



BIATHLON ALBERTA TRY-OUT MEMBERSHIP

TRY-OUT MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$15 per day

(A maximum of 2 day memberships may be purchased per person, per season.)

Date: _____

Event: _____

Name: _____

Club: _____

Category: _____

Email address: _____

Street address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Birth date: _____

BIATHLON ALBERTA INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

**By signing this document you will assume certain risks. Please read carefully.
Clarify any questions or concerns with Biathlon Alberta before signing it.**

1. This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the sport of biathlon and the programs, activities and events of Biathlon Alberta which include biathlon competitions, camps and clinics; and, more specifically cross-country skiing, cycling, cross-country and track running, air rifle and small-bore shooting, the Parties, being the Participant and/or the Parent/Guardian of the Participant, acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

Description of Risks

2. The Participant is participating voluntarily in the sport of biathlon and the activities, events and programs of Biathlon Alberta. In consideration of the Participant's participation in the sport of biathlon and the programs, activities and events of Biathlon Alberta, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the sport of biathlon and any such programs, activities and events of Biathlon Alberta and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Dryland training including strength training, running, hiking, and cycling;
- b) Overusing, exerting and stretching various muscle groups and strenuous cardiovascular workouts;
- c) Vigorous physical exertion, rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
- d) Falling to the ground due to slips, trips or uneven, slippery or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- e) Contact, colliding or being struck by skis, ski poles, rifles, equipment, trees, other individuals or other fixed objects;

- f) Failing to participate within one's abilities, skill and within designated areas;
- g) Becoming lost or separated from the group or the group becoming split up;
- h) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- i) Improper storage, carriage or use of rifles;
- j) Extreme weather conditions which may result in frostbite, snowstorms, sunstroke or lightning strikes;
- k) Encounters with animals or plants including allergic reactions;
- l) Travel to and from training, competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Biathlon Alberta's activities; or
- m) Other risks normally associated with participation in the activity and environment of biathlon.

3. Furthermore, the Parties are aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe, paralyzing and fatal;
- b) That the Participant may experience anxiety or embarrassment while challenging themselves during the activities, events and programs of Biathlon Alberta;
- c) That the risk of injury is reduced if the Participant follows all rules established for participation, and;
- d) That the risk of injury increases as the Participant becomes fatigued.

The Parties have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 – 3.

Disclaimer

4. In consideration of Biathlon Alberta allowing the Participant to participate, the Parties agree that Biathlon Alberta and its respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by the Participant during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of Biathlon Alberta, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of Biathlon Alberta described herein.

Acknowledgement

5. The Parties acknowledge that:

- a) The Participant's physical condition is sufficient to allow participation in the sport of biathlon and the activities, events and programs of Biathlon Alberta.
- b) The rights to obtain as much information as required about Biathlon Alberta programs, activities and events and the associated risks and hazards have been provided to the Parties by Biathlon Alberta.
- c) They have read this agreement understand it, have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon the Parties, their heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

The Parties have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 4 – 5.

Agreement

By checking the "Parties Agree" icon, the Parties agree to execute this agreement voluntarily and to be bound by this Legal Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE

Applicant signature

Date

Legal Guardian signature

Date

**legal guardian name and signature required for athletes under the age of 18*

CONSENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO RELEASE

1. I, the Participant and/or Parent/Guardian, authorize Biathlon Alberta to collect and use personal information about me or my child/ward for the purpose of participation and registration within the sport of biathlon, receiving communications, newsletters and promotions, and posting articles of interest, rosters, statistics, images and results on the Biathlon Alberta website.
2. Furthermore, I, the Participant and/or Parent/Guardian, grant permission to Biathlon Alberta to photograph and/or record me or my child/ward's image and/or voice on still or motion picture film and/or audio tape, and to use this material to promote Biathlon Alberta through the media of newsletters, websites, television, film, radio, print and/or display form. I understand that the audio/visual material and copyright will remain the sole property of Biathlon Alberta and I waive any claim to remuneration for use of audio/visual materials used for these purposes.
3. I understand that I may withdraw such consent at any time by contacting the Biathlon Alberta's Privacy Officer at 403.202.6548.
The Privacy Officer will advise the implications of such withdrawal.

