

IBU Development Support

June 2026

IBU Regional Events and City Events 2026/2027

Mission

Increase the visibility of events and athletes across the world (Target30)

Goal

Establish a strategy for the implementation of sustainable regional IBU events focused on developing biathlon

Objectives

1. Support NFs to implement good quality international competitions for young athletes.
2. Address gaps in participation pathways by supporting NFs to introduce programs based on international cooperation.
3. Create the possibility of wide participation in system sports competitions (popularisation).
4. Support NFs to use and keep or build local biathlon facilities and venues to promote biathlon nationally and regionally.
5. Increase the activity and efficiency of biathlon federations/associations and clubs to promote the sport of children and youth.
6. Gain access to additional resources and funding.

IBU Regional Events support principles

The total budget for the project is 700 000 EUR. This budget includes organisation and travel contributions to participating NFs.

1. The project is focused on structured and future-oriented long-term activities.

The NF/OC should present future-oriented long-term activities in collaboration with NFs from the IBU Region. The Regional Coordinator confirms the agreed regional event date/place/budget plan.

In season 2026/2027, Regions can apply for a maximum of **80 000 EUR** support for the whole season series. The maximum support per winter event is **20 000 EUR**, and per summer event is **7 500 EUR**. In addition, the City Events organisers may apply for **20 000 EUR** support. The project's duration is from the 1st of July 2026 to the 31st of March 2027.

2. The project promotes cooperation among NFs inside and between the IBU Regions.

IBU - REGIONS 2026/2027

EUROPE	WEST EUROPE	CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE	NORTH EUROPE	SOUTH EUROPE
AUT / ITA GER / SLO SUI / LIE FRA/ ESP**	FRA** / ESP NED / BEL GBR / IRL AND* / SUI** LUX* / POR*	POL / CZE SVK / UKR HUN / BLR***	FIN / SWE NOR / DEN GRL / EST LAT / LTU ISL*	CRO / BIH GRE / BUL SRB / ROU MDA / TUR MKD / CYP LBN
EURO-ASIA	ASIA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	OCEANIA
KAZ / UZB GEO / ARM KGZ / MGL CHN** / THA** JPN** / KOR** RUS*** / BLR***	KAZ** / CHN JPN / KOR IND / THA TPE / AUS** NZL**	USA / CAN	BRA / CHI ARG / DOM* MEX*	AUS / NZL

*Provisional IBU members

** NFs that could participate in more than one regional event due to their geographic location

*** Suspended IBU members

Participation of a minimum of three NFs in one IBU Regional Event or City Event is required¹. One NF should be represented with a minimum of 3 athletes. As a priority, the IBU NF should take part in their IBU Regional Event series. The NFs are allowed to participate in the IBU Regional Event competition besides their IBU Region only after OC's agreement with other IBU Region.

NFs can register their athletes to participate in REs outside their own region if:

- the NF competed at least one time in the current or preceding trimester in a RE of their home region
- for obvious reasons (lack of snow, unavailability of venues) it is not possible to hold events in their own region, upon agreement with the RE Coordinator
- required for logistical reasons (more efficient traveling, less financial effort), upon agreement with the RE Coordinator

The decision if the NFs outside the IBU Region will be supported with travel contributions, will be made after the season.

The IBU does not support City Events with travel contributions. The application requires mutual agreement with all NFs presented in the project.

3. IBU support is intended as partial support for organisers.

3.1. **IBU financial support shall not exceed 50% of the total project costs** (to ensure own financial activities from the NF/OC). **The donated services and voluntary work² could not exceed 50% of NF/OC contribution.** The IBU contribution may be reduced if the applicant reduces the budget during project execution due to the 50% rule.

3.2. A NF/OC may apply for one event either as **Regional Event** or as **City Event**. It is not possible to claim both grants for the same event

4. Regional Events vs. City Events

4.1 Specifications: Regional Event

4.1.1 The IBU financial support can be spent on:

- 1) Timing - up to 1500 EUR per competition day
- 2) Referees and volunteers - up to 3000 EUR
- 3) Venue preparation costs - up to 1000 EUR per summer event, up to 5000 EUR per winter event
- 4) Provision of roller skis for participants - up to 1500 EUR per summer event (equipment, maintenance, service)
- 5) Provision of unified-wax skis preparation for participants - up to 2500 EUR per winter event
- 6) Medical assistance

¹ This rule does not apply to North America and Oceania IBU Region

² The value of donated services and volunteer contribution should be calculated on the basis of the type of services and price list

- 7) Insurance
- 8) Other costs specified by organisers and approved by IBU
- 9) Promotion and popularisation of the project (digital and print materials, award ceremony back wall, speaker/commentator, bibs, photographer or videographer, etc.) – up to 2500 EUR per summer event

4.1.2 The program includes partial support for participants.

4.1.3 The IBU contributes travel costs of 100 EUR per youth and junior athlete per event for the host NF, maximum 2500 EUR. The IBU contributes 200 EUR per youth and junior athlete per event for the guest NF (inside the Region). The maximum contribution is 4000 EUR per participating guest NF. The travel contribution is based on competition results and will be transferred by IBU to participating NFs and should be used to cover/support the travel expenses of athletes/teams.

