



ODLUM BROWN

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INVITATION

IBU Regional Event



Western Canadian Championships & Odlum Brown BC Cup #2

January 23-26, 2025

Whistler Olympic Park
British Columbia, Canada



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2. Competition Information

2.1. Competition Venue

Whistler Olympic Park hosted the Nordic events for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The biathlon stadium features 30 electronic HoRa targets, with covered canopy and lights. The trails are open with natural snow from mid-November until mid-April. There are fourteen on-trail wax cabins within 100 meters of the range. The range is at 870 meters elevation. The highest point on the course is at 890 m elevation and the lowest point is at 849 m elevation.

Whistler Olympic Park is located 16 km south of Whistler and 40 km north of Squamish on Highway 99, then 9 km West on Callaghan Valley Road. Once inside the park, follow the signs to the biathlon stadium at the end of Callaghan Road.

Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics [website](#).

The day lodge is located 1 km from the biathlon range, just up the stairs from parking lots 1 and 2. It includes the following amenities:

- Guest Services
- Rental Shop
- Ski School
- Retail Shop
- Fully licensed Café
- Outdoor deck
- Washrooms
- Change rooms
- Ski Patrol

2.2. Rules

International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules and regulations and the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy shall apply as fully as possible to all classes. Specific rules for classes not covered in the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy contained in the Biathlon BC Hosting Policy shall apply to those classes.

2.3. Eligibility to Enter

All athletes participating must be registered participants with Biathlon Canada or US Biathlon or another IBU national federation for the 2024-2025 season. As this is an IBU Regional Event, a travel subsidy may be available through US Biathlon for US athletes who compete at the event.

Biathlon BC members in good standing are eligible to receive full benefit of results in Biathlon BC programs, such as BC Cup points and team or squad selections.

2.4. Competitions

Date	Competition Format	Notes
Friday, January 24	Sprint	Start order will be randomized within each class, with single start on 15 second intervals.
Saturday, January 25	Mass Start	Start position will be seeded based on the results of the Friday Sprint competition. Unseeded athletes will be placed in random order behind seeded athletes. Ecoaims classes may start in waves depending on the number of athletes and the number of available lanes.
Sunday, January 26	Mixed Relay	Start position will be randomized within each class. The format will be determined after registration closes based on composition of registrants with consideration for athlete numbers and maximizing competition. The format will be confirmed at the Team Captains Meeting. Official and unofficial teams need to be submitted by coaches no later than Saturday, January 24 at 12:00 PM.

2.5. Classes of Competition

The following classes of competition will be run, depending on sufficient entries. Classes with fewer than 3 registrants may be combined with another class.

Category	Age	Competition Format	Competition Distance	Loops	Loop Length	Shooting Sequence	Penalty
Women	22+	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Men	22+	Sprint	10 km	3	3.3 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	12.5 km	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Junior Women	19-21	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Junior Men	19-21	Sprint	10 km	3	3.3 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	12.5 km	5	2.5 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
Youth Women	15-18	Sprint	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	7.5 km	5	1.5 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m

Youth Men	15-18	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	150 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	150 m
		Mixed Relay	6 km	3	2 km	PS	150 m
U17 Prone	U17	Sprint	6 km	3	2 km	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	8 km	4	2 km	PPP	75 m
		Mixed Relay	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PP	75 m
U17 Standing	U17	Sprint	6 km	3	2 km	PS	75 m
		Mass Start	7.5 km	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
		Mixed Relay	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
Development 2 (rifle and Ecoaims)	U17	Sprint	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	6 km	4	1.5 km	PPP	75 m
		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
Development 1 (rifle and Ecoaims)	U17	Sprint	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	4 km	4	900 m	PPP	75 m
		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
Adult 4	17-34, 35-49, 50+	Sprint	7.5 km	3	2.5 km	PS	75 m
		Mass Start	10 km	5	2 km	PPSS	75 m
		Mixed Relay	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
Adult 3	17-34, 35-49, 50+	Sprint	6 km	3	2 km	PS	75 m
		Mass Start	7.5 km	5	1.5 km	PPSS	75 m
		Mixed Relay	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
Adult 2	17-34, 35-49, 50+	Sprint	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
		Mass Start	5 km	5	900 m	PPSS	75 m
		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PS	75 m
Adult 1 (rifle)	17-34, 35-49, 50+	Sprint	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PS	75 m
		Mass Start	5 km	5	900 m	PPSS	75 m
		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PS	75 m
Adult 1 (Ecoaims)	17-34, 35-49, 50+	Sprint	4.5 km	3	1.5 km	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	5 km	5	900 m	PPPP	75 m

