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1. NF Event Contribution

I. Specification of the criteria:

- NF Event Contributions are paid to all NFs competing in official IBU Events;
- NF Event Contributions are paid after each official IBU Event;
- Participation in at least one competition during an event week (being ranked in the official results) is required to receive the contribution. DNS, DNF, DSQ, etc. are considered as not being officially ranked.
- In case an athlete is sick or injured and unable to complete, the team leader must inform the respective Race Director on site in order for the NF to remain eligible for the NF Event Contributions;
- If an athlete participates in two event series within one week, he/she receives the NF Event Contributions only for the higher-level event and not for the other;
- If an athlete participates in two events series but does not receive the support for the higher-level event (due to maximum number of athletes eligible for support), he/she receives it for the lower-level event, within the designated maximum support per NF.

Amounts of the NF Event Contributions are as follows:

IBU Event	NF Contribution per athlete / per event
WCH	2,300.00 €
World Cup	1,950.00 €
IBU Cup	1,150.00 €
Junior Cup	1,000.00 €
OECH	1,350.00 €
JWCH	1,250.00 €

II. Classification of NF Event Contribution basis

The number of athletes per NF and per event eligible to receive NF Event Contributions is based on the final Nations Cup standings of the previous season:

IBU Event	NF Contribution per athlete / per event		Maximum number of the contribution					
			6W + 6M	5W + 5M	4W + 4M	3W + 3M	2W + 2M	1/2W + 1/2M
WCH	2,300.00 €	Final Nations Cup standings		1 - 5	6 - 15	16 - 25	26 - 30	Wild Cards
World Cup	1,950.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 17	18 - 23	24 - 25	Wild Cards
IBU Cup	1,150.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31ff	
Junior Cup	1,000.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31ff	
OECH	1,350.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31ff	
JWCH	1,250.00 €		All NFs					

2. NF Long-distance Contribution - Overseas Events / Overseas NFs

I. Specification of the criteria:

- In addition to the NF Event Contributions, additional contributions are paid to NFs competing far from their federation's base and therefore facing higher travel costs;
- Depending on the distance between the IBU Event venue and the NF's base, participating NFs at each event are divided into 2 (Two) different groups;
- The groups are determined drawing a circle with 2,500 km radius on the world map, with the event hosting venue as the center:
 - **Group 1:** NF base is located within 0 km – 2,500 km - NFs are not eligible for the NF Long-distance Contributions;
 - **Group 2:** NF base is located at 2,500 km or more - NFs receive 100% of the NF Long-distance Contributions.

As example:



- In case of doubt regarding the travel origin used for determining eligibility for the NF Long-distance Contribution, the IBU reserves the right to request supporting documentation (e.g. travel receipts)
- The NF Long-distance Contribution is not applicable to the WCH and OECH.

II. Classification of NF Long-distance Contribution basis

a) Trimesters 1, 2 and 3 (WC, IC and JC):

- To be eligible for the NF Long-distance Contribution, an athlete must participate in at least 2 (two) races at the event: 1 (one) in individual race (SP, IN or SSPQ) and/or 1 (one) additional race (PU, MS, RE, MR, SMR). Moreover, an athlete must be officially ranked (e.g., DNS, DNF, DSQ, etc. are considered as not being officially ranked).
- The NF Long-distance Contribution is paid only once per trimester per event series.

b) Junior World Championships (JWCH)

- The NF Long-distance Contribution is additionally paid once for the JWCH;
- To be eligible for the JWCH NF Long-distance Contribution an athlete must participate in at least 2 (two) races at the event: 1 (one) in individual race (SP, IN or SSPQ) and/or 1 (one) additional race (PU, MS, RE, MR, SMR). Moreover, an athlete must be officially ranked (e.g., DNS, DNF, DSQ, etc. are considered as not being officially ranked).

