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PREAMBLE

The IBU Rules for Honours are decided by the IBU Executive Board. They serve as a basis for appropriately honouring exceptional merits shown by individuals and legal entities in and for the sport of biathlon. The conferment of an honour is discretionary and does not constitute a right or entitlement of any individual or entity.

1. IBU CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR INDIVIDUALS

The IBU awards the IBU Certificate of Honor, upon decision by the Executive Board, to members of the biathlon family 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 Honour, 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 IBU World Cup + 2 weeks at the IBU World Championships or Olympic Winter Games), but very intense. With 22-24 individual competitions per season in the IBU World Cup and with the 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 IBU World Cup Total Score title at least once

Consistency of performance is the clearest sign of someone's excellence. Winning the 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 IBU World Championships

With four opportunities to win a gold medal at the IBU World Championships for three consecutive seasons in one Olympic cycle, winning one or more individual gold medal at the IBU World Championships in the span of one's career should be the next criterion, 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 the opportunities at the IBU World Championships to win one or more individual gold medals.

The IBU Executive Board can decide to introduce athletes into the IBU Hall of Fame, if an athlete fulfils only two of the criteria but can prove an extraordinary track record.



This rule also applies for biathletes and their results who have shaped the sport of biathlon before the founding of the IBU in 1993.

4. IBU MEDALS OF HONOUR

The IBU awards IBU Medals of Honour, upon decision by the Executive Board, to athletes and officials of the IBU or of the National Federations who have retired from the sport for extraordinary services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations may be made by the presidents of the National Federations and members of the Executive Board and must be submitted in writing, including the reasons for the nomination, to the IBU Secretary General.

5. IBU HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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

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.

6.1 Role of an Honorary President

6.1.1 Purpose

The Honorary President is a distinguished former leader of the International Biathlon Union who has rendered exceptional service to the sport and to the IBU. The title is conferred by Congress as a mark of recognition and respect.

The role carries no executive authority, governance responsibility, or decision-making power. The Honorary President acts in an advisory and ambassadorial capacity, supporting the values, reputation, and strategic interests of the IBU where appropriate, while respecting the authority of Congress and the Executive Board.

6.1.2 Key Duties

- Represent the IBU in a ceremonial or ambassadorial capacity when requested by the President or Executive Board.
- Attend Congress meetings as an Observer, in accordance with the Rules of Congress.
- Provide historical insight and institutional knowledge to the Executive Board and President upon request.
- Attend an Executive Board meeting upon request of the President when relevant topics are under consideration.
- Serve as a member of a Commission or Working Group upon request of the President.
- Promote the values, integrity framework, and strategic objectives of the IBU in external engagements.
- Uphold the IBU Constitution, Integrity Code, and all applicable IBU Rules in any activity connected with the IBU.



6.1.3 Governance Position

- The Honorary President has no voting rights at Congress or within any IBU body.
- The Honorary President holds no executive, supervisory, or operational authority.
- The role does not form part of the Executive Board and does not participate in Executive Board decision-making.
- Any advisory input provided is non-binding.

6.1.4 Requirements

- Demonstrated record of integrity, leadership, and commitment to the development of Biathlon and/or Para Biathlon.
- No current conflicts of interest that would undermine the honorary nature of the role.
- Continued compliance with the IBU Integrity Code and applicable governance standards, which include eligibility requirements.

7. IBU AWARDS

IBU Awards are presented to legal entities or individuals of the biathlon family who - through their behaviour, actions or leadership - have contributed to reaching IBU's constitutional and/or strategic goals. Award categories and respective processes are defined and decided by the Executive Board.

8. REVOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and Awards may be revoked or withdrawn if the recipient is found to be unworthy of the distinction due to conduct that is detrimental to the IBU and/or constitutes a serious violation of the ideals and values of the sport of biathlon. The revocation or withdrawal shall be decided by the body that originally conferred the Honor or Award.

9. PRESENTATION OF HONOURS AND AWARDS

a) IBU Hall of Fame

The IBU Hall of Fame dinner will be hosted at the IBU WCHs or another suitable occasion.

b) IBU Awards and Honours

IBU Awards and Honours are presented at the IBU World Championships, World Cups, IBU Congress or another suitable occasion.

10. ENTRY INTO FORCE

These IBU Rules for Honours became effective on 8 July 2026.