



IBU Congress 2026

Berchtesgaden, Germany

National Federation of Iceland





About the Team

❖ Veronika Lagun - Guseva – Head of Ski Biathlon Committee

- ❖ 20 World Cups (2002-2006)
- ❖ IBU Cups
- ❖ Top-ten finish Jr. World Championships
- ❖ Moved to Iceland 2007
- ❖ Biathlon section - Chairperson since 2024

❖ Sigurður Hauksson – Gen. Sec

- ❖ Alpine National Team 2014 – 2019
- ❖ NCAA Ski racer in Colorado 2016 – 2019
- ❖ Prev. CEO of Tindastoll Ski Area



Iceland

The Homeland that forged our character and carries
our soul forward



We are a Winter (sports) nation

- ❖ First recorded description of a game played on ice (Icelandic sagas), c. 940
- ❖ First written records of skiing in Iceland (1777)
- ❖ First ski club established (1914)
- ❖ First ski competition (1937)
- ❖ First Winter Olympics participation (1948)



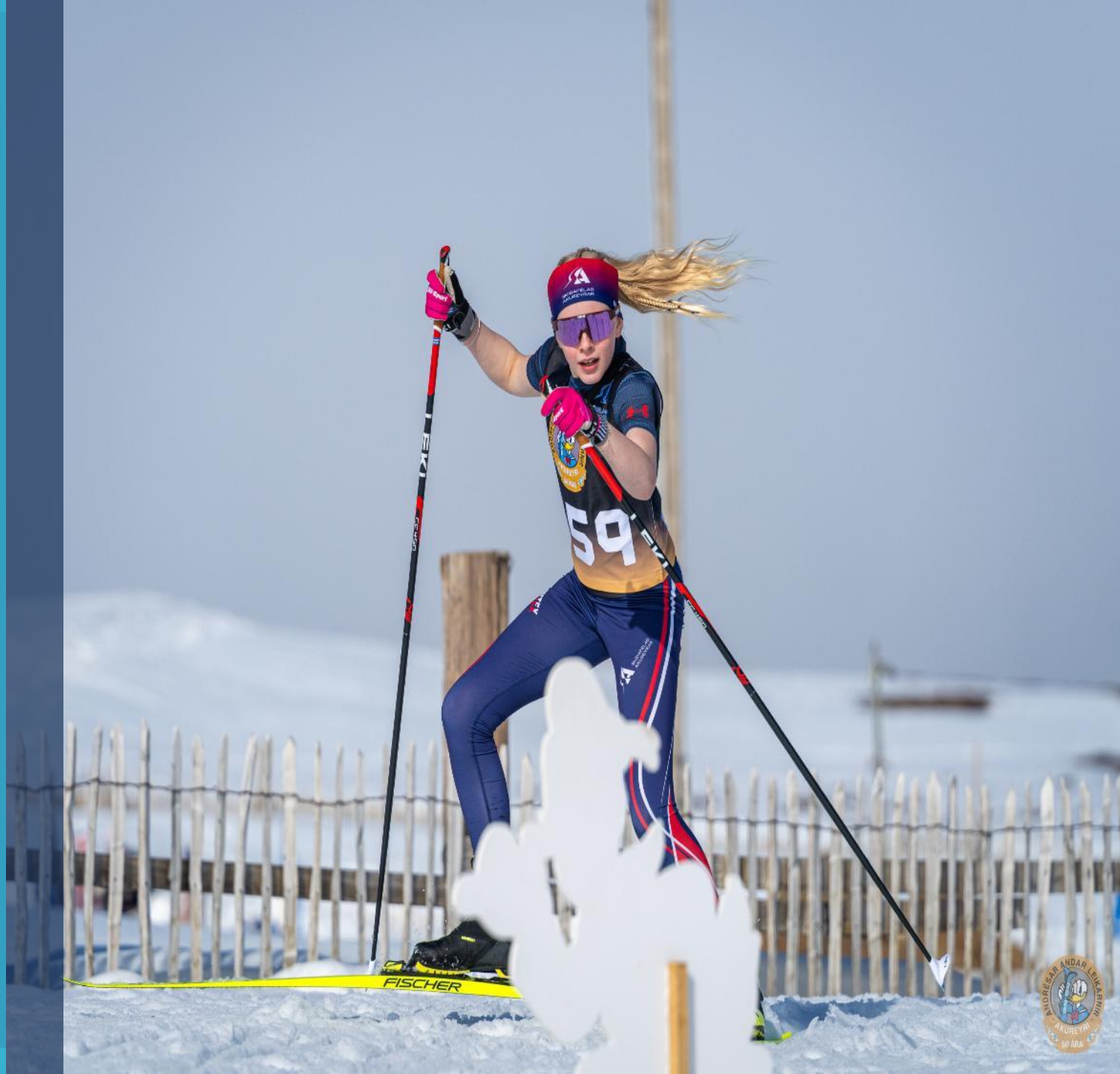
The Beginning: Biathlon Development (1)

