



US Biathlon National Championships
24-28 March 2021
Rendezvous Ski Trails
West Yellowstone, Montana USA

The West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and US Biathlon Association Invite you to
attend the United States Biathlon National Championships and North American
Championships
Sprint -- Pursuit -- Super Sprint

IBU categories:
Men, Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women,
USBA Categories:
U15 Men/Women, U17 Men/Women, Masters Men/Women

International Paralympic Categories:
Standing, Sit Ski, Visually Impaired

Hosted by: West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation
At Rendezvous Ski Trails
100 South Geyser Street West Yellowstone, MT 59758 USA
Event Website: www.skirunbikemt.com
Registration Site: www.skireg.com

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The West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation welcomes you to the Rendezvous Ski Trails for the US Biathlon National on 24-28 March, 2021. The organizing committee is looking forward to hosting an excellent competition and athletes from across North America are encouraged to attend this event.

Teams and individuals are welcome to enjoy the typically plentiful snow on the trails at this time of the season, both before and after the event. Ski passes are required on the trails at all times and may be purchased at the Trailhead(cash only), the West Yellowstone Visitors Center, or Freeheel and Wheel, our local ski shop.

Daily Range Fees are included for Official Training and Race Days. Payment of Range Fees for all other days is required and may be done through www.skireg.com:
<https://www.skireg.com/rendezvous-ski-trails-biathlon-range-training-registration>

Scheduling of Range use outside of the event schedule in this Invitation is required and may be done by contacting Marc Sheppard.

Registration for this event will be available soon at www.skireg.com.

Please note that specific Covid-19 protocols will be in place for this event. Please review these carefully and confirm that you can comply before registering for the event.

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Organizing Committee:

Chair/Chief of Competition	Marc Sheppard
Race Secretary	TBD
Chief of Range	Bob Hayes
Chief of Course	Drew Barney
Chief of Stadium	Jack Hart
Chief of Timing	Sports Stats Timing
Chief of Scoring	Peggy Lynn
Chief of Logistics	David Gregory
Chief of Volunteers	TBD
TD	Julia Collins
IR-Range	Sara Studebaker
IR-Course/Stadium	TBD

Questions should be directed to Marc Sheppard altiusguns@gmail.com 406-646-9222

Eligibility to Compete: Competitors must be prepared to show a membership card or otherwise demonstrate proof of Biathlon Canada or USBA membership for the current year as part of the event registration and entry process.

Citizenship and Residency (as per IBU constitution): The IBU Rules with respect to the Nationality of Athletes will be used to determine any question of eligibility, for reasons of citizenship, of any athlete entered into a competition that is conducted under this Invitation. There are no residency restrictions for this event.

Competition Ability: Any Competitor registering for this event tacitly guarantees that they are fully able to compete at the level/category for which they are registered.

Category Definitions:

IBU: Includes Youth, Junior, Men, Women Categories as defined by the IBU. Competitors must be USBA Red Book certified (or Biathlon Canada equivalent). Rifles are carried in competition, all shooting per IBU rule book.

USBA: Includes U15, U17, and Masters categories.

U15 competitors shoot Prone only, on standard Prone Targets.

U17 competitors shoot Prone/Standing, on standard Prone and Standing Targets.

NOTE: U15/U17 Range Procedure TBD due to Covid-19 Protocols

Masters competitors shoot Prone/Standing, on standard Prone and Standing Targets. Rifles carried on course.

IPC: Per IPC rules or as specified by US Paralympics.

Non-Resident Firearms Declaration Process: Competitors from outside of the USA must have authorization to bring their rifles into the USA. They must have an approved USATF FORM 6 NIA **PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE USA**. Processing of this permit may take 30 days or more. Information on this process can be found here: <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/form/form-6nia-applicationpermit-temporary-importation-firearms-and-ammunition>. This process does require an invitation for which you may use the cover letter of this document or request an invitation by name by emailing Marc Sheppard altiusguns@gmail.com.

Ammunition, Rifles, and Accessories: A complete selection of Biathlon rifles, parts, accessories, and ammunition is available at Altius Handcrafted Firearms in West Yellowstone. 611 Parkway B. www.altiusguns.com. 406-646-9222.

