

BIATHLON

Biathlon is divided into two separate but distinctive seasonal competitions, Biathlon and Summer Biathlon.

The sport of Biathlon has its roots in early Scandinavian hunting competitions and in winter military action. Biathlon has been an Olympic event since the 1960 games in Squaw Valley, California.

Biathlon consists of cross country skiing, while carrying a .22 caliber rifle, stopping at prescribed points in a race to shoot at small metal knockdown targets, 50 meters away. Missed targets result in time or distance penalties.

Summer Biathlon involves running (without carrying a rifle) on a set course, arriving at a range where a .22 caliber rifle is picked up and used to shoot at targets 50 meters away. Missed shots result in time/distance penalties.

Summer Biathlon developed as an off season training regimen for winter racers, but quickly evolved into its own, with National and World Cup events.

THE WBA

The **WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION** (WBA) is a non-profit (501c3) organization formed to develop the sports of Biathlon and Summer Biathlon within the state of Washington. The Association was established in 1987 and is registered with the State of Washington and the United States Biathlon Association (USBA). The USBA is the national governing body for the Olympic and World

Cup sport of Winter Biathlon and the rapidly growing sport of Summer Biathlon. Additional information regarding the USBA can be found at www.usbiathlon.org.

WBA Vision

The Washington Biathlon Association is dedicated to enhancing the sport of Biathlon by conducting summer and winter Biathlon races, the development of athletes and officials, and promoting the sport of Biathlon in the State of Washington. In addition, the Association is committed to supporting the United States Biathlon Association's (USBA) efforts, in furtherance of Biathlon as an Olympic sport.

WBA Events

Biathlon races have been held at Stevens Pass Nordic Center since 1991. During that time, the first ever Nor-am Cup event west of the Mississippi was held in 1995.

Summer Biathlon races are typically held at the Seattle Police Athletic Association facility south of Seattle. The races draw competitors from the Pacific Northwest and beyond and have been highly rated by competitors and USBA officials.

For the winter season, races and clinics are typically scheduled in January, February, and March at the Stevens Pass Nordic Center. Dates, times, and places are published at www.wabiathlon.org.

WBA Membership

Your WBA membership will ensure that the sport of Biathlon will continue to grow within

the state of Washington. Additionally you will receive email updates and be able to participate in club training events. To become a member, fill out the attached Membership application and mail to:

Washington Biathlon Association
PO Box 1716
Issaquah, WA 98027-1716

All Memberships must be approved by the WBA Board of Directors and may be subject to a background check.

For more information visit
www.wabiathlon.org

VOLUNTEERS

The WBA is a volunteer driven organization. For volunteer opportunities, please contact a member of the board of directors. Contact information can be found at the association web site: www.wabiathlon.org

Washington Biathlon Association Membership Application

NAME (s) _____ DOB/AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

USBA # _____ Date of USBA Rifle Safety Cert. _____

Membership Dues

Junior Membership (20 and under) \$15.00

Individual Membership \$25.00

Family Membership \$40.00

Indiv. Life Membership See Below

Biathlon Target Fund Donation _____

Biathlon (Jr/Sr. Athlete) Dev. _____

Donations may be tax deductible, check with your tax adviser

Please make checks payable to:

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WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION

Release of Liability

I recognize that Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Running and Rifle marksmanship can be hazardous sports. I acknowledge there are risks and hazards associated with involvement of the Washington Biathlon Association. The risks can include, but are not limited to, damage to property, physical injury and death. I state that I am, and those minors that I sign for are in proper physical condition to participate in strenuous activity. I acknowledge and accept the risks associated with shooting, skiing and running and I agree to release and hold harmless all members, organizers, sponsors and officers of the Washington Biathlon Association and all members of the staff any venue sites involved in biathlon training, practice, or competition from any liability for any and all accidents or injuries of whatever nature, connected to or arising from or coming to or from any association function, workout or other event. I recognize that Biathlon involves the use of firearms and I certify that I am not disabled or barred from using or possessing firearms by any state or federal law or by ruling of any court.

ALL Memberships must be approved by the WBA Board of Directors, and may be subject to a background check. WBA Members are eligible to apply for an Individual Life Membership (\$250.00) after being a WBA Member for two consecutive years. Life Membership applications must be approved by the WBA Board of Directors. All WBA Members are expected to represent the sport of Biathlon in a professional manner consistent with WBA By-laws, and guidelines set forth by the USBA and International Biathlon Union (IBU).

A parent or legal guardian must sign the release of liability for all members under the age of eighteen years of age

Signed _____ Date _____

For (minor under eighteen) name(s) _____

The membership year is November 1 through October 31.

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