The green group will be seeded after the last athlete of draw group 3; continuing by alternation with red group athletes if there are less non-designated athletes in draw groups 1-3 than needed to alternate until the end of the red group

For the first WC event of the new season (WC 1), the WC total score rankings from the previous season will be taken as a reference for the athlete's allocation into the red and blue start groups. After the first WC event (from WC 2 on), the current WC total score ranking will apply.

If an athlete from the Top 30 of the previous season for whatever reason does not start at the first WC event(s), he/she will keep the status of a red- or blue-group athlete until the end of trimester 1. Afterwards, he/she will lose this status and will be seeded according to his WC total score rank. Officially retired athletes and those with a long-term medical condition that will keep them from competing in the current trimester will be removed from the red and blue groups and currently competing athletes will move up to the fill any vacancies.

Entries will be done as usual, on the day before the competition.

In the event of severe course conditions that the Competition Jury finds to be highly likely very different in the beginning, middle and end of the competition, the jury may decide up to 180 minutes before the start to reorder the sequence in which start numbers are assigned to the designated and draw groups as follows:



- The red group will be seeded first (from bib number 1), followed by the first drawn athlete of the non-designated order, continuing by alternation of red group athletes and overall non-designated list
- The first designated athlete of the blue group will follow 60 seconds after the last designated athlete of the red group, followed by the next consecutive athlete of the non-designated order; continuing by alternation of blue group athletes and overall non-designated list

NOTE: In case the alternative system will be used, the same entry will be used for all athletes and the same draw(s) within each group will be used for the order of athletes.

Decision Process:

NOTE: The regular system to be used will be the new system. The alternative system will only be considered in extraordinary situations.

Weather Monitoring:

Continuous monitoring of weather conditions will begin 48 hours before the race and intensify as the start time approaches.

Main Assessment/decision:

An initial assessment meeting of the competition jury will be held before the draw for the race, to review weather forecasts, temperature trends, and snow conditions. A preliminary decision on whether the alternative draw system might be required will be made.

Change of Decision:

A change of the preliminary decision can be made latest 180 minutes before the competition start, based on the most up-to-date weather information and on-the-ground assessments of snow conditions and on request of one of the competition jury members, including the RD.

Communication:

All decisions and relevant information will be communicated through official channels, such as team notifications, and public announcements.

Benefits from the new system

- Top 15 athletes will all start within a 15 minute time window, closer than in the current system, and ensuring more equal conditions among the top ranked athletes.
- Best athletes from each NF who are not in Top 30 may get more TV coverage at the start, allowing good storytelling for broadcasters
- Generally, more drama and long-lasting thrill assured as new best times and top rankings possible through bib 75
- Top athletes are more spread out so more time to show them skiing (TV coverage not only for shooting) and more TV time in general
- Last top athletes will finish closer to the competition end

Concerns: warm-up options

Concerns were raised regarding the warm-up opportunities for top athletes since their start times will be noticeably later than before. However, this change affects only 24 out of 70 competitions (34%) in one season. This circumstance is already present in the current system for the same number of athletes, but it did not impact the top athletes as much, so it received less focus. The IBU staff, the Technical Committee (TC) and the organizers are aware of this issue and are working on options to improve the warm-up possibilities. While a general improvement of warm-up tracks due to climate change and likely more situations with lack of snow is unlikely, adaptation to alternative warm-up routines will be essential. IBU will support as much as possible and for sure also urge the preparation of warm-up tracks whenever possible.

Applicability

Unless otherwise communicated, this regulation applies for the 2024/25 season (WC and WCH). This regulation is subject to change and will be reviewed constantly with potential amendments as deemed necessary based on experience and developments during the season to ensure the best-possible fairness of IBU competitions. Besides the constant monitoring, a proper evaluation will be conducted after each trimester of the season. The following parties will be provided an opportunity to be heard/included:

- IBU Executive Board
- IBU Sport & Event Department
- IBU Technical Committee
- IBU Athletes Committee
- EBU
- INFRONT

The key indicators as basis for the evaluation are:

- Fairness of the competitions/Course conditions
- Technical functionality of the system (entry and draw)
- Decision making on system in use
- TV numbers development*/feedback broadcasters

* The development of TV numbers will only be relevant after a certain number of races and will most likely not show instant reactions.