The number of athletes per NF and per event eligible to receive NF Event Contributions is based on the final Nations Cup standings of the previous season (for JC, the previous JWCH applies):

IBU Event	Long-distance Contribution		Maximum number of the contribution					
			6W + 6M	5W + 5M	4W + 4M	3W + 3M	2W + 2M	1/2W + 1/2M
World Cup	1,950.00 €	Final Nations Cup standings	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 17	18 - 23	24 - 25	Wild Cards
IBU Cup	1,150.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31ff	
Junior Cup	1,000.00 €		1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31ff	
JWCH	1,350.00 €		All NFs					



IBU Regulation for “Other Events”

According to IBU ECR Art.1.2., any international biathlon event at which athletes from more than two IBU member federations are invited to compete and/or intend to participate must be approved in writing in advance by the IBU upon application of the respective national member federation.

Such events are referred to as “**Other Events**”

Purpose

The purpose of the "Other Events" approval process is to ensure that international biathlon events outside the official IBU competition structure are conducted in a manner that:

- Protects the interests of the IBU, its member federations and stakeholders
- Avoids conflicts with major IBU competitions
- Safeguards commercial, media, and intellectual property rights associated with biathlon
- Provides transparency regarding events involving elite athletes and commercial activities

Events generally considered as "Other Events"

The following characteristics indicate that an event falls within the scope of an "Other Event":

- The event has a clear commercial purpose
- Participation of top or elite athletes, potentially based on invitation
- Prize money is awarded
- The event includes live television or comparable media coverage
- The event may conflict with major IBU competitions, such as World Cup events or World Championships

Events excluded from the "Other Events" category

The following events will generally not be treated as “Other Events” under this framework:

- Regional events
- International youth and junior or master events
- National competitions that allow international participation

These events are considered part of normal sporting development activities and do not generally create significant commercial or scheduling conflicts.

Application for “Other Events”

Applications for “Other Events” must be submitted by the relevant NF via IBU Scope within the deadlines published on the IBU website [event application deadlines](#).

Approval of “Other Events”:

The EB will review the application and assess sporting, commercial and strategic considerations and may approve such events.



The EB may approve the event subject to conditions. In accordance with Art. 3.1.5 of the IBU Constitution, the EB may impose an approval fee based on the commercial value and characteristics of the event.

Information to the NF/OC

Following the approval decision of the IBU Executive Board, the IBU will formally inform the applying NF and/or OC of:

- The approval or rejection of the event
- Any conditions attached to the approval
- The applicable approval fee
- Payment requirements and deadlines
- Any operational or commercial obligations

9.1. REPORT DEVELOPMENT

1. **Development Programmes - NF's Development Projects Support 2025/2026**

The internal audit process for the 2025/2026 period started in the last week of June 2026. IBU requested verification of project implementation from 11 different NFs for their Development Projects support and from 5 NFs/OCs for their Regional Events support.

2. **Development Programmes - NF's Development Projects Support 2026/2027 - information about the support distribution (annex)**

IBU received 160 applications from 42 NFs for the NFs Development Projects grants for the season 2026/2027 by the deadline of 12th of May 2026. The total budget requested was €2.858,586. The support proposal covers 129 Development Projects from 41 NFs, with a total budget of €1.880,000.

The most applied projects were "NFs' Partnership projects" (31), followed by „Identification and Training of Youth and Junior athletes" (27), 'Popularisation among Kids and Youths' (17), Athlete involvement after sport career" (17), "Gender Equality" (15), "Support of training venue "(10), "Biathlon expert support" (7) and "Sustainability" (3). NF Norway is supported for the Customised development project (Liatoppen Festival).

NFs that did not apply for their national projects: AND, ARM, ARG, CHI, CYP, DOM, GEO, LUX, LIE, IND, IRL, LBN, MAR, MEX, MGL, NZL, POR, THA, TUR, UZB.

More information on the support proposal is in the attached document.

3. **REGIONAL EVENTS – summer calendar**

Project coordinator: Maija Savolainen

The application period for the 2026/2027 Regional Summer and City Events closed on 12 May 2026.

A total of 17 applications were submitted by 14 National Federations from 7 regions, requesting overall support of €114,250. Following the evaluation process, support is proposed for 17 Regional Summer Events, with a total funding allocation of €109,850.