We do not sell or distribute your personal information to any other third party not listed herein.

- I, the Participant and/or Parent/Guardian, have read and AGREE to be bound by paragraphs 1 – 3.***

Applicant signature

Date

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BIATHLON ALBERTA RANGE SAFETY RULES

Treat all rifles as if they are loaded. Whenever you handle a rifle:

- Point it in a safe direction;
- Open the action to determine for yourself that it is not loaded;
- Only put your finger on the trigger when you are ready to fire.

- 1) Each individual athlete is responsible for the safe handling of his/her rifle.
- 2) All users of biathlon ranges in Alberta must be members of a provincial/territorial or national biathlon association.
- 3) All users must be lawfully entitled to possess the rifle in use. The use of a rifle by any other person is subject to direct and immediate supervision by a person lawfully entitled to possess the rifle. This is particularly important for athletes new to the sport and the younger athletes. During a competition, the Chief of Range (or any other Biathlon Official) is not responsible for said supervision.
- 4) A biathlon range safety officer, responsible for opening and closing the range and for enforcing all safety rules, must be present when the range is in operation. During biathlon competitions, the Chief of Range, or his/her designate, is the range safety officer. During training periods, one of the people using the range (with the appropriate credentials) must be appointed the range safety officer.
- 5) Red and green safety flags, under the control of the range safety officer, must be used when the range is being operated. The red flag indicates that the range is open for shooting. The green flag indicates that the range is closed to shooting. The green flag must be prominently displayed when it is necessary to step in front of the firing line to change paper targets, etc. When the range is closed, all rifles must be unloaded. When the range is

closed during training, users must step well away from any unloaded rifles on the firing line. Regardless of the flag in place, it is imperative that all users of the range be safety conscious.

- 6) The use of red and green flags or any public address announcements does not override the verbal commands of the range safety officer.
- 7) When transporting a rifle to and from the firing line, the unloaded rifle must be pointed upward and have the bolt open. When preparing to load and shoot the rifle, the rifle must be pointed down range in the direction of the target. Inserting the magazine into the rifle is considered to be part of the loading procedure.
- 8) Only shoot at the appropriate target, either metal or paper. Do not intentionally shoot at the paddles, target setting indicators, etc. Only air rifles or rifles which use .22 cal LR rim fire ammunition (standard or target, not high velocity) may be used.
- 9) Under no circumstances may a loaded rifle be left unattended. For those biathletes not required to carry a rifle in competition, the bolt must be open and the clip removed before the biathlete leaves the firing line after completing shooting. When not in use, unloaded rifles must be placed in a rifle rack with the bolt open and the clip removed. Rifles may not be left unsupervised.
- 10) For Senior Boy and Senior Girl competitors who do not carry a rifle in competition, the rifle must be picked up from an entrance rack prior to entering the range and placed in an exit rack after shooting. Rifles in these racks must be left with bolt open and clip removed. When the rifle is in transit between the entrance rack and the firing point prior to shooting and between the firing point and the exit rack after shooting, the bolt must be open and the clip removed.
- 11) Any unsafe handling of a rifle will not be tolerated. In such a case, the range safety officer has the power to immediately suspend range use privileges for the offender. Any such action is to be reported (by the range safety officer) as soon as possible to the management of the local range and to the executive of Biathlon Alberta for further appropriate action that may result in criminal proceedings.

Biathlon Alberta range safety rules include all International Biathlon Union (IBU) safety regulations, mostly sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the IBU "Event and Competition Rules, 2006 edition", and all Canadian firearm safety regulations (currently summarized in the "Canadian Firearm Safety Course Handbook"). In addition, all local procedures for use of biathlon ranges in Alberta (such things as sign-in / sign-out procedures, reporting of damaged or malfunctioning equipment, etc.) must be adhered to. (In the case of conflict of any of these regulations, the more stringent shall apply.) It is the responsibility of all users of biathlon ranges in Alberta to be aware of and adhere to these rules.

I have read and agree to the Biathlon Alberta Range Safety Rules: *(please check box)*

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