In case of amendments, such information will be shared actively with all involved stakeholders.



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Prize money for season 2024/25. Changes in red:

General overview															
	WCH			WC			IBU Cup			OECH			SBWCH		
	Per race	Total races per season	In total per season	Per race	Total races per season	In total per season	Per race	Total races per season	In total per season	Per race	Total races per season	In total per season	Per race	Total races per season	In total per season
Single Race	144.250,00 €	8	1.154.000,00 €	101.500,00 €	42	4.263.000,00 €	10.100,00 €	42	424.200,00 €	20.050,00 €	6	120.300,00 €	10.100,00 €	6	60.600,00 €
Relay	127.000,00 €	2	254.000,00 €	94.000,00 €	10	940.000,00 €	20.000,00 €	0		32.200,00 €	2	64.400,00 €			
Mixed Relay	127.000,00 €	1	127.000,00 €	94.000,00 €	3	282.000,00 €	20.000,00 €	3	60.000,00 €						
Single Mixed Relay	63.500,00 €	1	63.500,00 €	47.000,00 €	3	141.000,00 €	10.000,00 €	3	30.000,00 €						
			1.598.500,00 €			5.626.000,00 €			514.200,00 €			184.700,00 €			60.600,00 €
Yellow Bib				1.000,00 €	42	42.000,00 €									
Red Bib				850,00 €	42	35.700,00 €									
Blue Bib				500,00 €	42	21.000,00 €									
						98.700,00 €									



Rank/ Place	World Championships					IBU World Cup					IBU Cup					Open European Championships					Summer Biathlon World Championships		
	Singles	Relay/ Mixed Relay		Single Mixed Relay		Singles	Relay/ Mixed Relay		Single Mixed Relay		Singles	Relay/ Mixed Relay		Single Mixed Relay		Singles	Relay/ Mixed Relay		Single Mixed Relay		SSP (M+W)	SP (M+W)	PU/MS (M+W)
1	25.000,00 €	4 x 7.500	30.000,00 €	2 x 7.500	15.000,00 €	15.000,00 €	4 x 6.500	26.000,00 €	2 x 6.500	13.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	4 x 1.500	6.000,00 €	2 x 1.500	3.000,00 €	5.500,00 €	4 x 2.250	9.000,00 €	2 x 2.250	4.500,00 €	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €
2	20.000,00 €	4 x 6.000	24.000,00 €	2 x 6.000	12.000,00 €	12.000,00 €	4 x 5.000	20.000,00 €	2 x 5.000	10.000,00 €	2.000,00 €	4 x 1.200	4.800,00 €	2 x 1.200	2.400,00 €	4.000,00 €	4 x 1.750	7.000,00 €	2 x 1.750	3.500,00 €	2.000,00 €	2.000,00 €	2.000,00 €
3	15.000,00 €	4 x 5.000	20.000,00 €	2 x 5.000	10.000,00 €	10.000,00 €	4 x 4.000	16.000,00 €	2 x 4.000	8.000,00 €	1.500,00 €	4 x 900	3.600,00 €	2 x 900	1.800,00 €	3.000,00 €	4 x 1.250	5.000,00 €	2 x 1.250	2.500,00 €	1.500,00 €	1.500,00 €	1.500,00 €
4	11.000,00 €	4 x 4.000	16.000,00 €	2 x 4.000	8.000,00 €	8.000,00 €	4 x 3.000	12.000,00 €	2 x 3.000	6.000,00 €	1.000,00 €	4 x 700	2.800,00 €	2 x 700	1.400,00 €	2.250,00 €	4 x 1000	4.000,00 €	2 x 1000	2.000,00 €	1.000,00 €	1.000,00 €	1.000,00 €
5	8.000,00 €	4 x 3.250	13.000,00 €	2 x 3.250	6.500,00 €	7.000,00 €	4 x 2.000	8.000,00 €	2 x 2.000	4.000,00 €	800,00 €	4 x 400	1.600,00 €	2 x 400	800,00 €	1.500,00 €	4 x 750	3.000,00 €	2 x 750	1.500,00 €	800,00 €	800,00 €	800,00 €
6	7.000,00 €	4 x 2.500	10.000,00 €	2 x 2.500	5.000,00 €	6.000,00 €	4 x 1.500	6.000,00 €	2 x 1.500	3.000,00 €	700,00 €	4 x 300	1.200,00 €	2 x 300	600,00 €	1.250,00 €	4 x 500	2.000,00 €	2 x 500	1.000,00 €	700,00 €	700,00 €	700,00 €
7	6.000,00 €	4 x 2.000	8.000,00 €	2 x 2.000	4.000,00 €	5.000,00 €	4 x 1.000	4.000,00 €	2 x 1.000	2.000,00 €	600,00 €				1.000,00 €	4 x 350	1.400,00 €	2 x 350	700,00 €	600,00 €	600,00 €	600,00 €	
8	5.000,00 €	4 x 1.500	6.000,00 €	2 x 1.500	3.000,00 €	4.500,00 €	4 x 500	2.000,00 €	2 x 500	1.000,00 €	500,00 €				750,00 €	4 x 200	800,00 €	2 x 200	400,00 €	500,00 €	500,00 €	500,00 €	
9	4.500,00 €					4.000,00 €									500,00 €								
10	4.000,00 €					3.500,00 €									300,00 €								
11	3.800,00 €					3.000,00 €																	
12	3.600,00 €					2.750,00 €																	
13	3.400,00 €					2.500,00 €																	
14	3.200,00 €					2.250,00 €																	
15	3.000,00 €					2.000,00 €																	
16	2.800,00 €					1.800,00 €																	
17	2.600,00 €					1.650,00 €																	
18	2.400,00 €					1.500,00 €																	
19	2.200,00 €					1.350,00 €																	
20	2.000,00 €					1.200,00 €																	
21	1.800,00 €					1.100,00 €																	
22	1.600,00 €					1.000,00 €																	
23	1.400,00 €					900,00 €																	
24	1.200,00 €					800,00 €																	
25	1.000,00 €					700,00 €																	
26	850,00 €					600,00 €																	
27	700,00 €					500,00 €																	
28	550,00 €					400,00 €																	
29	400,00 €					300,00 €																	
30	250,00 €					200,00 €																	
In total per competition:	144.250,00 €		127.000,00 €		63.500,00 €	101.500,00 €		94.000,00 €		47.000,00 €	10.100,00 €		20.000,00 €		10.000,00 €	20.050,00 €		32.200,00 €		16.100,00 €	10.100,00 €	10.100,00 €	10.100,00 €



