

ECR changes TC68 + 17th Ordinary IBU Congress 2026 (legend: ~~Removed wording~~ | New wording/changes)

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1.6.2 ■	Entry e. The OC must provide a current weather forecast 30 minutes before the entry deadline so that the teams have the latest information for preparing their entries.	Entry e. The OC must provide a current weather forecast 30 minutes before the entry deadline so that the teams have the latest information for preparing their entries.
1.7.4.1 ■	Draw Group System for WC ...Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 3 and 4. ...	Draw Group System for WC ...Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current applicable IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current applicable IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current applicable list to start in groups 3 and 4. ...
1.7.4.2 ■	Draw Group System at WCH and OWG ... Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 2, 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 2, 3 and 4. ...	Draw Group System at WCH and OWG ... Additionally, competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current applicable IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current applicable list may only be entered in draw groups 2, 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 70,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points at the current applicable IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 2, 3 and 4. ...
1.7.4.3 ■	Draw Group System at IBU Cup and OECH ...Additionally, competitors with 150,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point list and those not on the current list may only be entered in draw groups 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 150,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current list to start in groups 3 and 4. ...	Draw Group System at IBU Cup and OECH ...Additionally, competitors with 150,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current IBU Qualifying Point list and those not on the current applicable list may only be entered in draw groups 3 and 4. In case of extraordinary conditions, the Competition Jury may suspend the requirement for competitors with 150,00 or more IBU Qualifying Points in the current applicable IBU Qualifying Point List and those not on the current applicable list to start in groups 3 and 4. ...
1.8.3 ■	Team Captains' Meeting Agenda The agenda for a team captains' meeting must include the following items, as appropriate: - Call to order;	Team Captains' Meeting Agenda The agenda for a team captains' meeting must include the following items, as appropriate: - Call to order ; Welcome ; - OC and IBU Officials Introduction;

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1.9.2.2. 	On the Course Non-competing persons are permitted to run for up to 50 m beside competitors to give them competition information or to offer them beverages. Touching competitors in such a way as to assist their propulsion or to obstruct competitors is forbidden. Assistance to competitors to change the glide performance of their skis is prohibited during the competition. The stadium area will be marked, and within this area, running beside competitors is forbidden. Additional no-coaching zones may be established on the course by the RD responsible for the event.	On the Course Non-competing persons are permitted to run for up to 50 70 m beside competitors to give them competition information or to offer them beverages. Touching competitors in such a way as to assist their propulsion or to obstruct competitors is forbidden. Assistance to competitors to change the glide performance of their skis is prohibited during the competition. In the general stadium area will be marked, and within this area, running beside competitors is forbidden. Additional coaching and/or no-coaching zones may be established on the course by the RD responsible for the event.
3.2.2 	Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint Qualification Competition Start Areas The start area for Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint qualification competitions must be approximately 8-10 m long and a minimum of 2 m wide and must be separated from the warm-up area by a fence with an opening to allow controlled access to the area.	Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint Qualification Competition Start Areas The start area for Individual, Sprint and Super Sprint Qualification competitions must be approximately 8-10 5-8 m long and a minimum of 2 1.5 m wide and must be separated from the warm-up area by a fence with an opening to allow controlled access to the area.
3.2.3 	Pursuit Competition Start Area The start area for the Pursuit competition must have a minimum of four start lanes. The actual number of start lanes will be determined by the number of simultaneous starts in the start list – if there are five starts in the same second, there must be five start lanes, etc. The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left, 1.5-2 m wide and sufficiently long to hold the required number of competitors. A common start line must cross the end of the start lanes. The lanes must be parallel to each other and must be clearly separated. There must be a separate passage or lane that allows access across the start line in the case of late starts. This lane must be supervised by a start official. At the OWG, WCH, YJWCH, WC, OECH, IBU Cup, and Junior IBU Cup, a transponder timing point must be installed 1.5 m after the start line with a video camera installed to capture the relative start time of each competitor in case of an early start.	Pursuit Competition Start Area The start area for the Pursuit competition must have a minimum of four start lanes. The actual number of start lanes will be determined by the number of simultaneous starts in the start list – if there are five starts in the same second, there must be five start lanes, etc. The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left, 1.5-2 m wide and sufficiently long to hold the required number of competitors. A common start line must cross the end of the start lanes. The lanes must be parallel to each other and must be clearly separated. There must be a separate passage next to start lanes (left or right) or lane that allows access across the start line in the case of late starts. This lane must be supervised by a start official. At the OWG, WCH, YJWCH, WC, OECH, IBU Cup, and Junior IBU Cup, a transponder timing point must be installed 1.5-2 m after the start line with a video camera installed to capture the relative start time of each competitor in case of an early start.
3.2.4.1 	Start Position Markings and Boards – Relay, Group, Mass Start and Super Sprint Final Competition	Start Position Markings and Boards – Relay, Group, Mass Start and Super Sprint Final Competition The start positions must be marked with nylon or natural markers. There must be the same number of markers as the number of starters in the competition. The size of the start number boards must be at

