





US Biathlon Youth & Junior World Championship &

Jr. IBU Cup, Junior Open European Championship

&

World University Games Team USA Trials

Anchorage, Alaska

27-31 December 2022

WELCOME

The Alaska Biathlon Association and the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage are pleased to present the US Youth and Junior World Championship (YJWCH), Jr. IBU/Junior Open European Championship (JOECH), and World University Games (WUG) Team Trials 27-31 December 2022. We are excited to welcome these trials back in the state of Alaska.

These race trials will select the best biathletes to represent Team USA at the <u>Youth Junior World Championship in Schuchinsk, Kazakhstan</u>, the Jr. IBU Cup/JOECH in <u>Latvia</u> and <u>Estonia</u>, and the <u>World University Games</u> in Lake Placid, New York.

RACES

Two Sprints and one Pursuit competition will be run for Youth and Junior women/men race classes and WUG biathletes. An Open race to include Masters, U15 and U13 classes will also be held on December 28 & 29. WUG biathletes will race in the Youth and Junior women/men race classes.

For all classes, the Pursuit race will be conducted with a 5 second interval start, with starting order determined by the previous day's Sprint competition result. Athletes who did not take part in the Sprint will be drawn randomly to determine starting order after the last qualified competitor in a given class. Results will be normalized for awards and qualification points.

Race format/ racer category	Sprint	Pursuit	Sprint	
Date	Wed, 28 Dec 22	Thu, 29 Dec 22	Sat, 31 Dec 22	
Junior & Youth, WUG Men,	10 km	10 km	7.5 km	
Junior & Youth, WUG Women	7.5 km	10 km	6 km	
Open	4.5 km	5 km	no race	

REGISTRATION & FEES

Race Registration

Biathletes, coaches and banquet attendees register at Zone4. The entry fee is \$120 for three races (including official training days and banquet). Individual race entry fee is \$45/race. The open race is \$40 per race. A late fee of \$10 per race is implemented after 1 December 2022. In the event of a change of venue due to poor conditions, race fees will be transferred to the new host venue (minus pre-committed funds).







Unofficial Training.

Range fees for unofficial training is \$15/day and may be purchased on the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage registration site. There are no ski trail fees.

Banquet.

Coaches and non-racers banquet fees are \$25/person if registered online by 1 December 2022. Late banquet tickets are \$35/person if purchased after 1 December 2022.

RULES

International Biathlon Union Event and Competition Rules

IBU rules are in effect for this event, except as specifically modified by the Organizing Committee or Competition Jury. Any modifications to the rules will be noted at the Team Captains meeting. The organizing committee reserves the right to modify the parameters of the event based upon local conditions such as weather and trail availability.

Wax Protocol

All Youth/Junior men and women will adhere to USBA's wax protocol policy. In addition, those looking to qualify for WUG will also need to participate in the wax protocol. Open race category will wax their own skis. See link above for the full policy.

In summary:

- Athletes will deliver one pair of scraped skis, with their name clearly marked, to the designated wax room, no later than one hour after official training the day before the race.
- Race skis will be checked in and marked by U.S. Biathlon.
- All skis will receive the same wax.
- On race day—Skis will be delivered to the start of the race 10 minutes before the start. Race skis must stay in the start pen.







SafeSport

All coaches must register online and hold CURRENT USBA Coach/Official or Competitor/Coach memberships. All coaches must be current with their SafeSport training and background checks, or they will not be given credentials. The <u>USBA Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention</u>
<u>Policies (MAAPP)</u> are in effect.

Covid-19 Safety Guidance

All Covid-19 guidance for athletes, coaches, and spectators will be communicated as the event nears. Alaska Biathlon Association and US Biathlon are committed to keeping all participants safe, while continuing to run fair events for all.

Race Selection & Categories

Point lists will be calculated off of the best 2 of 3 results for each athlete using the USBA percent-back system. The point base will include only American athletes. Youth and junior athletes will be scored together. Two lists will be created for each gender: the Primary List will include both youth and junior athletes, while the Youth List will include only youth athletes. See link above for details.

- Juniors women & men (born 2003, 2002 and 2001)
 Team size: up to 4 athletes per gender
- Youth women & men (born 2004 through 2007)
 Team size: up to 4 athletes per gender
- WUG competing athletes will race the Youth/Jr race distances
- Open race classes: U13, U15, women/men and masters

LODGING, TRAVEL & DINING

Housing: There are several hotels in Anchorage, as well as VRBO and AirBnB options. We have secured a block of room at the <u>Comfort Suites</u> (2919 W. International Airport Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502, PH: (907) 243-8080), **must be booked by 14 November for group rate.** All rooms are set up with a large sofa that turns into a full-size pull-out bed, writing desk, microwave, and mini refrigerator. Included is a shuttle to and from Ted Stevens International Airport, Hi-speed Wi-Fi, and complimentary HOT breakfast.