Prize money - in total per season:	Total Score:	
7.984.000,00 €	1.166.000,00 €	
Bibs - in total:	TOTAL AMOUNT:	Extra awards
98.700,00 €	9.366.000,00 €	117.300,00 €
Overall budget season 24/25:	9.370.000,00 €	

Sum all extra awards				
117.300,00 €				
Extra awards				
	Discipline	MEN	WOMEN	Total per season
WC	Best net Pursuit	2.000,00 €	2.000,00 €	48.000,00 €
	Best leg times relays*	850,00 €	850,00 €	49.300,00 €
WCH	Best net Pursuit	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	6.000,00 €
	Best leg times relays*	1.000,00 €	1.000,00 €	14.000,00 €
* Sum will be paid for each leg in all relays and mixed relays. For single mixed relays, the best male and best female athlete (cummulated times of their legs) will be awarded.				

9.1. REPORT DEVELOPMENT

1. IBU Academy

a. COACH EDUCATION

• Past Courses

- **Second Level Course 23/24, Week 3 (final), June/July 2024 in Ruhpolding: 20 Coaches** (7 Female and 13 Male) **from 19 NFs concluded their education and were awarded with coach certificates.** With Jonne Kähkönen and Jonas Johansson as IBU Educators.
- **Pilot Regional Basic Course in KAZ, July 2024 in Shchuchinsk: 26 coaches** from Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Kyrgyzstan took part in the first-ever Regional Basic Course with the goal of enhancing biathlon coaching skills in the region. Supported by IOC Olympic Solidarity and the Kazakhstan Biathlon Union. With Armin Kasslatter and Trond Nystad as IBU Educators.
- **IBU Educators Education on 27 & 29 August 2024:** Sharing of current status and future improvements of the Coach Education, focusing on modern teaching methods, course content, and mentoring. Among the participants were Sven Fischer, Raphael Poirée, Wolfgang Pichler, Jonne Kähkönen, Alexander Inderst, Sandra Flunger, and Knut Kuvas Brevik.
- **IBU Academy [Mentors Meeting](#) on 6 September:** Personalized mentorship for Second and Third Level course participants, leveraging the expertise of renowned coaches including Wolfgang Pichler, Siegfried Mazet, Matthias Ahrens, Roger Grubben, Jonne Kähkönen, Trond Nystad, Alexander Inderst, Uros Velepec, Jonas Johansson, Jean-Marc Chabloz, and Johannes Lukas to enhance their biathlon coaching skills.
- **Second Level 24/25, Week 1, 14-18 September 2024 in Oberhof: 16 Coaches** (3 female and 13 male) **from 13 different National Federations.** With Jonne Kähkönen, Trond Nystad, and Matthias Ahrens as IBU Educators.