		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
Sit-ski and visually impaired (Ecoaims)	All	Sprint	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	4 km	4	900 m	PPP	75 m
		Mixed Relay	3 km	3	900 m	PP	75 m
U11 (Ecoaims)	U11	Sprint	2.1 km	3	700 m	PP	75 m
		Mass Start	2.8 km	4	700 m	PPP	75 m
		Mixed Relay	2.1 km	3	700 m	PP	75 m

2.6. Wax Protocol

A common waxing protocol will be implemented for all classes. The fluoro ban described in the Canadian Hosting Policy will be in effect for this event. All athletes must use the race wax and ski preparation procedure established by Biathlon Canada for this event when preparing their race skis. More details on the wax protocol will be provided following the close of registration.

2.7. Rifle Racks

For U17 Standing and Adult 1 classes, rifle racks will be set up at the entry and exit of the range. Coaches will be responsible for coordinating rifle runners for their athletes during competition.

For U17 Prone, coaches will be responsible for placing rifles on mats for athletes, in coordination with range officials.

2.8. Team Captains' Meeting

The Team Captains' Meeting will be held online on Thursday, January 23 at 19:00. A web link will be sent out to registered coaches in advance. There will be an option to join in-person at the Whistler Athlete Centre, in one of the common spaces.

2.9. Event Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, January 23, 2025		UNOFFICIAL TRAINING
	11:00-14:30	Range open for training, Equipment check open
	19:00	Team Captains Meeting
Friday, January 24, 2025		SPRINT COMPETITION
	AM	IBU Classes
	PM	BC Cup Classes
		Medal presentations will follow each class group
Saturday, January 25, 2025		MASS START COMPETITION
	AM	IBU Classes
	PM	BC Cup Classes
		Medal presentations at banquet
	18:00	Banquet at Myrtle Philip Community School
Sunday, January 26, 2025		MIXED RELAY COMPETITION
	AM	IBU Classes
	PM	BC Cup Classes
		Medal presentations will follow each class group

Schedule details will be finalized after registration closes and will be provided at the Team Captains Meeting.

2.10. Courses

Course maps and stadium diagrams are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics [website](#).

2.11. Zeroing Lanes

Zeroing lanes will be assigned by draw based on the number of athletes competing, with no priority to any team or club.

2.12. Awards

Medals will be awarded to the top three places in the Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Youth Men, Youth Women, U17 Prone Boys, U17 Prone Girls, U17 Standing Boys, and U17 Standing Girls classes.

Medals, or another token of recognition will be awarded to competitors in the Development and Adult classes.

U11 competitors will receive a common recognition for their efforts and participation.

2.13. Minimum Coach Certification

Pursuant to the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy, each Canadian club that has athletes competing must have a head coach present at the event who is NCCP certified at the Competition-Introduction level or higher. One coach may act as a head coach for multiple clubs. This requirement does not apply to clubs that only have athletes registered in the Adult classes.

In addition, all Canadian coaches and team staff must be registered with Biathlon Canada and have completed the NCCP Safe Sport module, the NCCP Creating a Positive Sport Environment module, and the NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two module.

3. General Event Information

3.1. Event Organizing Committee and Contact information

Technical Delegate:	Clayton Whitman
Deputy Technical Delegate:	Jylene Ryan
Competition Lead:	Kevin Rodger (competition@seatoskynordics.ca)
Range Lead:	Stephane Deseau
Timing Co-Leads:	Thomas Burkholder & Terry Lum
Stadium Lead:	Scotty Aitken
Course Lead:	Anne Wong
Competition Secretary:	Julie Phon
Volunteer Coordinator:	Shelley Hansen (shellshansen@gmail.com)
Food & Banquet Lead:	Tracy Higgs

The Competition Office is located downstairs in the Biathlon technical building beside the Range and will be open 11:00-15:00 January 23 and 08:00-16:00 on January 24-26.

3.2. Entry Fees and Registration

Early bird pricing for all 3 competitions ends New Year's Day.