Registration: Registration will be ON LINE ONLY on SKIREG.COM. Payment must be made using a credit card (Visa or Master Card). Online charges will apply. **On-line registration CLOSES on Sunday March 21. No Registration will be taken on site.**

NOTE THAT ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT VIA SKIREG.COM. ALL USA COACHES MUST BE SAFESPORT CERTIFIED

Entry Fees:

One Competition \$35

Two Competitions \$70

Three Competitions \$125 (includes 4-day ski pass)

Cancellation Policy in Effect: If the total event is cancelled on or before 24 March, a 50% refund of registration fees will be given. If any portion of the event is cancelled after 24 March, no refund of registration fees will be given.

Ski Passes:

Ski passes are required for all skiers on the Rendezvous Ski Trails.

A Ski Pass is included in your registration for each day of competition

Competitors registering for all 3 competitions will receive a ski pass to cover 4 days as part of their registration.

Range Passes:

A daily range pass is included for each day of competition. Competitors registering for all 3 competitions will receive a range pass to cover 4 days as part of their registration.

Competitions:

Sprint

Sprint per IBU rules. Interval Start with random draw within categories. Distance and Penalty per Table below.

Pursuit

Pursuit format. Interval Start with random draw within categories. Distance and Penalty per Table below.

Super Sprint Qualifier Only

Super Sprint per IBU rules, modified as follows. Qualifier only. Interval Start. Distance and Penalty per Table below.

Note that Categories may be combined for the Super Sprint, depending on numbers of competitors per category.

Awards:

US Biathlon National Championships Awards will be presented to the top 3 USA competitors in each category, including USBA, IBU, and IPC.

Presentation format of awards is TBD, pending Covid-19 restrictions at the time of the event.

Competition Office and Team Captains Meetings:

Competition Office will be located at the West Yellowstone Visitors Center, 30 Yellowstone Avenue.
Team Captains Meetings will be virtual (via Zoom). Links will be sent to all registered athletes and coaches.

Wax Rooms: This venue does not have wax rooms. Please confirm the availability of a ski preparation area when you book your accommodations. See Waxing Protocol below.

Waxing Protocol:

All racers in the IBU Youth, Junior, and Senior categories will be subject to the Waxing Protocol. Coaches/Athletes should be prepared to wax their own skis with wax designated and provided by USBA. Full details of the protocol will be made available prior to Official Training.

Timing:

Timing and results will be by Sportstats. Live timing will be available at www.sportstats.us.

Range:

In the interest of the safety of those working on the range, please remove all personal belongings including skis from the range at the end of Zero. Any items left on the range will be removed prior to the start of the competition.

Course Maps:

Course maps are available at <http://www.skirunbikemt.com/biathlon1.html> . Any changes will be detailed at the Team Captains Meetings.

Venue Information:

The Rendezvous Ski Trails Range and Stadium include 22 lanes with mechanical targets, Timing and Warming Cabins, and a permanent Vault Toilet. For this event additional toilets to accommodate expected participants will be made available. Power is available at the Stadium. A wax testing area is adjacent to the Stadium. Access to the Stadium will be via skiing from the Trailhead in West Yellowstone (South end of Geyser Street). It is approximately 1.5km from the Trailhead to the Stadium. A shuttle service for non-skiing coaches and volunteers will be available. Transport of Team gear will also be available.

Covid-19 Note: Warming Cabins will NOT be available during this event

In addition to the developed Stadium area, the Rendezvous Ski Trails include approximately 35km of trails with skate and classic grooming.

Event Schedule

Full Event Schedule details will be available prior to the event and will be determined in part by current Covid-19 restrictions

Sunday 20 March

1700 – Online Registration Closes-NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN ON SITE

Wednesday 24 March

Unofficial Training-Scheduling TBD. Range Fee required.

1600-1800 Competition Office Open* for Registration Corrections only. No Check-in required.

1800 – Team Captains Meeting 1 - Team Captains Meetings will be via ZOOM.

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Thursday 25 March

Official Training-Scheduling TBD.

1600-1700 Competition Office Open for Competitor/Team Check-in

1700 Team Captains Meeting 2 - Team Captains Meetings will be via ZOOM.

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Friday 26 March

Sprint – All Categories-Scheduling TBD.

IPC start after Completion of IBU Categories

Range Closed after Event

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Saturday 27 March

Pursuit – IBU/USBA Categories(U15 -> Masters) -Scheduling TBD.

IPC Sprint start after Completion of IBU Categories

Range Closed after Event

Trails Closed at Sundown. No Night Skiing!