• Upcoming Courses

- **First Level Course 24/25, Week 2:** in Pokljuka from 5-10 October 2024: **21 Coaches (7 female and 14 male) from 21 NFs.** With Jonas Johansson, Ilario Maddalin, and Nusa Pogacar as IBU Educators.
- **Pilot Third Level Course 24/25, Week 1:** in Oslo from 05-07 November 2024 in collaboration with the Norwegian School of Sport Science (NIH): **10 Coaches (1 female, 9 male) from 9 NFs (CZE, EST, CAN, SVK, NOR, UKR, POL, FIN, USA)** with Siegfried Mazet, Jonne Kähkönen, Per Oyvind Torvik, Trond Nystad, and Wolfgang Pichler as IBU Educators.

Please find more information on the IBU Coach Education here: [LINK](#).

b. JOURNAL OF BIATHLON COACHING

The second issue of the **Journal of Biathlon Coaching** was published on **31 July 2024**, offering valuable insights for coaches as they prepare for the upcoming World Championships and Olympics. This edition features research on gender-specific coaching, athlete health, high-altitude training, athlete monitoring, skiing technique, and aiming strategies in shooting. The Interview with the Swiss Head Coach Sandra Flunger provides practical advice for coaches. Find the Journal here: [LINK](#).

The third edition is scheduled for release in January 2025.

c. E-LEARNING PLATFORM: LEARNING SUITE

- Updates: AI implementation for transcript creation.
- Currently, **2,923 users** have access to the public content of the IBU LearningSuite (free educational content, webinar recordings, current research findings, etc.), now the goal is to make more users active and use the platform regularly.
- Additional public content will be regularly added to the platform (para biathlon module, referee and para-referee education, mentorship programme, safety rules, etc.).

d. WEBINARS 2024

Past Webinars:

- **IBU Coach Webinar “Mastering Skiing Technique”, 26 June 2024:**
482 Registrants from 49 different National Federations, **292 live participants**
The webinar featured presentations on foundational principles of skating technique, the relationship between strength training and technique, the utilization of wearable technology for performance analysis, and the application of biomechanical data in training.
- **IBU Coach Webinar “Strength and Endurance Training”, 04 September 2024:**
377 Registrants from 51 different National Federations, **240 live participants**
Topics included current trends in strength and endurance training, the relationship between intensity, duration, and frequency of training sessions, strength training implementation in biathlon, and strategies for preventing and managing unexpected underperformance.
- **IBU Athlete Webinar “Mental Well-being”, 10 September 2024:**
266 Registrants from 47 different National Federations, **106 live participants**
The webinar addressed the crucial topic of Mental Well-being in Athletes. The unique challenges athletes face and effective strategies for well-being were discussed. Karoline Offigstad Knotten shared her incredible story about struggling with internal and external stressors and how to overcome them.

e. DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME

DC4Biathletes Project – EU Erasmus+ Sport

The DC4Biathletes project has been awarded funding by the EU Erasmus+ Sport program with 400K EUR. This initiative aligns with the IBU Academy Strategy and Dual Career Policy and involves a consortium of partners including the IBU, the University of Ljubljana, the European Federation of Sport Psychology, Re:viseshub oy as technical partner, and the Polish Sport Institute as project leader. IBU as partner received 72K EUR.