- ❖ 2008 WCH Östersund: Olle Dahlin and Ingólfur Hannesson introduce the idea of Biathlon in Iceland
- ❖ 2016 — SKI Board formally places Biathlon integration on its agenda
- ❖ 2016–2019 — Internal structure agreed; formal approvals obtained; legal validity confirmed
- ❖ 2019 — Discussions with IBU regarding provisional membership at Östersund WCH



The Beginning: Biathlon Development (2)

- ❖ 2022 — SKÍ Congress establishes provisional Biathlon sub-committee; full financial/operational separation (2023); 5-year development plan approved
- ❖ 2024–2026 — Intensive and successful work to fulfil all criteria
- ❖ Formal Biathlon division established; Veronika Lagun-Guseva elected chairperson
- ❖ All SKÍ Statutes amendments approved; full legal integration completed
- ❖ 2026 — IBU Congress Berchtesgaden: application for full IBU membership submitted



Turning Points and Steady Growth (2022–2026)

- ❖ RÚV broadcasts major IBU events and Olympic Biathlon — strong public interest
- ❖ Formal competition schedule launched and implemented since 2024
- ❖ National Championships held (2025)
- ❖ National Cup competitions (since 2024): Hólmavík, Akureyri, Reykjavík
- ❖ Clear momentum for long-term development



Club Engagement Across Iceland

- ❖ SKÍ's 23 active clubs (Alpine, XC, Biathlon, Snowboard)
- ❖ 5 clubs actively promoting Biathlon and providing basic training
- ❖ Akureyri and Hólmavík leading national-level event organisation
- ❖ Hólmavík constructing Iceland's first dedicated Biathlon stadium

