



## **IBU Development Support 2021/2022**

**April 2021**

### **IBU Regional Events (Guidelines)**

#### **Mission**

Increase the visibility of events and athletes across the world (Target26)

#### **Goal**

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

#### **Goal 2021/22**

Considering the situation with COVID-19, ensuring the necessary level of biathlon competitions to keep young people engaged in the 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 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 500 000 EUR. This budget includes organisation and travel contribution to participating NFs.

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

The NF/OC that represents the Region's interest should present the future-oriented long-term activities in the application form. The IBU recommends limiting the number of applications from one Region to one application, but in specific cases, more than one application per Region is acceptable.

In season 2021/2022, 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 **10 000 EUR**. The duration of the project is from the 1st of July 2021 to the 30th of March 2022.

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

Participation of a minimum of three NFs in one IBU Regional Event is required<sup>1</sup>. 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 from other IBU Region. In that case,

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WEST EUROPE	EUROPE	CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE	NORTH EUROPE	SOUTH EUROPE
Alpen Cup		Central-East Europe Cup	Baltic Cup	Balkan Cup
AUT   ITA   GER SLO   SUI   LIE FRA	FRA**   ESP   NED BEL   GBR   IRL AND*	POL   CZE   SVK UKR   HUN   BLR	FIN   SWE   NOR DEN   GRL   EST LAT   LTU   ISL*	CRO   BIH   GRE BUL   SRB   ROU MLD   TUR   MKD CYP
EURO-ASIA	ASIA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	OCEANIA
RUS*   KAZ   UZB GEO   ARM   KGZ MGL   BLR** CHN**	CHN   JPN   KOR IND   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

<sup>1</sup> This rule does not apply to North America and Oceania IBU Region



the NFs outside the IBU Region will be not supported with travel contributions<sup>2</sup>. 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, voluntary work<sup>3</sup> could not exceed 50% of NF/OC contribution. If the applicant reduces the budget during project execution, the IBU contribution may be reduced due to the 50% rule.
  - 3.2. The IBU financial support can be spent on:
    - 1) Timing
    - 2) Referees
    - 3) Venue preparation costs
    - 4) Provision of unified-wax skis preparation for participants
    - 5) Medical assistance and COVID-19 preventative measures
    - 6) Insurance
    - 7) Other costs specified by organisers and approved by IBU
    - 8) Promotion and popularisation of the project (digital and print materials, award ceremony back wall, speaker/commentator, etc.)
  - 3.3. 50% of the financial support will be transferred after the project has been approved, and the other 50% will be transferred after the project report has been accepted.
4. The programme includes partial support for participants.

The IBU contributes the travel costs 100 EUR per youth and junior athlete per event, but the maximum contribution is 2500 EUR per participating NF. The travel contribution based on competition results and will be transferred by IBU to participating NFs.

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

The competition program requires participation in a minimum of two age classes per gender. Senior classes are not considered within those two classes. However, the competitions for seniors may be included in the program<sup>4</sup>. The National Cup competition can be a part of the IBU Regional Event after

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<sup>2</sup> In case of COVID-19 travelling restrictions, the NFs which can't take part in their IBU Regional Event series might be supported with travel contribution for participation at other regional events after IBU approval

<sup>3</sup> The value of donated services and volunteer contribution should be calculated on the basis of the type of services and price list

<sup>4</sup> Due to COVID-19, the maximum number of participants, might be limited according to IBU event guidelines and national regulations



the agreement of participating NFs. In that case, all official regional participants start first, and IBU should agree on that.

6. The competitions follow IBU rules and guideline for Regional Events.

For juniors and youths categories, the IBU classes and competition specification rules apply. For younger categories, the regional rules are possible to adopt and should be included in the application form. In special 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.

7. Athletes and coaches registration.

The NFs take responsibility for entered athletes.

8. The project supports unified waxing system

IBU supports the unified waxing systems and covers the provision of participants ski preparation.

9. Application

The applications have to be submitted online in the IBU Scope no later than the 11th of June for summer and winter events organised from the 1st of July to the 30th of September and no later than the 15th of September for events organised from 01st of October to 30th of March. The application should be submitted by the regional event project coordinator/leader who represents the IBU Region. The applications will be analysed by the DD, S&E, and TC members and communicated to the EB according to the following criteria:

- 1) Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme
- 2) Feasibility of the activities
- 3) Budget consistency

Following the analysis and approval, the Development Department will inform the regional event projects coordinator, the appropriate NF/OC about the project's acceptance, the maximum budget, and the budget distribution. The agreements will be signed separately with each organiser.

10. Promotion and popularisation

The invitation should include the official event name (IBU Regional Event+regional event name+season+venue ex. IBU Regional Event, Alpen Cup, 2021/2022 Pokljuka) and the IBU logo. The event's name with the IBU logo should be visible at the results, certificates and during the medal/flowers ceremonies on the back wall and/or victory podium. The IBU will provide an event composite logo, a template for the layouts for print materials. All the information published in media should include the full name of the competition and connection to the IBU social media.



## 11. 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, photos, etc. The reports with financial statements should be sent no later than 30 days after the project's end. The IBU has the right to publish the reports and results on the IBU website. Only the OCs and NFs who will finalise the project can apply for the next IBU Regional Event support.

12. IBU reserves the right for announced/unannounced visits to check the project implementation. In case of misused support, the IBU might decide to suspend the respective NF from any development support for a certain time.