In addition, National Federations Norway and Germany submitted applications for City Events for the summer of 2026, both requesting a budget of €20,000. It is proposed that both City Events receive support, resulting in a total allocation of €40,000 for the City Events programme.

Regional Summer Events calendar:

NF	EVENT NAME	EVENT VENUE	DATE
Spain	IBU Regional Event - Spanish Summer Event	Candanchú	11-12.7.2026
Kazakhstan	IBU Regional Event - Summer Asian Championships	Shchuchinsk	21-22.7.2026
Canada	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Canada Western Summer Series 1	Prince George	25-26.7.2026
United States	IBU Regional Event - U.S. Biathlon Summer Championships	Jericho, VT	1-2.8.2026
Australia	IBU Regional Event - Oceania Cup	Mount Hotham	8-9.8.2026
Belgium	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Belgian Open Championships	Herzebösch, Elsenborn	15-16.8.2026
Bulgaria	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Balkan Cup	Bansko	22-23.8.2026
Canada	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Canada Western Summer Series 2	Whistler	22-23.8.2026
Croatia	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Balkan Cup	Delnice	29-30.8.2026
Serbia	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Balkan Cup	Sjenica	5-6.9.2026
Estonia	IBU Regional Event - Baltic Summer Biathlon Cup	Otepää	5-6.9.2026
Romania	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Balkan Cup	Cheile Gradistei	19-20.9.2026
France	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Summer Tour FFS	La Feclaz, Savoie	19-20.9.2026
Slovakia	IBU Regional Event - Central European Cup	Brezno-Osrblie	19-20.9.2026
Czechia	IBU Regional Event - Central European Cup	Letohrad	26-27.9.2026
United States	IBU Regional Event - U.S. Biathlon Fall Festival	Soldier Hollow	10-11.10.2026
France	IBU Regional Event - Biathlon Summer Tour FFS	Arçon, Massif Jurassien	17-18.10.2026

4. IBU–IOC DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Project Coordinator: Ilario Maddalin

IBU Youth International Camp 2026

The **IBU Youth International Camp 2026** was held in **Antholz–Anterselva, Italy, from 8–14 June 2026**, bringing together **138 participants from 23 National Federations**, including Olympic and Para Biathlon athletes, coaches and instructors. Supported by **Olympic Solidarity Fund**, the camp combined roller skiing, shooting, strength and conditioning, educational workshops, a dedicated Para Biathlon programme, and an inspiring Q&A evening with **Dorothea Wierer**, making it one of the largest and most inclusive youth development activities delivered by the IBU to date. Special thanks also go to the IBU instructional team of Luca Bormolini, Carlos Lannes, Dominik Windisch, Karin Oberhofer, Sara Ponya, Harald Egger, Nika Blazenic, Eileen Carey, Tomi-Pekka Riihivuori, Michal Roth and Simon Allanson, whose expertise, enthusiasm and professionalism helped create an exceptional experience for all participants.



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Upcoming Development Camps

- **IBU/IOC Asian Development Camp 2026 – Shchuchinsk, Kazakhstan (10–19 July 2026)**, dedicated to supporting the development of Asian National Federations.
- **IBU/IOC Winter Development Camp 2026 – Venue and dates to be confirmed**, continuing the IBU's support for developing National Federations through training and education.

5. BIATHLON 4ALL

Project Coordinator: Maxim Berdnikov

B4A Project Coordinators Meeting, Salzburg

An on-site meeting for B4A project coordinators will take place from **29 June to 01 July** at the Sports Centre Rif in Salzburg. Under the motto “Grow as we do”, the goal of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for direct exchange among project coordinators, review the programme's status, and define the next needs and goals. Representatives from 39 NFs will join the meeting. The agenda includes the IBU reports on the B4A programme and the IBD; presentations from 3 supplying partners (Kiwi Precision, EcoAims, Anschütz); the International School Sport Federation (MoU signed in October 2025); and a representative of ICCE, mainly ICOACHKIDS.