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	The start positions must be marked with nylon or natural markers. There must be the same number of markers as the number of starters in the competition. The size of the start number boards must be 20 x 20 cm. Normally, the number boards must be placed on the right of each line of starters, unless specified differently by the RD/TD, and the number must be readable from the front and the rear. The numbers on the boards must be at least 10 cm high and must be highly visible to the competitors and TV. The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left.	least 15 x 15 20 x 20 cm. Normally, the number boards must be placed on the right of each line of starters, unless specified differently by the RD/TD, and the number must be readable from the front and the rear. The numbers on the boards must be at least 10 cm high and must be highly visible to the competitors and TV. The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left.
3.3.1 	General The course is the network of ski trails to be used for the competition. It consists of continuously changing flats, climbs and downhill sections. Extremely long and difficult climbs, dangerous descents and monotonous flats are not permitted. Changes in direction of the course must not occur so frequently that a competitor's ski rhythm is seriously disturbed. Detailed course specifications are given under Art. 1.4.10 in Table 1.	General The course is the network of ski trails to be used for the competition. It consists of continuously changing flats, climbs and downhill sections. Extremely long and difficult climbs, dangerous descents and monotonous flats are not permitted. Changes in direction of the course must not occur so frequently that a competitor's ski rhythm is seriously disturbed. Detailed course specifications are given under Art. 1.4.10 in Table 1.
3.4.5 	Numbering and Markings The shooting lanes and the corresponding target numbers must each have the same number, easily visible, and beginning from the right with number 1. At all IBU events, the shooting lanes must be numbered on the left and right side at the front edge of the shooting ramp. The number signs at the shooting ramp must be placed so that they do not obstruct TV coverage of the shooting competitors. They must be 30 cm high and 20-25 cm wide. The printed number must be located at the bottom of the sign and be 18-20 cm high with the lines of the numbers 2-3 cm in width. The signs must be mounted on a support post 1-2 cm thick and 40 cm high – measured from the snow surface to the bottom of the number sign. The number must be placed not more than 30 cm from the firing line in the direction of the targets. The size of the target numbers must be 40 cm high with a line width of 4 cm, and they must be mounted on a board 45 x 45 cm centered immediately above the targets. Both the target and shooting lane number signs must be in alternating colors, matching the T-post lane markers, or in specific colors, as decided by the IBU.	Numbering and Markings The shooting lanes and the corresponding target numbers must each have the same number, easily visible, and beginning from the right with number 1. At all IBU events, the shooting lanes must be numbered on the left and right side at the front edge of the shooting ramp. The number signs at the shooting ramp must be placed so that they do not obstruct TV coverage of the shooting competitors. They must be 30 cm high and 20-25 cm wide. The printed number must be located at the bottom of the sign and be 18-20 cm high with the lines of the numbers 2-3 cm in width. The signs must be mounted on a support post 1-2 cm thick and 40 cm high – measured from the snow surface to the bottom of the number sign. The number must be placed not more than 30 cm from the firing line in the direction of the targets. Front and back side should be in same appearance and with matching printed number. The size of the target numbers must be 40 cm high with a line width of 4 cm, and they must be mounted on a board 45 x 45 cm centered immediately above the targets. Both the target and shooting lane number signs must be in alternating colors, matching the T-post lane markers, or in specific colors, as decided by the IBU.
3.4.6 	Wind Flags At competitions and official training, wind flags must be installed at the side of every second shooting lane beginning at the right side of lane 1, at 5 m from the shooting ramp and 20 m from the target. The flags must be placed so that the top edge of the flag is at the same level as the bottom edge of the targets and cannot obstruct a direct line of sight to the targets.	Wind Flags At competitions and official all trainings, wind flags must be installed at the side of every second shooting lane beginning at the right side of lane 1, at 5-8 5-8 m from the shooting ramp and 20 m from the target. The flags must be placed so that the top edge of the flag is at the same level as the bottom edge of the targets and cannot obstruct a direct line of sight to the targets, not exceeding the top of the shooting ramp and the bottom of the targets (including the bottom row of paper targets).
3.7	Competitor Changing Rooms	Competitor Changing Rooms

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	Rooms or separate containers must be provided near the waxing cabins as changing areas for the competitors. This can be a part of the stadium building, a separate warming shelter or a tent.	Rooms or separate containers cabins must be provided near the waxing cabins as changing areas for the competitors. One cabin/room unit is calculated at approximately 15 m². This can be a part of the stadium building, a separate warming shelter or a tent. At WCH and WC events, teams with twelve or more athletes entered to start, should receive two changing cabins/rooms. Smaller teams may have to share a cabin/room.
4.2.2	Pre-Start Materials/Equipment and Clothing Inspection 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. 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, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before the start of the competition and the competitors will have the right to have their 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.	Pre-Start Materials/Equipment and Clothing Inspection 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. During that inspection rifles shall not carry any full magazines nor any reserve bullets at the stock. To facilitate the inspection, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour 40 minutes before the start of the zeroing and remain open until 15 20 minutes before zeroing ends. The competitors will have the right to have their materials/equipment checked from during this that time onwards. The early or late opening of the pre-start equipment inspection will be permitted when necessary, and encouraged at all competitions in order to avoid time difficulties. 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. 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, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before the start of the competition and the competitors will have the right to have their 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. During that inspection rifles shall not carry any full magazines nor any reserve bullets at the stock.
5.4	Use of the Course before the Start At all IBU events, the course will be open for entered competitors and team staff to warm up and test skis starting not earlier than three hours before the start and ending five minutes before the start, unless otherwise decided by the jury. All competitors on the course must wear their start numbers (or training bibs in the case of reserve athletes.) Team staff must wear their assigned bibs when skiing	Use of the Course before the Start At all IBU events, the course will be open for entered competitors and team staff to warm up and test skis starting not earlier than three hours (three and a half hours for events where fluor testing is applied) before the start and ending five minutes before the start, unless otherwise decided by the jury. All competitors on the course must wear their start numbers (or training bibs in the case of reserve athletes.) Team staff must wear their assigned bibs when skiing on the course, if provided. From five

