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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.

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 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 medal at the BMW 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 BMW 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.

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. 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.

9. ENTRY INTO FORCE

These IBU Rules for Honours became effective in June 2024.