B4A Call for Applications 2026/2027 - update

A call for applications ran from 01 April until 12 May 2026. 13 NFs have submitted applications. The allocated budget for this call is 75,000 EUR for laser/optical rifles; 30,000 EUR for promotional support. The decision has been postponed to increase the number of available rifles through Material Distribution (the contracts with suppliers and the expected quantities of materials have not yet been finalised). Moreover, 9 NFs were pre-selected as part of the call 2025/2026 and received their rifle sets in spring 2026.

B4A Award

In 2026, the IBU Award for Excellence in Biathlon 4 All will be presented for the first time. The award focuses on projects that increase accessibility, promote inclusion, and strengthen grassroots participation and recruitment in both biathlon and para biathlon. Applications are open to all Full National Federation Members, with each federation permitted to submit one application per year. Submissions, with the application window running from 1 April to 30 June 2026, must describe either a single event or a series of events implemented within the previous 24 months. Federations that win the award will not be eligible to apply in the following year. Three jury members have been selected to evaluate the applications: Heli Aikioniemi (DEI/NF FIN), Simon Eder (AC, AUT), and Aliona Sosunova (DC/NF LTU). The decision will be made by the end of July. The winning NF will receive 10,000 EUR in prize money and will be announced during the IBU Congress in September. As of 23 June 2026, 5 NFs have submitted applications: DEN, SRB, POL, CHN, KAZ.

Next steps:

- B4A at LOF 2026
- Results of Erasmus+ call for applications (project proposal “Biathlon Youth Family Connect”)

6. INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON DAY 2026

Project Coordinator: Maxim Berdnikov

The second edition of International Biathlon Day (IBD) took place on 30 May 2026. The activities were held in 36 countries with over 50 events. More than 10,000 participants were reported by National Federations (with the highest number of U12 participants). Over 500 staff members, including around 250 volunteers and 130 instructors/coaches, supported the activities. More than 30 professional biathletes participated in the IBD events. Following the call for applications (January – March), IBU supported 26 National Federations with a total of 80,000 EUR. Five National Federations (FRA, POL, LTU, ITA, SWE) received the support with the paid social media campaign organised by IBU. Some NFs (such as KOR and CHN) organised IBD activities for the first time. All the information was published on the dedicated IBD webpage: <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/biathlon-day>. Maxim Berdnikov attended the events in France and Germany.

9.2. Report - IBU Academy

1. COACH EDUCATION

Project coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker

Courses

- Basic and Regional Basic Course
 - Basic Course 2026 took place in May in Salzburg (AUT). 21 coaches from 17 NFs (12 female, 9 male) participated and will receive their certificates in winter, after completing all course requirements.
 - Regional Basic Course Romania will take place from 24 to 29 August in Cheile Gradistei Fundata (6 NFs: ROU, SRB, HUN, BIH, GRE, MKD) and Regional Basic Course Slovenia will be organised between 23 and 28 October in Pokljuka (2 NFs: SLO and AUT).
- First Level Course (FLC):
 - FLC 2025/2026 concluded with the certification week in March 2026 in Ramsau (AUT). 17 coaches from 16NFs (11 female, 6 male) successfully completed the course.
 - FLC 2026/27 started with the first week in May in Obertilliach (AUT). 20 Coaches from 18 NFs (7 female, 13 male) will continue with the second week from 5 to 11 October in Jakuszyce (POL).
- Second Level Course 2025/26: 19 coaches from 17 NFs (7 female, 10 male) continued with the second education week in April in Meraker (NOR) and will be certified after the third week from 21 to 27 June 2026 in Ruhpolding (GER).
- For the upcoming Third Level Course 2026/27, 10 coaches from 10 NFs (2 female, 8 male) have been selected. The first 3-day education will be held from 7 to 10 September in Östersund (SWE).
- From 5 to 8 June, 10 coaches from 9 NFs (4 female, 6 male) took part in the first education week of the PILOT Para Biathlon Basic Course in Antholz (ITA). They will conclude in the second week, from 22 to 25 September, in Oberhof (GER).

Please find more information on the IBU Coach Education [here](#).