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	on the course, if provided. From five minutes before the start, skiing on the course is forbidden, but team members may walk on the edge of the course.	minutes before the start, skiing on the course is forbidden, but team members may walk on the edge of the course.
6.2.3 ■	Pursuit Start Competitors must arrive in the start area at least two minutes before the start for placement into their start lanes. They must line up sequentially in their assigned start lanes. Each simultaneous start must be from a separate lane. Competitors themselves are responsible for starting and must start at their assigned start time from their assigned lane. At the start time the athlete needs to still be behind or on the start line with at least one foot. An analysis of each start will be done by an official.	Pursuit Start Competitors must arrive in the start area at least two minutes before the start for placement into their start lanes. They must line up sequentially in their assigned start lanes. Each simultaneous start must be from a separate lane. Competitors themselves are responsible for starting and must start at their assigned start time from their assigned lane. At the start time the athlete needs to still be behind or on the start line with at least one foot. An analysis of each start will be done by an official.
7.3.2 ■	Glide Performance and Equipment Repairs Competitors may not change the glide performance of their skis by applying any substances during a competition. They may repair their equipment during a competition, provided they receive no assistance from any other person.	Glide Performance and Equipment Repairs Competitors may not change the glide performance of their skis by applying any substances during a competition. They may repair their equipment during a competition, provided they receive no assistance from any other person – this ban does not include opening and/or closing the ski bindings.
8.5.4 ■	Removing and shouldering of Rifle on the Range 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 and must put the rifle back with both arms in the rifle carrying harness before leaving the shooting lane/shooting mat.	Removing and shouldering of Rifle on the Range When coming to the shooting, competitors may not remove a strap of their rifle carrying harness from their shoulder and must keep both arms fully within the rifle carrying harness before until they have reached the shooting lane/shooting mat from which they will be shooting and must put the rifle back with both arms in the rifle carrying harness before leaving the shooting lane/shooting mat. Athletes shall have their rifle carrying harness fully on both shoulders and have both arms fully within the rifle carrying harness when approaching and leaving the shooting mat. The rifle removal process may only be initiated after the athlete has arrived on the shooting mat. Athletes may resume skiing only after the rifle has been securely returned to the prescribed carrying position in accordance with Article 7.1.2. An athlete who leaves the shooting mat without properly wearing the rifle carrying harness accidentally shall stop immediately and correct the situation before continuing, without obstructing or endangering other athletes.
9.2.3 ■	Overtaken Competitors in Pursuit and Mass Start Competitions In Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint Final competitions at the OWG, WCH, WC, SB WCH (M/W), OECH and IBU Cups, lapped competitors must move to the side and stop competing in the competition immediately when they are overtaken by the leading competitor	Overtaken Competitors in Pursuit and Mass Start Competitions In Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint Final competitions at the OWG, WCH, WC, SB WCH (M/W), OECH, IBU Cups, JC and JWCH , lapped competitors must move to the side and stop competing in the competition immediately when they are overtaken by the leading competitor
9.2.4.1.2 ■	Lapped Competitors in Relay Competitions At youth/junior competitions, lapped teams are permitted to continue competing. However, three (3) minutes after the first team finishes, only teams that have	Lapped Competitors in Relay Competitions At youth/junior competitions, lapped teams are permitted to continue competing. However, three (3) two (2) minutes after the first team finishes, only teams that have reached the shooting range entry („range

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	reached the shooting range entry („range in“) for their final shooting round may continue to the finish. All other teams will be stopped at the shooting range before their next shooting or at the next exchange. In such cases, teams will receive rank and points according to the rank they had when they reached that point.	in“) for their final shooting round may continue to the finish. All other teams will be stopped at the shooting range before their next shooting or at the next exchange. In such cases, teams will receive rank and points according to the rank they had when they reached that point.
1.4.1 	Men a. 20 km Individual; b. 10 km Sprint; c. 12.5 km Pursuit; d. 4 x 7.5 km Relay; e. 15 km Mass Start; f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 15 km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty (IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score); h. 15 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	Men a. Men's 20km Individual; b. Men's 10km Sprint; c. Men's 12.5km Pursuit; d. Men's 4 x 7.5km Relay; e. Men's 15km Mass Start; f. Men's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Men's 15km Short Individual with 45-sec shooting penalty (IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score); h. Men's 15km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.2 	Women a. 15 km Individual; b. 7.5 km Sprint; c. 10 km Pursuit; d. 4 x 6 km Relay; e. 12.5 km Mass Start; f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 12.5 km Short Individual with 45 sec shooting penalty (IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score); h. 12.0 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	Women a. Women's 15km Individual; b. Women's 7.5km Sprint; c. Women's 10km Pursuit; d. Women's 4 x 6km Relay; e. Women's 12.5km Mass Start; f. Women's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Women's 12.5km Short Individual with 45 sec shooting penalty (IND rules apply, where no specific Short Individual rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for Individual score); h. Women's 12.0km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.3 	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	Men and Women/Mixed Relays a. Mixed Relay 4 x 6km (M+W) b. Single Mixed Relay 6km Men + 7.5km Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or

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1.4.4 	Junior Men (U21) a. 15 km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. 10 km Sprint; c. 12.5 km Pursuit; d. 4 x 7.5 km Relay; e. 12.5 km Mass Start; f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 12 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	Junior Men (U21) a. Junior Men's 15km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. Junior Men's 10km Sprint; c. Junior Men's 12.5km Pursuit; d. Junior Men's 4 x 7.5km Relay; e. Junior Men's 12.5km Mass Start; f. Junior Men's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Junior Men's 12km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.5 	Junior Women (U21) a. 12.5 km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. 7.5 km Sprint; c. 10 km Pursuit; d. 4 x 6 km Relay; e. 10 km Mass Start; f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 9 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	Junior Women (U21) a. Junior Women's 12.5km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. Junior Women's 7.5km Sprint; c. Junior Women's 10km Pursuit; d. Junior Women's 4 x 6km Relay; e. Junior Women's 10km Mass Start; f. Junior Women's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Junior Women's 9km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.6 	Junior Men and Junior Women/Mixed Relays (U21) a. MR: 2 x 6 km U21 Women + 2 x 6 km Junior Men; b. SMR: 6 km U21 Women + 7.5 km U21 Men (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. MR: 2 x 6 km U21 Men + 2 x 6 km U21 Women; b. SMR: 6 km U21 Men + 7.5 km U21 Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used)	Junior Men and Junior Women/Mixed Relays (U21) a. Mixed Relay 4 x 6km (JM+JW) b. Single Mixed Relay 6km Junior Men + 7.5km Junior Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. Mixed Relay 4 x 6km (JW+JM) b. Single Mixed Relay 6km Junior Women + 7.5km Junior Men (only 1,5 km loop to be used)
1.4.7 	Youth Men (U19) a. 12.5 km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. 7.5 km Sprint; c. 10 km Pursuit; d. 3 x 7.5 km Relay; e. 10 km Mass Start;	Youth Men (U19) a. Youth Men's 12.5km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. Youth Men's 7.5km Sprint; c. Youth Men's 10km Pursuit; d. Youth Men's 3 x 7.5km Relay; e. Youth Men's 10km Mass Start;