Sunday 28 March

Super Sprint – IBU/USBA Categories only (U15 -> Masters) -Scheduling TBD.

IMPORTANT!!

Covid-19 Protocols

USBA requires a negative Covid-19 test for all athletes and coaches within 72 hours of the first race. Additional information regarding this protocol will be provided by USBA

Protocols in addition to those listed below are likely and will be announced in advance of the event

Special Covid-19 related protocols apply to this event. If you cannot comply with these protocols please do not register for this event.

Surgical type masks (N95 or similar) are required in the stadium area unless you are moving on your skis or actively shooting. This applies to all Athletes, Coaches, and Volunteers. A buff is not an acceptable substitute.

ONLY athletes, USBA registered Coaches, and Volunteers are permitted in the stadium area. No spectators please.

If you (or any of your household members) are experiencing any of the following symptoms on race day, DO NOT come to the venue:

- (1) Has a current pending COVID-19 test prompted by symptoms.
- (2) Has received a positive COVID-19 test result within the past 14 days.
- (3) Was in close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- (4) Has (or had in the past 14 days) any of the following symptoms:
 - (a) Fever
 - (b) Sore throat
 - (c) Cough
 - (d) Nasal congestion or runny nose
 - (e) Muscle or body aches
 - (f) Loss of taste or sense of smell
 - (g) Shortness of breath
- (5) Has (or had in the past 14 days) any 2 of the following symptoms:

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- (a) Headache
- (b) Nausea and/or vomiting
- (c) Diarrhea
- (d) Fatigue

Athletes MAY NOT enter the Stadium until 10 minutes prior to their assigned Zero time.

Athletes MUST remove all equipment from the Stadium prior to their Race Start.

Athletes MUST exit the Stadium area as quickly as possible following the finish of their race.

Athletes in start/finish area:

- (a) Must wear masks until in the start gate (up to 30 seconds before start)
- (b) Athletes will be spaced at least 6 feet apart in the start lane
- (c) All starts will be individual (no mass starts)
- (d) Only 10 athletes will be allowed in the starting pen at any given time
- (e) Must wear masks immediately after finishing – disposable masks will be provided in the finish area

Table of Classes and Competitions⁺⁺

Category	Class	Year of Birth	Friday SPRINT	Saturday PURSUIT FORMAT	Sunday SUPER SPRINT QUALIFIER <i>ONLY</i>
USBA	U15 Women	2006-2007	4.5km*	5km, *	3x1km*
USBA	U15 Men	2006-2007	4.5km*	5km, *	3x1km*
USBA	U17 Women	2004-2005	4.5km*	5km, *	3x1km*
USBA	U17 Men	2004-2005	6km*	7.5km*	3x1km*
IBU	Youth Women	2002-2005	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
IBU	Youth Men	2002-2005	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
IBU	Junior Women	1999-2001	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
IBU	Junior Men	1999-2001	10km	12.5km	5x1km*
IBU	Men	1998 & Earlier	10km	12.5km	5x1km*
IBU	Women	1998 & Earlier	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
USBA	Master Men	1981-1990	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
USBA	Master Wmn	1981-1990	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Mast Men	1971-1980	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Mst Wmn	1971-1980	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
USBA	Veteran Men	1961-1970	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
USBA	Veteran Wmn	1961-1970	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Vet Men	1951-1960	7.5km	10km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Vet Wmn	1951-1960	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Vet II Men	1950 & Earlier	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
USBA	Sen Vet II Wm	1950 & Earlier	6km	7.5km	5x1km*
Paralympic	Stand Women		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Sit Women		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT
Paralympic	VIS IMP Wmn		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Stand Men		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT
Paralympic	Sit Men		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT
Paralympic	VIS IMP Men		4.5km*	4.5km*	NO EVENT

*75m Penalty Loops

⁺⁺Schedule and classes may change due to weather conditions and number of competitors. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the event schedule as needed. Every effort will be made to alert participants of changes through the WYSEF Website www.skirunbikemt.com and via direct contact. All notices will be posted at the Trailhead.

Travel to West Yellowstone:

International airports in Bozeman (1.5 hour drive), Idaho Falls (2 hour drive), and Salt Lake City (5 hour drive) are the closest arrival points for air travel.

Accommodations:

West Yellowstone offers a wide variety of hotels, condos, suites, vacation rentals, and B&Bs. Visit <https://www.destinationyellowstone.com/sleep/>, or other online booking agents to see the local hotels and amenities available.