Anchorage is served by Ted Steven International Airport with connections across North America. <u>Alaska Airlines</u> is offering a flight discount code for these race trials. Enter discount code **ECME370** when making reservations at <u>alaskaair.com</u>.





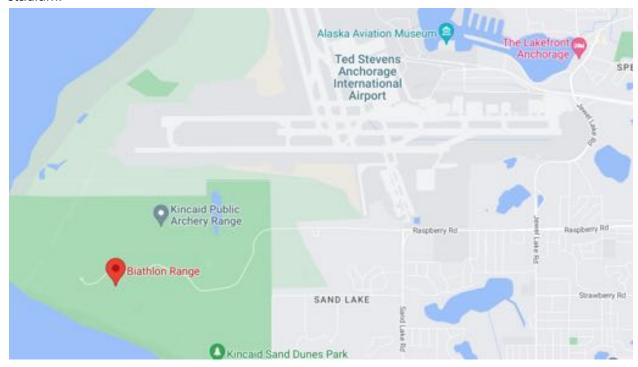


BANQUET & AWARDS

We are hopeful that we will be able to host a banquet this year. All participants, teams and families are welcome to join, athlete banquet tickets are included in race fees, coaches and family members will need to purchase additional tickets during registrations on Zone4. Awards for the first 2 races will be handed out during the banquet. Awards for the final race will be given out immediately following the conclusion of the last race.

LOCATION

The Kincaid Park Biathlon Range is only a 15 minute drive from the Anchorage International Airport, located at 9401 Raspberry Rd, Anchorage, AK 99502. Park at the lower parking lot (before the chalet parking lot) and walk across Raspberry Road to the biathlon range. Or park at the upper parking lot and ski into the Nordic stadium and under the tunnel to the biathlon stadium.









EVENT SCHEDULE

	TIME,	TIME,			
DATE	START	END	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
Mon, 26 Dec	11:00	15:00	race check in Kincaid Park Chalet		
	11:00	14:00	unofficial training	official training Kincaid Park Biathlon	
Tue, 27 Dec	11:00	14:00	race check in Kincaid Park Chalet		
	11:00	14:00	official training	Kincaid Park Biathlon	
	17:00	18:00	coach meeting	tbd	
Wed, 28 Dec					
	10:45	11:35	equipment check	Kincaid Park Biathlon	trigger check
	11:00	11:45	zero	Kincaid Park Biathlon	all race classes
	12:00	13:00	sprint races	Kincaid Biathlon Range	P, S,
Thu, 29 Dec					
	10:45	11:35	equipment check	Kincaid Park Biathlon	trigger check
	11:00	11:45	zero		all race classes
	12:00	13:30	pursuit race	Kincaid Park Biathlon	P, P, S, S
	18:00	20:00	banquet	ChangePoint Alaska	awards #1 & #2
Fri, 30 Dec					
	11:00	14:00	official training	Kincaid Park Biathlon	
Sat, 31 Dec					
	10:45	11:35	equipment check	Kincaid Park Biathlon	trigger check
	11:00	11:45	zero	Kincaid Park Biathlon	all race classes
	12:00	13:00	sprint race	Kincaid Park Biathlon	P, S,
	13:20	13:40	awards	Kincaid Park Wax Bunker	







CLIMATE & SUNRISE/SUNSET DATA

Day/Mean	High°C	Low°C	Prec/mo cm	Snow/mo cm	Sunrise	Sunset
26 Dec 2022	-4.3	-10.9	2.4	36.3	10:15	15:45
27 Dec 2022	-4.3	-11.0	2.5	37.6	10:15	15:46
28 Dec 2022	-4.3	-11.1	2.6	38.9	10:14	15:47
29 Dec 2022	-4.4	-11.1	2.7	39.9	10:14	15:48
30 Dec 2022	-4.4	-11.2	2.7	41.1	10:14	15:50
31 Dec 2022	-4.5	-11.2	2.8	42.4	10:13	15:51

Longitude -150.05 dec. degr. Latitude 61.15 dec. degr. Altitude - Elevation 29.9 m

Qualification Information

Qualification criteria can be found on the <u>USBA website</u>. Athletes intending to qualify for World University Games must fill out <u>this form</u> and upload this <u>proof of academic eligibility</u>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further race information, contact: alaskabiathlonassociation@gmail.com.