2. E-LEARNING PLATFORM: LEARNING SUITE

Project coordinator: Sophie Mayr/Maja Milatovic

- More than 4,000 users are registered on the E-Learning Platform
- The IBU Academy is collaborating closely with Sport & Event and the BIU to establish the LearningSuite as a central hub that brings together the biathlon family and provides access to knowledge, education, learning resources, and exams while directly connecting them to the Membercenter.

- The platform therefore not only supports Coach Education Courses, but also Rifle Safety, Technical Delegate and Referee Education Courses, even featuring integrated examinations for the latter two.
- The BIU Whereabouts Course for Registered Testing Pool (RTP) athletes has been successfully implemented and made available through the platform, providing comprehensive information, feedback opportunities, a final quiz, and a webinar to support further understanding.
- The Para Biathlon Basic Course was successfully introduced and delivered during the first course week, marking an important step in expanding the IBU's education opportunities.

3. WEBINARS/SEMINARS 2026

Project coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker

- The IBU Academy hosted the first Coach Webinar on 11 June 2026: "Strength Training in Biathlon" with 180 active participants listening to Andrew Smit, Ola Raval, and Bent Ronnestad before an insightful panel discussion from NOR, ITA, and BUL (Anders Overby, Andrea Zattoni, and Wolfgang Pichler).
- Upcoming: Athletes Webinar on 24 September, Coach Webinar on 1 October, and Physicians Webinar on 5 November 2026. Topics for all the upcoming webinars will be announced soon.

4. JOURNAL OF BIATHLON COACHING (JoBC)

Project coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker/Stefan Sporrer/ Magdalena Karczewska-Lindinger

The upcoming issue of JoBC will be published in July/August 2026. It will feature a diverse range of topics, including an interview with Jean-Marc Chabloz, an analysis of Olympic shooting trends, and a comparison of high-altitude training approaches among National Federations. The issue will also include an Olympic review, an article on coaches' mental health, and a feature on the French Alps Olympics 2030.

More information about JoBC can be found [here](#).

5. RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME

Project coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker/Sophie Mayr/Magdalena Karczewska-Lindinger

For the 2026/27 Research Grant Programme cycle, a total of 8 research groups and universities submitted applications for funding. Following a thorough assessment of all proposals, the Research Grant Working Group granted support for 4 projects:

- Integrating Shooting into Endurance Training Programs: Day-to-day Periodisation of World-Class Biathletes – Technical University of Munich (GER)
- AI-driven Insights to Unpack Performance in Elite Biathlon – Halmstad University (SWE)

- Evaluating the Impact of Impairment on Shooting Performance in Para Biathlon: A Data-Driven and AI-Supported Approach to Classification – Academy of Physical Education in Katowice (POL)
- Enhancing Biathlon Shooting and Coaching with Detailed Breathing – Grip Coupling Analysis – Paris Lodron University Salzburg (AUT)

The final project presentations for the 2026/27 Research Grant Programme are scheduled for October 2027.

Further information about the Research Grant Programme is available [here](#).

6. DC4Biathletes – Erasmus+ Sport

Project coordinator: Sophie Mayr/Dagmara Gerasimuk

- The DC4Biathletes Erasmus+ project team met in Bratislava in May to discuss project development and further steps.
- A key highlight was the progress of the project app, scheduled for release at the end of 2027. Development is currently ahead of schedule, with the learning content nearing completion. The next phase will focus on testing the app and its full range of features with target users. In addition, a Multiplier Event (MSE) is planned during the IBU–IOC Camp in December 2026.
- The next Project Meeting will take place in Finland in January 2027, where project partners will review the testing outcomes and prepare for the subsequent stages of implementation.

Stay up to date on the project via our website, dc4biathletes.com, or on Social Media (Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook).

7. UNIVERSITY COOPERATIONS

Project coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker/Dagmara Gerasimuk

The IBU and Nord University in Meråker (NOR) have formalised a partnership agreement built on a well-established relationship. The agreement was signed by the IBU president Olle Dahlin and Nord University Dean Rose Martin during the second week of the Second Level Course in Meråker in April 2026. As the sixth academic partner within the IBU network, Nord University further supports the IBU's commitment to advancing innovation, research, and education for the sustainable development of biathlon worldwide.