The project aims to address the specific challenges of dual career support in biathlon by developing a comprehensive framework that meets the unique needs of the sport. Its key objectives are to promote inclusion and cultural diversity, empower biathletes with tailored support for balancing athletic and educational goals, and enhance understanding through research and an innovative mobile application. The project will map existing guidelines, review current support programs, and produce evidence-based educational content, ultimately aiming to improve dual career pathways and support the development of young biathletes.

f. RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

- Joint Agreements with the 3 selected projects from the cycle 2024/25 were signed and the projects are running. Selected projects are:
 - Physiologic and Biomechanical Effects of Manipulating Rifle Carriage Position (high vs low) and Harness Tightness – **Montana State University**
 - Monitoring and managing menstrual cycle symptoms in high-performing female biathletes: a biopsychosocial approach – **Mid Sweden University**
 - Symptoms of REDs in young elite biathletes, a cross-sectional study of three age cohorts – **Ostfold University College**
- For the 6 selected Universities of the cycle 2023/24, we have conducted the final meeting with the presentation of the projects' results and conclusions. The final research reports have been received. The findings of this report will be shared with the NFs via all IBU channels within the next weeks.

All details about the Research Grant Programme can be found here: [LINK](#)

g. UNIVERSITY COOPERATIONS

To further increase the number of cooperating universities we plan to start conversations with IAT Leipzig or Sport Hochschule Köln and we also were made aware that the Swiss Federal Institute of Sport in Magglingen shows high interest in cooperating with the IBU.

h. ACADEMY COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

In collaboration with the Communication department, we have initiated the implementation of the new Academy Communication strategy. Currently, we are developing a dedicated IBU Academy website, which will serve as a central hub for all information related to our activities and courses. This includes comprehensive details on upcoming courses, application processes for both courses and the IBU LearningSuite, as well as dates and other relevant information on education and research activities. Additionally, we are excited to announce the launch of a new IBU Academy newsletter to keep our audience informed and engaged.

i. NEXT STEPS for the IBU ACADEMY by February 2025

1. Conduction of the Pilot Third Level Course in Oslo.
2. Launch of IBU Academy Website.
3. Plan and organize the educational program for 2025 including basic, first, second, third, and regional customised basic courses.
4. Evaluating the past IBU Academy Programmes (Coach Education, Webinars, Research Grant Programme, Dual Career).
5. Set the course framework for the education of executives and managers.

2. Development Programmes

a. NF's Development Projects Support 2024/2025

For season 2024/2025, 118 projects from 39 NFs have been approved. NFs signed the agreements. One application (NF MDA) was approved after application call under special circumstances and requires intern report.

In total, each project category has been supported with the following number of projects:

1. Youth and Junior Athlete Development: 26
2. NF partnerships: 25
3. Popularisation of biathlon among kids: 17
4. Gender Equality: 17
5. Athlete recruitment: 14
6. Support of training venue: 6
7. Sustainability: 5
8. Biathlon expert support: 5
9. Customized project: 3

b. REGIONAL EVENTS

REGIONAL SUMMER and CITY EVENTS 2024

13 applications for Regional Summer Events from 12 NFs were approved. All events until 16th

of September, have been carried out according to plans. More [here](#)

Number	NF	Event	Place	Date	Budget Approved
1	NF-United States (USA)	U.S. Biathlon Summer Nationals & North American Championships	Ethan Allen Firing Range	02-04.8.2024	7500,00
2	NF-Belgium (BEL)	Belgian open Championships	Elsenborn-Herzebösch	16-18.8.2024	7350,00
3	NF-Canada (CAN)	North American Summer Cup	Whistler Olympic Park	23-25.8.2024	3000,00
4	NF-Croatia (CRO)	IBU REGIONAL EVENT SUMMER BALKAN CUP 1	Delnice	28.8-1.9.2024	7500,00
5	NF-Czech (CZE)	Summer biathlon Central European Regional Cup	Letohrad	30.8-1.9.2024	7500,00
6	NF-Bulgaria (BUL)	Summer Biathlon Regional Balkan Cup 2 Bansko 2024	Biathlon Center Banderishka	4-7.9.2024	7250,00
7	NF-Slovakia (SVK)	Central European Cup	Osrblic	6-8.9.2024	7000,00
8	NF-Estonia (EST)	Summer Biathlon Baltic Biathlon Cup	Otepää	6-8.9.2024	7500,00
9	NF-Canada (CAN)	North American Summer Cup	Valcartier	6-8.9.2024	3000,00
10	NF-Serbia (SRB)	Summer Biathlon Regional Balkan Cup 3	Sjenica	12-14.9.2024	6500,00
11	NF-France (FRA)	IBU Regional Event Biathlon Summer Tour FFS	Les Tuffes	20-22.9.2024	4900,00
12	NF-Poland (POL)	Summer Polish Championship rollersk	Czarny Bór	26-28.9.2024	6500,00
13	NF-United States (USA)	U.S. Biathlon Fall Festival & International Team Trials	Soldier Hollow	4-6.10.2024	7500,00
14	NF-France (FRA)	IBU Regional Event Biathlon Summer Tour FFS	Arcon	18-20.10.2024	4900,00
Total					87900,00

