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## **PREAMBLE**

The IBU Rules for Honors are decided by the IBU Executive Board. They serve as a basis for appropriately honoring exceptional merits shown by individuals and legal entities in and for the sport of biathlon.

### **1. IBU CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR INDIVIDUALS**

The IBU awards the IBU Certificate of Honor, upon decision by the Executive Board, to active athletes and officials of the IBU or of National Federations for outstanding services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations may be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, Committee chairpersons, and members of the Executive Board; all nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the nomination.

### **2. IBU CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR LEGAL ENTITIES**

The IBU awards IBU Certificate of Honor, upon decision by the Executive Board, to partner and sponsor companies of the IBU for outstanding services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations may be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, Committee chairpersons, and members of the Executive Board; all nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the nomination.

### **3. IBU HALL OF FAME**

Biathlon is a sport that demands the unique mix of speed, endurance and precision from its athletes. It combines techniques from two different sports: cross-country skiing and shooting. Its competition season is relatively short (10 weeks in the BMW IBU World Cup + 2 weeks at the BMW IBU World Championships or Olympic Winter Games), but very intense. With 22-24 individual competitions per season in the BMW IBU World Cup and with the BMW IBU World Championships scheduled for every season but the Olympic one, the athletes also get abundance of opportunities - in four different disciplines plus relay events - to build their legacy.

a) **Winning BMW IBU World Cup Total Score title at least once**

Consistency of performance is the clearest sign of someone's excellence. Winning the BMW IBU World Cup Total Score title should thus be the defining criteria for the consideration of who should get introduced into the International Biathlon Union's Hall of fame.

b) **Winning one or more individual gold medals at the BMW IBU World Championships**

With four opportunities to win a gold medal at the BMW IBU World Championships for three consecutive seasons in one Olympic cycle, winning one or more individual gold medals at the BMW IBU World Championships in the span of one's career should be the next criteria, but only when an athlete has also won the Total Score title.

c) **Winning one or more individual medals at the Olympic Winter Games**

Olympic Winter Games are scheduled only every four years and are the most exclusive event in any sport. Winning an Olympic individual medal, let alone gold, is a pinnacle of any athlete's career. Yet it truly makes for a formidable career worth Hall of Fame when one has also won the Total Score title and used plenty of opportunities at the BMW IBU World Championships to win one or more individual gold medals.

## **4. IBU RING OF HONOR**

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The IBU awards the IBU Golden Ring of Honor, upon decision by the Executive Board, to representatives of states, international organizations or federations, NOCs and long-time partners of the IBU for outstanding services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations may be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, chairpersons of the committees, and members of the Executive Board; nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the nomination.

## **5. IBU HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

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The IBU awards IBU Honorary Membership to former IBU officials, following nomination by the IBU Executive Board or the NFs and decision by the IBU Congress.

## **6. IBU HONORARY PRESIDENCY**

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The IBU awards the IBU Honorary Presidency to former presidents of the IBU following nomination by the IBU Executive Board or the NFs and decision by the IBU Congress.

## **7. IBU AWARDS**

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The IBU may present IBU Awards at the IBU WCH. In years in which Olympic Winter Games are held, IBU Awards will be given out during the IBU Congress. The IBU „Under 25 Award“ will be handed over at the end of the season. IBU Awards are given in the following categories:

**Coach of the Year:** For the coach who contributed in an extraordinary way OWG medals and WC first places

**Media Award:** For especially competent reporting, directing, camera work, editing or other biathlon coverage in words and/or pictures

**Fair Play Award:** For an award-worthy display of sportsmanship

**Development Award:** For the National Federation winning the highest number of medals at the YJWCH

**Fan Award:** For an athlete, team or official elected by fans via online voting

**Under 25 Award:** For all competitors who have not turned 25 at December 31 of the respective season the "Under 25 Award" will be based on the Individual, Short Individual, Sprint, Super Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Mass Start 60 competitions of the IBU World Cup. The points gained at all WC competitions will be added together based on the same principle as for the WC Total Score. There will be no separate published score, eligible athletes will be marked with a \* in the WC total score and the highest ranked of such athletes therefore will be awarded with the "Under 25 Award". This award can be won multiple times by one and the same athlete, as long as the age requirements/eligibility are still fulfilled.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF HONORS AND AWARDS**

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a) **IBU Hall of Fame**

The IBU Hall of Fame are awarded at the IBU WCHs or another suitable occasion.

b) **IBU Awards**

The IBU may award IBU Awards annually at the IBU WCH or a WC. The Awards will be presented by the IBU Executive Board.

c) **IBU Certificates of Honor**

The IBU Certificates of Honor are awarded at the IBU WCHs or another suitable occasion.

d) **IBU Medals of Honor, Rings of Honor, Honorary Membership, Honorary Presidency**

IBU Medals of Honor, Rings of Honor, Honorary Membership and Honorary Presidency are awarded by the IBU President at the IBU Congress or another suitable occasion.

## **9. ENTRY INTO FORCE**

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The IBU Rules for Honors became effective on 15 September 2022.