

# CANDIDACIES FOR THE IBU BIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## INFORMATION AND TIMELINE FOR WCH APPLICANTS

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### **A. APPLICATION PROCESS**

- **Pre-condition for a WCH application:** Only NFs with a venue/stadium holding a valid IBU A-License (ECR Art. 3.1.1.3) may apply
- **WCH application form 1** is sent out by IBU to NFs on March 31st, 2026
- **WCH form 1A** (questionnaire) is sent out by IBU on March 31st, 2026
- Each National Federation wishing to organize the IBU World Championships must respect two **deadlines**:
  - Until April 30th, 2026: transmission of WCH application form 1**
  - Until June 1st, 2026: transmission of filled and duly signed WCH form 1A (questionnaire, incl. all annexes); in addition, the application fee must be wired to the IBU (Art. 12.2.2)**

**Communication** from the IBU will be sent to the National Federation and its candidate normally by e-mail. Official letters/communication are to be written in English as the official language (Constitution 38.1), whilst informal communication from the IBU may also be written in one of the other IBU languages, German or Russian (Constitution 38.2).

### **B. RELEVANT EVENT RULES AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE WCH**

**All necessary information about WCHs-host requirements can be found in:**

- WCH application form 1 & form 1A (questionnaire)
- A-License documents
- IBU Event & Competition Rules – esp. Art. 12
- IBU Advertising Rules
- OC Guidelines
- IBU Event Brand Guide

### C. APPLICATION FORM/QUESTIONNAIRE

- The application form and especially the related questionnaire should be self-explanatory but questions will be clarified by IBU on request.
- The requested information will focus on various areas beyond the sport-technical feasibility to create a holistic picture of the desired event conduction in line with IBU's strategic goals.
- All information and data submitted (questionnaire and annexes) will be considered as binding in case of an event allocation.
- The more detailed the provided information is, the better the evaluation commission can include it in the final report to the IBU Executive Board.

**NOTE: as underlined in I., a valid IBU A-license is pre-condition for the eligibility as candidate for the IBU WCH, but additional requirements will be shared as soon as they are available.**

### D. EVALUATION COMMISSION

- The Evaluation Commission is assigned with reviewing the applications before compiling a report for the IBU Executive Board (EB).
- This includes a (sport) technical evaluation, to assess the ability and the infrastructure of each candidate as well as to ensure that the information provided in the candidate's documentation reflects the actual situation, whilst clarifying any information where it appeared unclear or was insufficient.
- For this purpose, inspections at all venues applying for the WCH hosting will be conducted. At the inspection, all relevant issues for an eventual hosting will be checked and discussed with the applying NF/OC.
- The candidates will receive post-inspection notifications shortly after the last inspection and need to submit additionally required feedback within 14 days.
- Moreover, all the requested information of the questionnaire will be taken into account to present a holistic summary to the IBU Executive Board which will finally decide on the proposal to Congress.

**NOTE: The evaluation Commission will not propose a candidate to the EB. EB members of applying NFs will not be allowed to be part of the discussion and to finally vote (conflict of interest).**

#### COMPILATION OF EVALUATION COMMISSION:

##### Members:

- IBU Secretary General (SG) – Chair/Speaker
- Sport & Event Director
- TC Chairman\*
- Athletes' Representative (TC)\*

##### Guests/Experts (where necessary):

- IBU Race Director WC/IBU Communication Director
- TV Expert (Technical Issues)
- External Experts: Sustainability, Logistics etc.
- Authorities (Local/Regional/National)

\* If from applying NFs then will be replaced by another TC member and another member of the AC

## D. EVALUATION COMMISSION - INSPECTIONS

- The purpose of the inspections by the Evaluation Commission is defined on page 6.
- The dates will be coordinated between IBU and the applicants in due time.
- IBU will provide the agenda and timeline for the inspection to the applicants.
- The expected line-up at inspections from candidate side is:

### MANDATORY

- NF leadership (up to 2)
- NF event experts (up to 2)
- OC leadership (up to 2)

### OPTIONAL

- OC experts for different areas (up to 1 per area; e.g. venue management, sport, hospitality, logistics/accommodation etc.)
- Local/regional authorities or politicians (up to 2)
- National authorities or politicians (up to 2)

## E. IBU CONGRESS

- The **presentation by the WCH candidates** to the IBU Executive Board will take place on **Thursday, 17th September, 2026**.  
The number of presenters is limited to 6 (excluding interpreters). The presentation by each WCH Candidate may not exceed 15 minutes. The presentation language is English. Members of such delegations need to sign the acceptance of the IBU Integrity Code.
- All candidates will have the possibility to present themselves/their venues/regions etc. with a booth. Such **booths** may only be in use **on 17th and 18th of September, 2026**, (Thursday and Friday) and will be located in the AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden. Specifications & limitations for booth dimensions and procedures will be published after May 31st 2026.
- The **election** will take place **on Friday, 18th September, 2026 (in the afternoon)**, according to the Constitution, Article 12.2.12. after a presentation to the Congress. Therefore, the Executive Board recommends one candidate to the Congress to be approved. In case such candidate will not receive a simple majority, the EB has to propose the next candidate in line, which again needs to seek for Congress approval.

## F. SUMMARY OF TIMELINES

31.03.2026	<b>WCH Application form 1 + WCH form 1A (questionnaire)</b> to be sent out by IBU to all applying NFs				
30.04.2026	Deadline for applicants' submission of <b>WCH application form 1</b>				
01.06.2026	Deadline for applicants' submission of <b>WCH form 1A (questionnaire)</b>				
July-August 2026	Inspections of applying venues	7 days after	Post-inspection notification to OCs with additional questions, if necessary	14 days after	Additional required feedback from OCs to the IBU - afterwards documents are considered as final
<b>IBU CONGRESS 2026</b>					
17.09.2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EB Meeting – presentation of candidates (including Q&amp;A)</li> <li>2. Evaluation-Commission reports to the EB</li> <li>3. Discussion, no decision</li> </ol>				
17. & 18.09. 2026	Congress Workshop Day Candidates' Booths open				
18.09.2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OC Presentation to the Congress</li> <li>2. EB recommends preferred candidate</li> <li>3. Congress to approve recommended candidate</li> <li>4. If majority is not received – EB proposes next candidate in line &amp; Congress again to approve</li> </ol>				

## G. AFTER ALLOCATION – NEXT STEPS

- Signing of provisional EHD (Basic Event Hosting Agreement) by IBU and NF during Congress
- Annual reports about planning and potential construction status to be delivered by NF/OC
- Regular site inspections of IBU

**NOTE:** In case of unjustified deviations from the application and outlined plan, IBU reserves the right to re-allocate the event or to reduce the financial contribution.