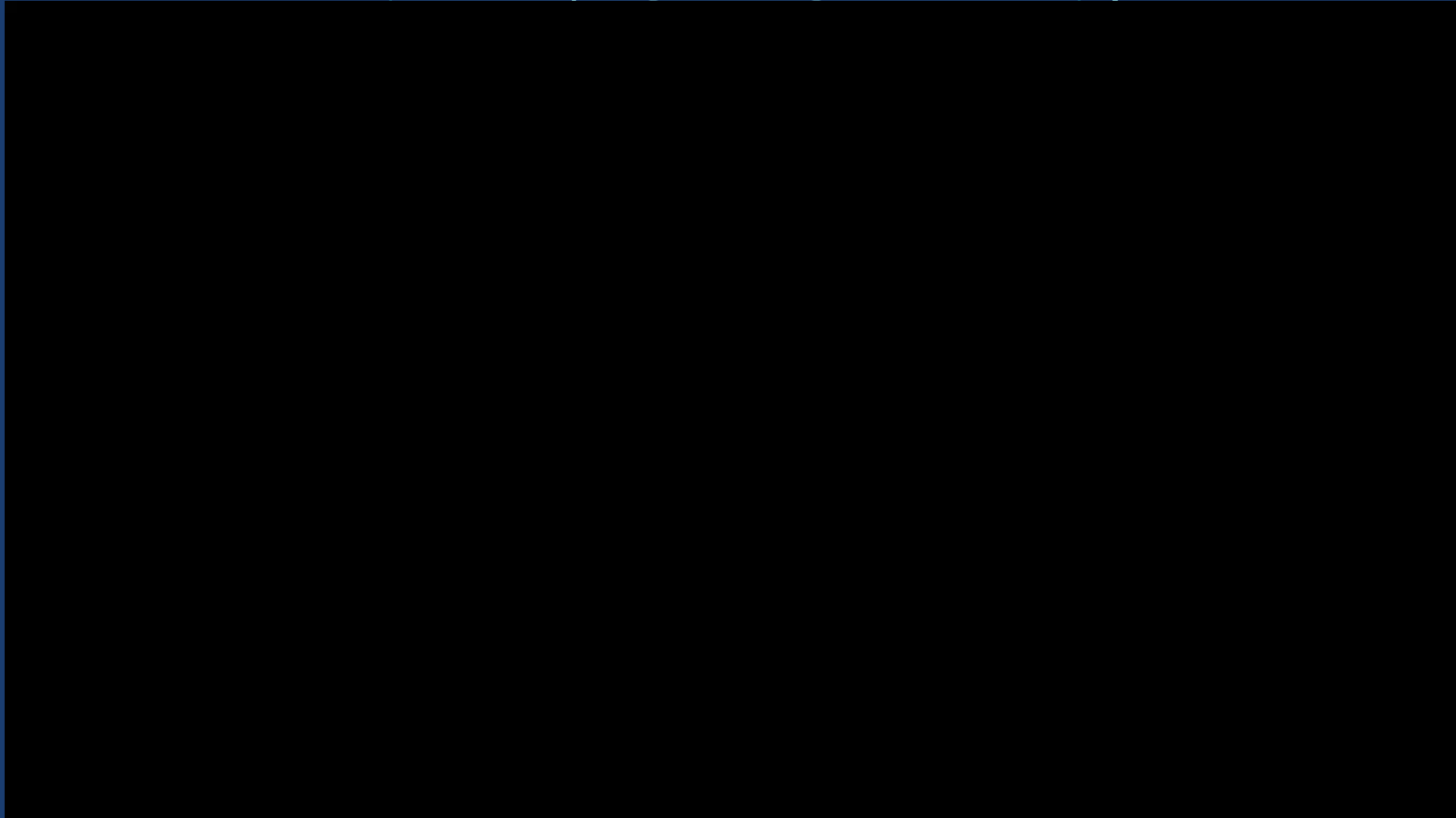


Promotional Activities and Development Programs

- ❖ School outreach and sport introduction programs
- ❖ Rapid growth in youth participation and interest
- ❖ IBU financial support over the last 3 years — highly valued and appreciated
- ❖ Strong collaboration with IBU development programs
- ❖ “Donald Duck Children’s Games”: inclusion of Biathlon
- ❖ Expanding coaching capacity with IBU support; growing volunteer base
- ❖ Summer Biathlon development underway



Bright Future Ahead, but Sustained, Focused Efforts Required





Development Plan 2027-2030

- ❖ Continuing our Primary and Secondary School Outreach
 - ❖ 7 - 2026
 - ❖ 12 - 2028
 - ❖ 16 – 2030
- ❖ Annual increase of 1-2 active clubs pr. year
- ❖ Additional training and competition venues in Akureyri and Reykjavik by 2030
- ❖ Educate and certify additional 5-6 coaches by 2028



Key Objectives

- ❖ 10% annual increase of active athletes in official domestic competitions.
- ❖ Send athletes and coaches abroad for training camps and competitions
 - ❖ Regional Cup participation 2027-2028
- ❖ Have minimum 2 Biathletes in EYOF (2029)
- ❖ Long term goal: OLYMPICS 2036





Competition Schedule 2026-2027



Hólmavík National Biathlon stadium
preparation (summer 2026)



SKÍÐASKOTFIMI

Veturinn 2026-2027

Febrúar

20. - 21.

Skíðaskotfimi

Bikarmót - Reykjavík.
Skotið með lazer rifflum.

Mars

14.

Skíðaskotfimi

Bikarmót - Hólmavík (daginn eftir Strandagönguna).
Skotið liggjandi með 22lr rifflum í fullorðinsflokki.
Skotið með lazer rifflum í yngri flokkum.

Apríl

3. - 4.

Íslandsmót í skíðaskotfimi

Íslandsmót í skíðaskotfimi - Hólmavík
Keppt með 22lr rifflum í fullorðinsflokki og lazer
rifflum hjá yngri keppendum.

Apríl

22.

Andrésarleikarnir

Skíðaskotfimi með lazer rifflum.

Keppt verður í eftirfarandi aldursflokkum:
- 11 ára flokkur drengir og stúlkur
- 12-13 ára drengir og stúlkur
- 14-15 ára drengir og stúlkur

Frekari upplýsingar og skráning: www.ski.is

Ath. skíðaskotfiminefnd SKÍ áskilur sér rétt til breytinga á dagskrá.





Thank You, IBU and Biathlon Family

We need and deeply appreciate your
ongoing support!

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