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	f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 12.0 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	f. Youth Men's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Youth Men's 12.0 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.8 	Youth Women (U19) a. 10 km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. 6 km Sprint; c. 7.5 km Pursuit; d. 3 x 6 km Relay; e. 7.5 km Mass Start; f. 4.5 km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5 km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. 9.0 km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).	Youth Women (U19) a. Youth Women's 10km Individual (penalty 45 sec); b. Youth Women's 6km Sprint; c. Youth Women's 7.5km Pursuit; d. Youth Women's 3 x 6km Relay; e. Youth Women's 7.5km Mass Start; f. Youth Women's 4.5km Super Sprint Qualification / 7.5km Super Sprint Final (Sprint rules apply for Super Sprint Qualification and Mass Start rules apply for Super Sprint Final, where no specific Super Sprint rules exist); g. Youth Women's 9.0km Mass Start 60 (with 60 athletes; MS rules apply, where no specific Mass Start 60 rules exist and the scored points are taken into account for MS score).
1.4.9 	Youth Men and Youth Women/Mixed Relays (U19) a. MR: 2 x 6 km (U19) Women + 2 x 6 km (U19) Men; b. SMR: 6 km (U19) Women + 7.5 km Youth (U19) (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. MR: 2 x 6 km (U19) Men + 2 x 6 km (U19) Women; b. SMR: 6 km (U19) Men + 7.5 km (U19) Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used)	Youth Men and Youth Women/Mixed Relays (U19) a. Mixed Relay 4 x 6km (YM+YW) b. Single Mixed Relay 6km Youth Men + 7.5km Youth Women (only 1,5 km loop to be used) Or a. Mixed Relay 4 x 6km (YW+YM) b. Single Mixed Relay 6km Youth Women + 7.5km Youth Men (only 1,5 km loop to be used)
1.4.10 	Competition Specifications The following Table 1 and the appended notes set out the skiing and shooting specifications of classes of IBU competitors and types of competitions, and apply to all IBU events. The Competition Jury may, in exceptional course conditions, adjust the distance between shooting bouts and course specifications in order to secure the conduct of the competition.	Competition Specifications The following Table 1 and the appended notes chapters 1.4.10.1, 1.4.10.2, 1.4.10.3 and the Table in 1.4.10.4 set out the skiing and shooting specifications of classes of IBU competitors and types of competitions, and apply to all IBU events. The Competition Jury may, in exceptional course conditions, adjust the distance between shooting bouts and course specifications in order to secure the conduct of the competition.
1.4.10.1 		Height Difference (hd) The maximum permitted difference in altitude between the highest and lowest points on the competition course is 80 m for all competitions.
1.4.10.2 		Maximum climb (mc) The maximum permitted height difference of an ascent, without either a flat part or a descent of at least 200 m in length, is 50 m for all competitions.
1.4.10.3		Maximum grade (mg)

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		The maximum grade of all climbs on the course must not exceed 25 percent.
1.6.1.1 	Registration, Replacements and Accommodation Reservations	
	a. WCH and YJWCH At the WCH and YJWCH, the estimated number of competitors and team staff (registration by number) must be received by the OC two months before the official arrival day for the WCH or YJWCH. At least 14 days before the official arrival day of the WCH or YJWCH, a list of the names and gender of the intended participants (registration by name) must be received from each NF by the OC. Registered participants may only be replaced before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day.	a. WCH and YJWCH At the WCH and YJWCH, the estimated number of competitors and team staff (registration by number) must be received by the OC two months 8 weeks before the official arrival day for the WCH or YJWCH. At least 14 days 2 weeks before the official arrival day of the WCH or YJWCH, a list of the names and gender of the intended participants (registration by name) must be received from each NF by the OC. Registered participants may only be replaced before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day.
	b. WC Events At WC events, the estimated number of biathletes and team staff (registration by number) must be received by the OC one month before the official arrival day for the WC. A list of the names and gender of the intended participants (registration by name) must be received by the OC at least 14 days before the official arrival day of the WC. Replacements and changes to WC registrations may only be made before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day. Athletes who have qualified in the IBU Cup for the WC may only be entered in the WC of the following week or later. Relay competitions are exempt from this rule.	b. WC Events At WC events, the estimated number of biathletes and team staff (registration by number) must be received by the OC one month 4 weeks before the official arrival day for the WC. A list of the names and gender of the intended participants (registration by name) must be received by the OC at least 14 days 2 weeks before the official arrival day of the WC. Replacements and changes to WC registrations may only be made before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day. Athletes who have qualified in the IBU Cup for the WC may only be entered in the WC of the following week or later. Relay competitions are exempt from this rule.
	d. Other Events Registration for all other IBU events must be completed at least one month before official arrival day for registration by number, and at least 14 days before official arrival day for registration by name. Replacements and changes to registrations may only be made before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day.	d. Other Events Registration for all other IBU events must be completed at least one month 4 weeks before official arrival day for registration by number, and at least 14 days 2 weeks before official arrival day for registration by name. Replacements and changes to registrations may only be made before the first team captains' meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains' meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day.
	e. NFs not registered in time	e. NFs not registered in time NFs that have not registered their team by number and by name by the official deadline may participate if the OC accepts the registration and if it is approved by the RD. or – in his absence – the TD.

