



IBU

Candidacies for the
IBU
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
BIATHLON
2028 & 2029

Information and Timeline for WCH Applicants

PROCEDURE:

Application until allocation

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I. 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
- Application form 1 (notification) is sent out by IBU until March 30th, 2024
- WCH Questionnaire 1A is sent out by IBU on June 14th, 2024
- Each National Federation wishing to organize the IBU World Championships must respect two deadlines:
 - ✓ *Until May 1st, 2024: transmission of application form 1 (notification)*
 - ✓ *Until July 12th, 2024: transmission of filled and duly signed 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).

II. Relevant event rules and documents for the WCH

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

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

III. 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.**

IV. 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)

IV. Evaluation Commission

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 Comms 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

IV. 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)

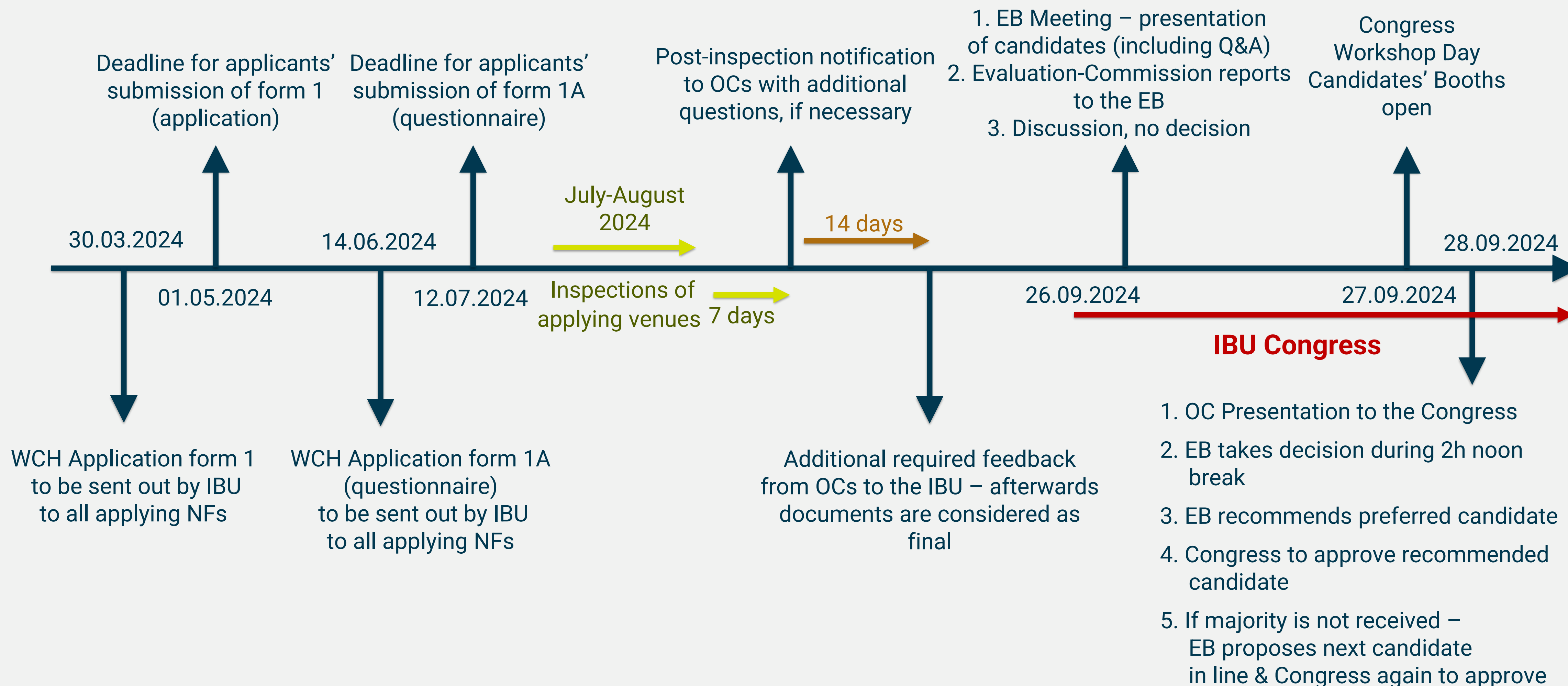
OPTIONAL

- 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)

V. IBU Congress

- The presentation by the WCH candidates to the IBU Executive Board will take place on Thursday, 26th of September, 2024. 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 27th and 28th of September, 2024, (Friday/Saturday) and will be located in the Congress Hotel. Specifications & limitations for booth dimensions and procedures will be published after May 31st
- The Election will take place on Saturday, 28th of September, 2024, 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.

VI. Summary of timelines



VII. 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 deviations from the application and outlined plan, IBU reserves the right to re-allocate the event or to reduce the financial contribution.



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