Please find more information on IBU Cooperations [here](#)

8. ICCE Partnerships

Project coordinator: Dagmara Gerasimuk/Gerold Sattlecker

- The IBU Academy is taking part in a Coach Developer Programme developed by the ICCE in collaboration with NSSU. The programme is designed to strengthen the skills and competencies of those responsible for educating, supporting, and mentoring coaches

within their National Federations. It combines online learning modules, personal reflection, peer exchange, and two residential sessions in Tokyo (July 2026 and February 2027). Between the in-person modules, participants will apply their learning within their own coaching environments and share experiences and best practices, ensuring a strong link between theory and practice.

- Representing the IBU Academy, Educators Ilario Maddalin (ITA) and Nika Blazenic (SLO) will participate in the programme, further strengthening the Academy's expertise and capacity in coach development.

9. IBU Academy Communication

Project coordinator: Maja Milatovic

- Academy website with many updates: [IBU Academy](#). New sections were added to highlight the Regional Basic Courses and Para Biathlon Basic Course. Furthermore, the case studies section on dual-career opportunities was designed to inspire and empower athletes to pursue successful dual careers.
- E-learning platform with new features: [Learning Suite](#)
- IBU Academy Newsletter:
 - The 6th issue of the IBU Academy Newsletter was circulated at the beginning of June 2026. The Newsletter was delivered to approximately 2,100 recipients, achieving an open rate of over 40%.
 - Upcoming: Next edition will be sent in September 2026. [Subscribe here](#).

10. IBU Mentorship Programme

Project Coordinator: Dagmara Gerasimuk/Maja Milatovic

From 22 to 24 April 2026, 17 mentees from 13 NFs (8 female, 9 male) successfully concluded a 10-month IBU and SheSkillzGlobal Mentorship Programme "Shaping Tomorrow's Biathlon Leaders" with a final meeting in Lausanne (SUI). A key highlight was the opportunity to engage directly with representatives of the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity. Following months of training, webinars, and mentoring meetings with 'biathlon' and business mentors, the mentees presented the results of their group projects to the IBU leadership and representatives of the International Olympic Committee.

Please find more information on the [Lausanne meeting](#) and [Mentorship Programme](#) here.

11. Academy Working Group Meetings

Project Coordinator: Gerold Sattlecker/Dagmara Gerasimuk

On 28 February and 1 March, the IBU Academy Working Group met during the Youth and Junior World Championships in Arber (GER). This select group discussed important Academy projects, such as coach education, new educational offerings, licensing options, mentoring, webinar topics, and more. In-person attendees were Wolfgang Pichler, Matthias Ahrens, Knut Kuvås Brevik, Dagmara Gerasimuk,

and Gerold Sattlecker. Nika Blaženić, Maija Holopainen, Marko Laaksonen, and Jonas Johansson joined online.

12. Academy Assistant recruitment / Maternity Leave replacement / Intern

Magdalena Karczewska-Lindinger from Poland was selected for the part-time (20 hours) position of an Academy Assistant. She commenced on 1 April 2026 and will replace Anna Kitzbichler, who is on maternity leave and is expected to return in March 2027. From 20 July to 18 September 2026, an intern, Maya Müller from Austria, will support the IBU Academy and Development Department as part of her obligatory internship for her studies.

Upcoming:

- Educators' Education meeting will take place from 29 to 30 June 2026 in Salzburg/Rif (AUT). The aim of the meeting is to gather with IBU Academy Educators, exchange knowledge, update them about the Coach Education Programme and discuss potential improvements and future activities. The programme also offers an educational opportunity for the Educators.
- Mentors' Meeting will take place online on 2 July 2026 to review the mentoring activities for the Second and Third Level Courses, exchange experiences, and look ahead to the upcoming season. An educational session for mentors will also be delivered by a mentoring expert.
- Kids and Youth course: Within the next few weeks, several experts who will be module leaders and content providers for this online course will be defined and contacted.