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	NFs that have not registered their team by number and by name by the official deadline may participate if the OC accepts the registration and if it is approved by the RD or – in his absence – the TD.	
	f. Accommodation reservations Preliminary accommodation reservations must be submitted to the OC two months before the official arrival day of the WCH/YJWCH, and for all other IBU competitions one month before. Final accommodation reservations must be submitted 14 days before the official arrival day and are then financially binding.	f. Accommodation reservations Preliminary accommodation reservations must be submitted to the OC two months before the official arrival day of the WCH/YJWCH, and for all other IBU competitions one month before. Final accommodation reservations must be submitted 14 days before the official arrival day and are then financially binding. Accommodation reservations and bookings are handled according to the invitation and/or respective accommodation regulations approved by the EB.
3.1.2.4 	Artificial Lighting IBU competitions may be held under artificial lighting when approved by the EB as part of a given program. Under exceptional circumstances, the Competition Jury may authorize a competition to be held under artificial lighting. In any case, the lighting must meet the following standards: - Lighting conditions must be the same for all competitors; - A minimum of approximately 1000 lux on the targets incl. zeroing paper targets without any shadows and with light equally spread over all targets. This requirement applies for all licensed venues; - App. 300 lux across the entire length of the course and stadium, without any dark areas (when a venue has lights) and app. 600-800 lux on the finish line; - If TV is involved, app. 900-1200 lux are required on the finish line, targets (light equally spread over all targets), on zeroing paper targets without any shadows, as well as in stadium and on the courses. No dark areas shall appear in all the mentioned areas. For further specification TV needs to be consulted. All measurements are to be done by placing the measuring device on the ground, pointing upwards. More precise lighting requirements are stated in the license checklists for IBU A and B licenses, which can be downloaded from the IBU homepage.	Artificial Lighting IBU competitions may be held under artificial lighting if when approved by the EB as part of a given program. Under exceptional circumstances, the Competition Jury may authorize a competition to be held under artificial lighting. In any case, the lighting must meets the following standards: - Lighting conditions must be the same for all competitors; - A minimum of approximately 1000 lux on the targets incl. zeroing paper targets without any shadows and with light equally spread over all targets. This requirement applies for all licensed venues; - App. 300 lux across the entire length of the course and stadium, without any dark areas (when a venue has lights) and app. 600-800 lux on the finish line; - If TV is involved, app. 900-1200 lux are required on the finish line, targets (light equally spread over all targets), on zeroing paper targets without any shadows, as well as in stadium and on the courses. No dark areas shall appear in all the mentioned areas. For further specification TV needs to be consulted. All measurements are to be done by placing the measuring device on the ground, pointing upwards. More precise lighting requirements are stated in the license checklists for IBU A and B licenses, which can be downloaded from the IBU homepage.
3.3.2 	Altitude, Width, Gradient and Length The maximum altitude of any part of the course may not be higher than 2.000 m above sea level, unless an exception is specifically authorized by the IBU EB in necessary circumstances. For all IBU events, the course must have a minimum width of 6 m of groomed snow surface for the competitors plus additional space for coaches and TV. In steep sections of the course, the trail must be even wider, up to 8 m. If narrower sections such as bridges or mountain passes are	Altitude, Width, Gradient and Length The maximum altitude of any part of the course may not be higher than 2.000 m above sea level, unless an exception is specifically authorized by the IBU EB in necessary circumstances. For all IBU events, the course must have a minimum width of 6 m of groomed snow surface for the competitors plus additional space for coaches and TV. In steep sections of the course, the trail must be even wider, up to 8 m. If narrower sections such as bridges or mountain passes are unavoidable, the narrow parts may not be less than 4 m wide for not longer than 50 m. The actual length of the course may not be more than 2%

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	unavoidable, the narrow parts may not be less than 4 m wide for not longer than 50 m. The actual length of the course may not be more than 2% shorter or 5% longer than the length specified for the competition, as measured in the center of the course. The maximum grade for all climbs on the competition course must not exceed 25 percent.	shorter or 5% longer than the length specified for the competition, as measured in the center of the course. The maximum grade for all climbs on the competition course must not exceed 25 percent.
3.3.3 ■	Setting of Tracks If required, tracks will also be laid in downhill sections as directed by the RD. Tracks must not be set in such a way or in places where they may endanger or hinder competitors. The width and depth of tracks should be provided at the edge of the competition course, if the snow conditions allow it.	Setting of Tracks If required, tracks will also be laid in downhill sections as directed by the RD/TD/Course Referee. Tracks must not be set in such a way or in places where they may endanger or hinder competitors. The width and depth of tracks Usually they should be provided at the edge of the competition course, if the snow conditions allow it. RD/TD/Course Referee should agree with OC if tracks will be set in training day.
3.3.7 ■	Fencing and V-boards All trails that will not be used in the competition must be closed. Trails close to each other must be separated by fences or V-boards so that competitors cannot go on the wrong trail. V-boards should be clearly visible, approximately 20 cm high and approximately 1 m long, and made of heavy material that will not be blown over by the wind.	Fencing and V-boards All trails that will not be used in the competition must be closed. Trails close to each other must be separated by fences or V-boards so that competitors cannot go on the wrong trail. V-boards should be clearly visible, approximately 20 cm high and approximately 1 m long, and made of heavy material that will not be blown over by the wind.
3.3.9 ■	Course Specifications for Competitions Table 1 under Art. 1.4.10 details the required technical specifications for courses for each type of competition.	Course Specifications for Competitions Table 1 under Art. 1.4.10 details the required technical specifications for courses for each type of competition.
3.3.10 ■	Relay Hand-Over Zone In Relay competitions, there must be a well-marked hand-over zone, 30 m long and 9 m wide, at the end of a straight trail section placed in such a way that incoming competitors will arrive at a controlled speed. The last 50 m of the trail before the zone must be at least 9 m wide. The hand-over zone must begin at the timing line or at least close to it. The beginning and end of the zone must be marked with a 1 m-long red line on the right and left side and with signs "Hand-over Start" and "Hand-over End". The zone must be closed with V-boards or a fence along both sides, with one access gate for controlled entry by starting competitors.	Relay Hand-Over Zone In Relay competitions, there must be a well-marked hand-over zone, 30 m long and 9 m wide, at the end of a straight trail section placed in such a way that incoming competitors will arrive at a controlled speed. The last 20 50 m of the trail before the zone must be at least 9 m wide. The hand-over zone must begin at the timing line or at least close to it. The beginning and end of the zone must be marked with a nylon or natural markers, spread over the width of zone at beginning and end 1-m-long red line on the right and left side and , with signs "Hand-over Start" and "Hand-over End" at one side of the zone . The zone must be closed with V-boards or a fence along both sides, with one access gate for controlled entry by starting competitors.
3.4.3.1 ■	Shooting Lanes The shooting ramp is divided into shooting lanes from which one competitor at a time will shoot. Every shooting lane must be at least 2.75 m but not more than 3 m wide. The width of the lanes must be marked on both sides of the shooting ramp from the front edge for a distance of 1.5 m to the rear with a red-colored board sunken into the snow so that it is 2 cm below the snow surface. Both sides of each lane must be	Shooting Lanes The shooting ramp is divided into shooting lanes from which one competitor at a time will shoot. Every shooting lane must be at least 2.75 m but not more than 3 m wide. The width of the lanes must be marked on both sides of the shooting ramp from the front edge for a distance of 1.5 m to the rear with a red-colored board sunken into the snow so that it is 2 cm below the snow surface. In case the ramp is built from solid material (such as wood) the red line can be painted or taped on the surface. Both sides of each lane must be marked from the ramp to the targets with five (5) lane dividers (T-posts with