4.1.4 Payment: 50% of the financial support will be transferred after the project has been approved, and the remaining 50% will be transferred after the project report has been accepted.

4.2. Specifications: City Events

4.2.1 there are no specific obligations for which the IBU contribution must be used, but

4.2.2 the following conditions are required to claim the support:

- 1) Necessary condition to get the support: Kids/youth competitions as a part of the program; participation of min. 200 kids/young athletes in competitions; other activities for kids/youth recruitment around the main competition; ->support: up to 10 000 EUR,
- 2) Showcasing biathlon: TV coverage in at least 2 countries or 1 country TV + international livestream available; and evidence of promotional effort (producer's presentations etc.); and a significant number of spectators (at least 2.500 per competition day for one-day competitions, at least 4.000 overall for events of more than one day) ->support: up to 10 000 EUR.
- 3) if there is no open qualification option for at least 2 spots in the main race (final), the contribution will be reduced by 5 000 EUR

4.2.3 IBU will not pay any travel contribution for City Events

4.2.4 Payment: 100% of the granted support will be paid after the reporting (see art. 10.). If not all necessary requirements are fulfilled, the support will be reduced.

5. The project stimulates the development and increases the number of biathlon competitions and participating young athletes (more boys and girls, youth and juniors participants, and more financial support).

5.1 The Regional Events competition program requires participation in a minimum of two age classes per gender, including youth and junior classes. Senior classes are not considered within those two classes. However, the competitions for seniors and younger age categories may be included in the program. The competitions follow IBU rules and guidelines for Regional Events (for Summer Regional Events only).

- 5.1.1 The IBU classes and competition specification rules apply to the juniors and youths categories. However, the regional rules can be adapted for younger categories and should be included in the application form. In exceptional cases, the use of air and laser rifles is possible. An ideal duration is an event with 2 competition days. IBU TC will confirm the IBU Regional Events TDs upon the respective regions' proposal. Any TD needs to hold at least a valid IBU IR license. Exceptions require prior IBU approval.
- 5.2 The City Events competition program consists of senior main competitions and kids/youth competitions as mentioned in 4.2.2 1). The competitions shall follow IBU rules as far as applicable but at least safety regulations must be followed strictly.
6. Athletes and coaches registration:
The NFs take responsibility for entered athletes. All participating athletes in IBU categories must be registered in IBU Membercenter.
7. Application
The applications have to be submitted online in the IBU Scope 2.0 no later than the 12th of May 2026 for summer events and City Events organised from the 1st of July to the 31st of October, and 30th of June 2026 for winter events organised from the 1st of November to the 31st of March. The applications will be analyzed by the DD and S&E and communicated to the TC, DC and EB according to the following criteria:
- 1) Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the program
 - 2) Feasibility of the activities
 - 3) Budget consistency
- Following the analysis and approval, the Development Department will inform the respective NF/OC about the project's acceptance, the maximum budget, and the budget distribution. Finally, the agreements will be signed separately with each organizer.
8. Promotion and popularisation (for Summer Regional Events only)
The invitation should include the official event name (IBU Regional Event+regional event name+season+venue ex. IBU Regional Event, Alpen Cup, 2026/2027 Oberwiesenthal) and the IBU composite logo. The event's name with the IBU logo should be visible on the results, certificates and during the medal/flowers ceremonies on the back wall and/or victory podium. In addition, the IBU will provide an event composite logo and a template for the layouts for print materials. The information published in media should include the competition's full name and connection to the IBU social media.
9. The results must be published in DATACENTER immediately after the competition ends. The OC is responsible for result management.

10. Reporting:

Following the project's approval, the NF/OC must ensure that the approved activities are completed, and comprehensive reporting is provided as indicated on the project. The report generally includes a statement on the achieved goals (number of NFs and athletes participating in the event), results, a list of invoices or other documents confirming the costs incurred (for City Events on a specific request of IBU), photos, etc. The costs in reporting should refer to the agreement.

The reports with financial statements should be sent no later than 30 days after the project's end but no later than the 15th of April. The IBU has the right to publish the reports and results on the IBU website. Only the OCs and NFs who finalize the project can apply for the next IBU Regional and City Event support.

11. IBU reserves the right for announced/unannounced visits to check the project implementation or requesting copies of the invoices listed in the project financial report. Furthermore, in case of misused support, the IBU might decide to suspend the respective NF from any development support for a certain time.

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