Application period for Winter Regional Events will end 15th of September 2024. Applications will be reviewed and a decision proposal will be sent at the latest on 20th of September.

c. IBU IOC Camps and International Youth Camp (IYC) 2024

With Olympic Solidarity Funds Support

From August 12th to 19th, Otepaa welcomed 47 talented athletes from 13 NFs (BRA, NMKD, HUN, CRO, BiH, GRE, MDA, GEO, KGZ, SRB, GBR, ESP, DEN) for training and preparation for the upcoming last Summer World Championships! Under the guidance of IBU Head Coach Matthias Ahrens, along with supporting coaches Martina Seidl, Kristiina Kresmer, and Lukas Jakeliūnas, our athletes had the perfect setting with great weather to hone their skills and get ready for the season ahead.

We were honored to have athlete role model **Regina Ermits** deliver an inspiring presentation that motivated everyone to push their limits! The camp also included educational sessions: Lucie Rothauer (BIU) led an essential discussion on anti-doping, Kristjan Oja, IBU IOC Cup Race Director, emphasized biathlon safety, and Matthias Ahrens provided an insightful lecture on coaching soft skills exclusively for our coaches. More [here](#)

Next Camps:

1. International Youth Camp in NMNM, 21-26 October in collaboration with OC NMNM
2. IBU IOC Camp in Martell, 23 November – 01 December

d. Biathlon for All (B4A)

[The new application call](#) was opened on 16th of September, with deadline 4th of October. Through the 'Biathlon for All' program, IBU will assist National Federations by providing laser/optical rifle equipment (rifles, targets, supporters, mats), and promotional materials and funds to help implement their strategy for recruiting and training kids and youths. This project will continue for an extended period, and selected National Federations are expected to continue their promotional activities for several years.

IBU will offer visibility of NFs activities on the B4A website, which is under development and will be launched by the end September.

New requirements for the NFs:

- Reports regularly during the project on activities to be used for the Biathlon4All website for past events. For the website, NF engages to provide information about upcoming events regularly.
- Project Coordinator shares their experience during Biathlon4All online workshops and seminars.
- As part of the Biathlon4All project, the NFs are obligated to participate actively in International Biathlon Day, the last weekend of May 2025.

Next steps fro Biathlon 4 All:

1. Launch B4A Homepage
2. Chose the equipment providers
3. Finalise the concept of International Biathlon Day 2025

e. MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

This year's material distribution will take place from 11th to 12th December 2024 in Hochfilzen. Partners & Suppliers have submitted the list of materials they will provide for this year's material distribution as well as the advertisements for the IBU Guide 24/25. The next steps are to assign the materials to the National Federations according to their wishes and inform them accordingly. 36 out of 38 NFs that applied fullfield the project criteria: AUS, AUT, BEL, BIH, BRA, BUL, CAN, CHI, CHN, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, GBR, GRE, GRL, HUN, JPN, KAZ, KGZ, KOR, LAT, LTU, MDA, NMKD, POL, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, TPE, TUR, UKR, USA (THA and TPE didn't meet the criterias).



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9.2.**Regional Winter Events 2024/2025 support with 279. 800 EUR.**

The total budget allocated for 2024/2025 is 700,000 EUR, including NFs travel support.