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	marked from the ramp to the targets with five (5) lane dividers (T-posts with signboards max. 20 cm wide by 15 cm high or signboards of the same size fixed on a steel wire), in alternating colors matching the background color of the target numbers that clearly define the lanes but do not interfere with shooting. The first line of lane dividers should begin at 10 m. There must be a minimum distance of 3 -5 m between the outer edge of the left and right lanes and the start of the safety berms they adjoin. This distance must be maintained from the ramp to the targets.	signboards max. 20 cm wide by 15 cm high or signboards of the same size fixed on a steel wire), in alternating colors matching the background color of the target numbers that clearly define the lanes but do not interfere with shooting. The first line of lane dividers should begin at 10 m. There must be a minimum distance of 3 -5 m between the outer edge of the left and right lanes and the start of the safety berms they adjoin. This distance must be maintained from the ramp to the targets.
3.6 	Team Waxing Cabins and Team Parking Areas In or very near the stadium area, there must be a sufficient number of permanent buildings or good quality temporary facilities in which teams may store materials/equipment and wax skis. The cabins must be provided with lights, electric power outlets and adequate ventilation for removing wax fumes, and must be warmed to at least 20 degrees Celsius. Each NF with a total number of competitors entered to start (men's and women's classes) of four to nine must have its own wax cabin, whilst NFs with a total of ten or more competitors entered to start must be given two wax cabins or one very large cabin. Smaller teams may have to share a cabin if work-space and security regulations permit. The cabins should be equipped with locking doors and teams are to be issued with corresponding keys. If the entrances cannot be locked, the OC must provide security for the cabins. Parking space for team vehicles and ski preparation trucks must be provided within a reasonable distance of the cabins.	Team Waxing Cabins and Team Parking Areas In or very near the stadium area, there must be a sufficient number of permanent buildings or good quality temporary facilities in which teams may store materials/equipment and wax skis. One cabin/room unit is calculated at approximately 15 m². The cabins/rooms must be provided with lights, electric power outlets and adequate ventilation for removing wax fumes, and must be warmed to at least 20-18 degrees Celsius. Each NF with a total number of competitors entered to start (men's and women's classes together) of four to nine must have its own wax cabin, whilst NFs with a total of ten or more competitors entered to start must be given two wax cabins or one very large cabin. Smaller teams may have to share a cabin if work-space and security regulations permit. The cabins should be equipped with locking doors and teams are to be issued with corresponding keys. If the entrances cannot be locked, the OC must provide security for the cabins. Teams, using wax trucks for waxing, should not be allocated with wax cabin/room. Parking space for team vehicles and ski preparation trucks must be provided within a reasonable distance of the cabins.
11.1 	Reprimands A reprimand will be imposed in the case of: a. jeopardizing or defaming the honor or reputation of the IBU in a very minor way; b. insulting the IBU, its organs, its members, the organs of its members or their affiliates and relatives; c. violations of rules for which there is no penalty or for which there is not an expressly stated, more severe penalty.	Reprimands A reprimand will be imposed in the case of: a. jeopardizing or defaming the honor or reputation of the IBU in a very minor way; b. insulting the IBU, its organs, its members, the organs of its members or their affiliates and relatives; c. violations of rules for which there is no penalty or for which there is not an expressly stated, more severe penalty. d. not proper handling of safety marker protocols for the first time (Art. 8.5.1.1.)
11.3.1 	Thirty-Second Penalty	e. appearing at final start control without rifle safety marker after already receiving reprimand as of 11.1.d in the same event; f. Leaving the relay handover zone boundaries before the handover has taken place
11.3.3 	Two-Minute Penalty	e. taking part in a competition with a rifle not correctly marked (IBU control sticker); f. firing more than five rounds in any shooting bout of Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions or more than eight rounds in Relay competitions;

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		current e. becomes g. committing a minor violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.
11.3.4 	Disqualification	Disqualification ... e. taking part in a competition with a rifle not correctly marked (IBU control sticker); j. not carrying their rifle while skiing during the competition, and for not carrying their rifle on the course, when it is not damaged, with the barrel pointing up. Does not apply for severely damaged rifles o. firing more than five rounds in any shooting bout of Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions or more than eight rounds in Relay competitions; q. violating any shooting safety regulations as defined in Article 8.5 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules (except for ECR 8.5.1.1.); t. failing to stop competing in the competition after being lapped in the WC/WCH/IBU Cup/OECH/OWG Relay, Pursuit, Mass Start or Super Sprint Final or JC/JWCH Mass Start competitions;
12.1.2 	Event Dates WCH will be held annually and jointly for men and women during dates approved by the IBU EB, but will not be held during years of the OWG. YJWCH for junior men and junior women and for youth men and youth women together will be held annually during dates approved by the IBU EB. If any IBU competition that is normally held at the WCH is not in the program of the OWG, a WCH competition will be held for it in years of the OWG.	Event Dates WCH will be held annually and jointly for men and women during dates approved by the IBU EB, but will not be held during years of the OWG. YJWCH for junior men and junior women will be held annually during dates approved by the IBU EB. If any IBU competition that is normally held at the WCH is not in the program of the OWG, a WCH competition will be held for it in years of the OWG. If any IBU competition scheduled for the WCH for whatever reason cannot be held as planned, the EB may reassign it to another event in the same season.
12.6.2.4 	Mass Start 60 Competitions The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current YJWCH event using the IBU Cup point system. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied, the athlete with the second-best single result will be ranked ahead. Start numbers will be assigned in the order as follows: the gold medalist of the first personal competition of the YJWCH will receive start number 1; the gold medalist of the second personal competition will receive number 2, with the silver medalists of the personal competition receiving start numbers in the same order beginning with start number 3–4, and bronze medalists in the same way beginning with start number 5–6. The remaining start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the IBU Cup point system, and if less than	Mass Start 60 Competitions The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current YJWCH event using the IBU Cup point system. Points are added together. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied, the athlete with the second-best single result will be ranked ahead. Start numbers will be assigned in the order as follows: the gold medalist of the first personal competition of the YJWCH will receive start number 1; the gold medalist of the second personal competition will receive number 2, with the silver medalists of the personal competition receiving start numbers in the same order beginning with start number 3–4, and bronze medalists in the same way beginning with start number 5–6. The remaining start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the IBU Cup point system, and if less than 60 athletes earn points at the current event, the field will be filled with the athletes having the best single result from the

