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NOTE: These amendments are exceptional due to the COVID-19 impact and only **temporary**. All Articles that are marked with * were formally approved by the IBU Virtual Congress on 14 November 2020.

REGISTRATION

- Teams must register for each WC as usual even if two WCs will take place at the same venue
- Either new accreditations for all **OR** replaced (old ones returned/new ones picked-up) -> tbc

QUALIFICATION

Art. 1.5.3.5 ECR * will be amended **for the whole season 2020/2021** as follows:

■ 1.5.3.5 IBU Qualifying Points List

After each trimester, or at other times as scheduled and announced annually by the IBU EB, the IBU qualifying points list will be updated by taking the average of each competitor's best results from the previous **four** trimesters according to the following rules:

COMPETITIONS SCORED IN LAST 4 TRIMESTERS	CALCULATION FOR POINTS LIST
3 or more	Average of the best 3
2	Average 2 x 1.10
1	Points earned x 1.2
Removal from list	After 5 trimesters with no points scored

World Cup Trimester 1:

- Two athletes per gender (of the same NF) can be registered without fulfilling the personal qualification criteria WC event week. This accords to Art. 1.5.3.3 * and Art. 1.6.6 ECR

From World Cup Trimester 2 onwards:

- The regular Qualification criteria acc. to Art. 1.5.3.3 ECR apply as usual

IBU Cup Trimester 2:

- no personal qualification criteria acc. to Art. 16.2.1 * ECR apply

From IBU Cup trimester 3 onwards:

- The regular Qualification criteria acc. to Art. 16.2.1 ECR apply as usual

START QUOTA

World Cup: no changes

IBU Cup (due to the cancellation of the Junior Cup):

- Remain Registration Quota acc. to Art.16.2 * ECR
- Increase Start Quota as stated in the table below
- Hereby also Juniors will get the chance to start in IBU Cup

IBU CUP RANKING	REGISTER	CURRENT START Q	2020/2021 START Q	MAXIMUM ON START	
1 - 5	8	6	8	30	40
6 - 10	7	5	7	25	35
11 - 20	6	4	6	40	60
21 - 30	5	3	5	60	50
31 and above	5	3	4		20
TOTAL				155	205

- Expected based on experience: Men: 165 athletes; Women 140 athletes to start

NOTE: The normal start group system will apply

SCORING:

Due to the possibility that some NFs or single athletes could not be able to compete/participate at all IBU events for travel restrictions or national rules an amendment of the scoring system (calculation) is necessary.

- No minimum number of participating NFs to hold event but under the permanent review of the situation by the Event Task Force

• World Cup:

- Total and Single Scores: max. 4 dropped results
- NC Score: max. 6 dropped competitions

• IBU Cup + OECH:

- Total Score and Single Scores: max. 3 dropped results
- NC Score: max. 5 dropped competitions

NOTE: In case the total amount of conducted races will be reduced, the number of dropped results will be deducted accordingly:

NC		TOTAL / SINGLE	
Nr. races	Dropped results	Nr. races	Dropped results
21 +	6	21 +	4
17 - 20	5	17 - 20	
13 - 16	4	13 - 16	
9 - 12	3	9 - 12	3
6 - 8	2	6 - 8	
3 - 5	1	3 - 5	1
1 - 2	0	1 - 2	0

Current Planning 2020/2021

SERIES	SCORE	
	NC	TOTAL
WC	28	24
IBU CUP	20	15

Changes between WC and IBU Cup:

- Athletes can change between the series by providing a negative valid COVID-19 test result when they arrive at the other event (not older than 72 h)
 - a) These tests may to be conducted in own responsibility when coming from home
 - b) These tests may to be conducted by the IBU-Test-System at the event from which the athlete departs
- Such changes need to be communicated as soon as possible to ensure results in time, need to be approved by IBU and coordinated with the respective IBU COVID-19 contact persons of both series

Changes to event registration and entry in case a whole team is suspended from an event due to multiple COVID-19 infections (acc. to the IBU COVID-19 Test protocol):

- A team can be replaced after a transition period by another team of the same NF upon fulfillment of all requirements of the IBU COVID-19 guidelines
- Such transition period is normally expected to be 48 hours, but can be amended by decision of the IBU Event Task Force (ETF) on proposal of the respective series' IBU COVID-19 expert.
- During the replacement process any kind of updates registrations and entries may be also made by phone, email, etc. but should be carried out as quickly as possible and in coordination with the respective IBU Race Director.

Explanation for the implementation/release of "special ECR - COVID19":

The world-wide COVID19 pandemic is a huge challenge for the sport of biathlon and the successful conduction of international biathlon events, here expressively the IBU World Cup (incl. WCH) and the IBU Cup Biathlon (incl. OECH) plus the YJWCH.

To ensure the best possible season for all IBU NFs and by taking into account all possible COVID19 developments (e.g. the possibility that several NFs or even top athletes cannot take part at a certain number of events) the IBU Executive

Board is of the opinion that the changes mentioned above are without any alternative.

Note: The IOC has requested all International Federations (IFs) to amend their Qualification Rules for the OWG 2022 in such way that all NFs/NOCs will have an equal chance for qualification independently from the fact if they will be blocked by the COVID19 situation from participation in season 2020/21. The amended and IOC approved Qualification Rules will be transmitted to all NOCs by the IOC asap and then also shared from IBU with all NFs.