Deadline for applications: 15 September 2024

Total number of applications received:	24
Late entry:	4
Total number of applying NFs:	19
Total number of events applied for:	24
Total number of events recommended supporting:	24

Additional information:

Regional Summer Events budget approved	87.000 EUR
City Events budget approved	50.000 EUR

	127.000 EUR

NF	Event Name	Event venue	Date	Budget Req	Support propos
NF-Finland (FIN)	Biathlon Baltic Cup	Imatra	From: 2024-12-13, To: 2024-12-15	12000.00	10500.00
NF-Slovenia (SLO)	FESA Biathlon Alpen Cup	Sports Centre Triglav Pokljuka	From: 2024-12-20, To: 2024-12-22	20000.00	17500.00
NF-Czech (CZE)	IBU Central European Regional Cup (CERC)	Nove Mesto na Morave/NMNM	From: 2024-12-27, To: 2024-12-29	16000.00	13500.00
NF-Canada (CAN)	IBU Regional Event Prince George	Otway Nordic Centre	From: 2025-01-03, To: 2025-01-07	8000.00	6000.00
NF-Austria (AUT)	IBU FESA Alpen Cup Biathlon	Hochfilzen	From: 2025-01-08, To: 2025-01-11	20000.00	17000.00
NF-Bulgaria (BUL)	IBU RE Balkan Cup 2024/25 Bansko	Biathlon Arena Banderitsa	From: 2025-01-08, To: 2025-01-11	12000.00	12000.00
NF-Estonia (EST)	Baltic Biathlon Cup Haanja 2025	Haanja	From: 2025-01-17, To: 2025-01-19	16000.00	14000.00
NF-Sweden (SWE)	IBU regional Event Lima	Lima Biathlon stadium in Dalarna	From: 2025-01-17, To: 2025-01-19	5650.00	5650.00
NF-Canada (CAN)	Western Canadian Championships	Whistler Olympic Park	From: 2025-01-23, To: 2025-01-26	4000.00	5000.00
NF-Slovakia (SVK)	Central European Cup	National biathlon centre Osrblie	From: 2025-01-24, To: 2025-01-26	16300.00	14300.00
NF-France (FRA)	IBU REGIONAL WINTER EVENT - BIATHLON NATIONAL TOUR	LE COL DE PORTE, FRA	From: 2025-01-31, To: 2025-02-02	6175.00	6175.00
NF-Lithuania (LTU)	Baltic Biathlon Cup	Ignalina	From: 2025-01-31, To: 2025-02-02	17500.00	13500.00
NF-United States (USA)	North American Continental Cup	Fort Kent Outdoor Center	From: 2025-01-31, To: 2025-02-02	10000.00	10000.00
NF-Italy (ITA)	ALPENCUP VALDIDENTRO	VALDIDENTRO	From: 2025-02-14, To: 2025-02-16	20000.00	16500.00
NF-Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH)	Balkan Biathlon cup Pale	Dvorista, Pale	From: 2025-02-19, To: 2025-02-22	18250.00	14000.00
NF-Norway (NOR)	IBU Regional event Markane	Markane	From: 2025-02-21, To: 2025-02-23	8000.00	6500.00
NF-Canada (CAN)	Eastern Canadian Championships	Brookvale Nordic Centre	From: 2025-02-21, To: 2025-02-23	4000.00	4000.00
NF-Poland (POL)	Central European Regional Cup- Duszniki Zdrój	Duszniki Zdrój	From: 2025-02-28, To: 2025-03-02	18500.00	16000.00
NF-Germany (GER)	Biathlon Alpencup	ARBER	From: 2025-03-06, To: 2025-03-09	19000.00	16000.00
NF-Latvia (LAT)	BALTIC BIATHLON CUP 2024/2025, stage 4	MADONA	From: 2025-03-07, To: 2025-03-09	19500.00	16000.00
NF-Canada (CAN)	Canadian Biathlon Championships	Valcartier, Quebec	From: 2025-03-08, To: 2025-03-13	16000.00	16000.00
NF-France (FRA)	IBU REGIONAL WINTER EVENT - BIATHLON NATIONAL TOUR	PEISEY NANCROIX, FRA	From: 2025-03-14, To: 2025-03-16	6175.00	6175.00
NF-Romania (ROU)	IBU Regional Event - Balkan Event Cheile Gradistei	Cheile Gradistei	From: 2025-03-20, To: 2025-03-23	9000.00	8500.00
NF-United States (USA)	U.S. Biathlon Senior Nationals and Spring Festival	Crosscut Mountain Sports Center	From: 2025-03-26, To: 2025-03-29	15000.00	15000.00
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