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	60 athletes earn points at the current event, the field will be filled with the athletes having the best single result from the event with the same tie breaker as above. Five (5) competitors will be the maximum number of entries allowed by any NF	event with the same tie breaker as above. Five (5) competitors will be the maximum number of entries allowed by any NF
12.6.2.2 	Individual and Sprint Competitions A maximum of four competitors per NF may be entered for each of the following classes: junior men, junior women, youth men and youth women. Additionally, the NFs of the Individual and Sprint champions in the previous year's YJWCH will be granted the right to enter them at the YJWCH Individual and Sprint competitions in addition to their NF's quota. The Pursuit Champion of the previous year's YJWCH may enter additionally in the Sprint competition, however, the NF's quota for the Sprint competition may not exceed five (5) and as long as the respective competitors are still in the same class as they were at the previous YJWCH.	Individual and Sprint Competitions A maximum of four competitors per NF may be entered for both , junior men and junior women category ; youth men and youth women . Additionally, the NFs of the Individual and Sprint champions in the previous year's YJWCH will be granted the right to enter them at the YJWCH Individual and Sprint competitions in addition to their NF's quota. The Pursuit or Mass Start Champion of the previous year's YJWCH may enter additionally in the Sprint competition, however, the NF's quota for the Sprint competition may not exceed five (5) and as long as the respective competitors are still eligible to compete in the in the same class as they were at the previous YJWCH .
12.6.2.3 	Pursuit Competitions In each of the classes junior men, junior women, youth men and youth women, the top 60 competitors in the qualifying competitions will be entered.	Pursuit Competitions For junior men and junior women , youth men and youth women , the top 60 competitors of the qualifying competitions will be entered.
12.6.2.4 	Mass Start 60 Competitions The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current YJWCH event....	Mass Start 60 Competitions The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current YJWCH event....
12.6.2.5 	Relay Competitions Each NF that has been ranked at the previous year's YJWCH relay has the right to start in the respective category and sex. The rest of the field will be filled in rank order with the best-ranked NFs not already having a start right, by total Nations Cup points gained in the individual competitions at the current YJWCH in the respective category and sex. The maximum number of relays is 30. A competitor may start in one Relay only (youth or junior).	Relay/Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay Teams at JWCH The maximum number of relays/mixed relays/ single mixed relays is 30. Each NF that has been ranked at the previous JWCH has the right to start in the respective category and sex, and start numbers are assigned in rank order from the previous JWCH Nation Cup score result from Individual and Sprint competition. If a team is missing or not entered, all teams below it will move up a number correspondingly. If there are still free start positions, they may be filled by unranked NFs, up to a maximum of 30 relay teams. The unranked teams allocated to these remaining spots, as well as their start positions, will be determined by a simple draw. For the Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay, a combined Junior Men/Junior Women Nation Cup score result from Individual and Sprint competition is applied. Any remaining free positions will be allocated in the same way as described above.
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14.1.1 	General Regional events are IBU events that are organized under its jurisdiction jointly and essentially for juniors and youths categories, at which the IBU classes and competition specification rules apply. The events are organized according the current regional structure and related criteria, which can be downloaded on www.biathlonworld.com	General Regional events are IBU events that are organized under its jurisdiction jointly and essentially for juniors and youths categories, at which the IBU classes and competition specification rules apply. At the eligible events, IBU Qualifying Points may be awarded according to ECR 1.5.3.6. The events are organized according the current regional structure and related criteria, which can be downloaded on www.biathlonworld.com
15.6.5.1 	Mass Start The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 25 competitors in the current WC Total Score and the remaining competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current WC event...	Mass Start The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 25 20 competitors in the current WC Total Score and the remaining competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current WC event...
17.3.1 	Additional Start Rights Additionally, the NFs of the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint champions of the previous year's OECH may enter those competitors at the OECH Individual, Sprint, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions respectively, in addition to their NF's quota. The Pursuit Champion of the previous year's OECH may enter additionally in the Sprint competition, however, the NF's quota for the Sprint competition may not exceed seven (7) per NF	Additional Start Rights Additionally, the NFs of the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint champions of the previous year's last year OECH may enter those competitors at the OECH Individual, Sprint, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions respectively, in addition to their NF's quota. The Pursuit Champion of the previous year's last year OECH may enter additionally in the Sprint competition, however, the NF's quota for the Sprint competition may not exceed seven (7) per NF
17.4 	OECH Event Schedule and Program The proposed event schedule and program will be established by the IBU in consultation with the OC at least one year prior to the start of the event	OECH Event Schedule and Program The proposed event schedule and program will be established by the IBU in consultation with the OC at least one year prior to the start of the event. If any IBU competition scheduled for the OECH for whatever reason cannot be held as planned, the EB may reassign it to another event in the same season.
18.3.1 	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.	Relay/Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay Teams at IBU Junior Cup The maximum number of relays/mixed relays/single mixed relays is 30. Each NF that has been ranked at the previous JWCH has the right to start in the respective category and sex, and start numbers are assigned in rank order from the previous JWCH Nation Cup score result from Individual and Sprint competition. If a team is missing or not entered, all teams below it will move up a number correspondingly. If there are still free start positions, they may be filled by unranked NFs, up to a maximum of 30 relay teams. The unranked teams allocated to these remaining spots, as well as their start positions, will be determined by a simple draw. For the Mixed Relay and Single Mixed Relay, a combined Junior Men/Junior Women Nation Cup score result from Individual and Sprint competition is applied. Any remaining free positions will be allocated in the same way as described above.

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	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 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.																																																								
18.4 	Scoring IBU Junior Cup points are awarded at each IBU Junior Cup, the JWCH and the JOECH in the same manner as IBU Cup points are awarded at the IBU Cup.	Scoring IBU Junior Cup points are awarded at each IBU Junior Cup, the JWCH and the JOECH in the same manner as IBU Cup points are awarded at the IBU Cup. In IBU Junior Cup, no points are awarded. Consequently, there are no discipline scores and no total scores assigned, and no Nations Cup ranking is established.																																																							
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1.5.3.4 	IBU Cup and OECH The IBU Cup season consists of three trimesters generally made up of two to three events each, including OECH. As the minimum requirement to compete in IBU Cup/OECH, a competitor must have 300 IBU QP or less gained at Junior Cup or IBU Regional Events at the end of the trimester preceding the event. This rule applies starting from the season 2026/27.	IBU Cup and OECH The IBU Cup season consists of three trimesters generally made up of two to three events each, including OECH. As the minimum requirement to compete in IBU Cup/OECH, a competitor must have 300 IBU QP or less on the applicable IBU Qualifying Points List published in accordance with 1.5.3.7 gained at Junior Cup or IBU Regional Events at the end of the trimester preceding the event. This rule applies starting from the season 2026/27.
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1.5.3.6	IBU Qualifying Point Calculations	IBU Qualifying Point Calculations

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12.6.2.1 	YJWCH Maximum Registration and Entries Each NF may register a maximum of five junior men and junior women each, and five youth men and youth women each in the YJWCH.	YJWCH Maximum Registration and Entries Each NF may register a maximum of five junior men and junior women each, and five youth men and youth women each in the YJWCH.																				

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	From the season 2026/2027 on (meaning from the 2027 edition), the event will be limited to the U21/Junior category. There will be no Youth competitions any longer. Youth athletes may participate according to Art. 1.3.1. From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.5 to be entitled to start at the JWCH. The following entry regulations apply to specific competitions at the YJWCH until then:	From the season 2026/2027 on (meaning from the 2027 edition), the event will be limited to the U21/Junior category. There will be no Youth competitions any longer. Youth athletes may participate according to Art. 1.3.1. From the season 2026/27 on, All athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.5 to be entitled to start at the JWCH. The following entry regulations apply to specific competitions at the YJWCH until then:
16.1 	General IBU Cups are IBU events that, as a general rule, are held for men and women. Juniors may compete. Youth athletes are entitled to start in the IBU Cup, if: a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season. The number of IBU Cup events in each competition season will be set by the IBU Executive Board upon the recommendation of the TC. The TC will make recommendations to the EB. The EB will decide how many and what types of competitions will be organized at an event. This information will be included in the IBU Biathlon Guide. IBU Cup points will be awarded at the OECH. From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.4 to be entitled to start at the IBU Cup.	General Competitors who meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.4 are eligible to compete at the IBU Cup . a. they have achieved the WC or IBU Cup qualification in the previous or current season, or b. they have achieved at least one result among the top half of the finishers at the Youth or Junior WCH, Junior IBU Cup, WC, WCH, OECH, YOG or EYOF in the previous or current season. The number of IBU Cup events in each competition season will be set by the IBU Executive Board upon the recommendation of the TC. The TC will make recommendations to the EB. The EB will decide how many and what types of competitions will be organized at an event. This information will be included in the IBU Biathlon Guide. IBU Cup points will be awarded at the OECH. From the season 2026/27 on, all athletes must meet the requirements according to Art. 1.5.3.4 to be entitled to start at the IBU Cup.
16.2.1 	General In each IBU Cup trimester, each competitor must score 250 IBU qualifying points or less at least once, or have 250 points or less on the IBU qualifying points list, and demonstrate safe competence in skiing and on the shooting range. Competitors who fail to reach this quality performance standard may not start in the IBU Cup until the second following trimester unless they have currently qualified for the WC. Youth class competitors may start in the IBU Cup, however only as stipulated in Art. 16.1 above.	General In each IBU Cup trimester, each competitor must score 250 IBU qualifying points or less at least once, or have 250 points or less on the IBU qualifying points list, and demonstrate safe competence in skiing and on the shooting range. Competitors who fail to reach this quality performance standard may not start in the IBU Cup until the second following trimester unless they have currently qualified for the WC. Youth class competitors may start in the IBU Cup, however only as stipulated in Art. 16.1 above.
16.2.2 	IBU Cup for non-European Countries: All non-European NFs will have an IBU Cup start quota of 4 (four) and may register 6 (six), unless they are entitled to more according to Art. 16.1 above.	IBU Cup for non-European Countries: All non-European NFs will have an IBU Cup start quota of 4 (four) and may register 6 (six), unless they are entitled to more according to Art. 16.2 above.
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New 2.2 		Approval of equipment and intellectual property responsibility Approval of equipment by the IBU confirms only that the equipment complies with the applicable technical, safety and functional requirements of the IBU rules and approval procedures. Such approval shall not constitute any representation, warranty or confirmation by the IBU regarding intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights or other proprietary rights that may apply to the equipment. The manufacturer, supplier and/or user of the equipment shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that the manufacture, sale, possession and use of the equipment does not infringe any third-party intellectual property rights. The IBU shall bear no liability for any intellectual property disputes or claims relating to approved equipment
3.2.1.16 	Targets Currently Authorized by the IBU At present, the following target systems are approved for use: a. Mechanical Systems Kurvinen – FIN; Devon model BT-500 – USA; HORA 1000 – GER; AccuPro model RTI-1025 – CAN; VingMek – NOR;	Targets Currently Authorized by the IBU At present, the following target systems are approved for use: a. Mechanical Systems Kurvinen – FIN; Devon model BT-500 – USA; HORA 1000 – GER; AccuPro model RTI-1025 – CAN; VingMek – NOR; Kiwi - FRA

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ANNEX C

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