Deadline	All 3 Competitions	Per Competition
Until Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 23:59	\$115	\$45
Until Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 23:59	\$135	\$45

All individuals who wish to attend, including athletes and coaches, must register in advance. Registration will open on Zone4 on Sunday, December 1, 2024 and will close at 23:59 Pacific Time on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Register through the [Zone4 registration link](#). Payment must be made using a credit card. No entries will be accepted after this time.

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=36915>

3.3. New for 2024-2025: IBU Membercenter Registration

Starting this season, athletes who are competing at an IBU Regional Event in an IBU class (Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Youth Men, Youth Women) must be registered as athletes in the IBU Membercenter. This requirement only applies to athletes who are competing in the IBU classes.

Athlete registration in the IBU Membercenter will be completed by the athlete's national federation. In the Zone4 registration for this event, athletes will be asked to confirm what national federation they are a member of, and whether they are already registered in the IBU Membercenter. If they are not yet registered in the IBU Membercenter, For Canadian athletes, Biathlon Canada will register them by providing their name, date of birth, and gender to the IBU.

Athletes who are members of US Biathlon or other national federation should contact their national federation to complete the registration in the IBU Membercenter if they are not already registered.

3.4. Cancellation Policy

If circumstances force cancellation of the event, registration fees, less the costs already incurred by the host club, will be refunded to registered athletes. Note, that a \$20 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent. If an athlete wishes to withdraw before the registration deadline due to medical reasons, he/she should apply, with a doctor's note, to the competition secretary for a refund. No refunds will be provided after the registration deadline of January 9, 2025.

3.5. Trail Passes

Trail passes will be included for registered athletes and coaches for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Ticket requirements must be confirmed on the registration form. Trail passes for registered athletes, coaches, and volunteers will be available for pick-up at the Whistler Olympic Park gate kiosk on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Parents/guardians dropping participants off for competitions must also purchase a day ticket ([online](#) or in person) or present a season pass if they plan to ski or snowshoe. If parent/guardians are not skiing or snowshoeing, or only dropping off they do not need a day ticket or season pass.

Pets are not allowed in the competition area or trails near the biathlon stadium.

3.6. Rifle Import Regulations

Teams and individual competitors from outside of Canada must declare their rifles at the Canadian border, complete the necessary documentation, and pay the required fees when bringing rifles and ammunition into Canada. All athletes must register their own rifles and pay the applicable fee. Refer to the RCMP Firearms Program to obtain a Non-Resident Firearms Declaration: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/iefw-iefw-eng.html> for guidelines.

Notice regarding firearms:

Maintenance and cleaning of rifles may be performed in team wax cabins. It is not permitted in the Biathlon Flex Space. Competitors are required to transport their rifles from the parking lot to the biathlon range in either a soft or hard case. All Canadian athletes who are carrying their rifles on course must have in their possession, and be able to show upon request, their Possession and Acquisition Licence or Minor's Permit. Rifles should not be left unattended.

3.7. Banquet

Sea to Sky Nordics will host a dinner banquet for all athletes, coaches, parents, and other supporters. Awards for Saturday's competition will be presented at the banquet. Tickets include dinner, dessert, and a drink. Tickets can be added to your registration in Zone4.

Time: Saturday, January 25, 2025, 6pm to 8pm

Location: [Myrtle Philip Community School, 6195 Lorimer Rd, Whistler](#)

Cost: \$30 for attendees under 19, \$40 for adults 19 and older (includes choice of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage)

3.8. Lunches

Lunch tickets will be available to anyone for purchase through Zone4 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at a cost of \$15 per day. This will include a meal and a snack, with details to be provided in the Zone4 registration.

Food and drinks are also available for purchase at the Whistler Olympic Park Day Lodge.

Volunteers will be provided with lunch free of charge on days they are registered.

3.9. Accommodations

Accommodation and meal packages are available at the Whistler Athletes' Centre. Details are available on the Sea to Sky Nordics [website](#). Contact the Athletes' Centre directly to book at <http://www.whistlerathletescentre.com/>.

3.10. Wax Cabins

Whistler Olympic Park has 13 wax cabins at the biathlon range stadium. The cabins are heated and have electricity. They have a table and chairs. To secure a wax cabin, e-transfer \$260 to competition@seatoskynordics.ca to cover the weekend rental fee (\$160) and key deposit (\$100). The key deposit will be refunded after the keys have been returned. Please include a note in the transfer to indicate "Wax Cabin" and Club Name.

Keys will be available at the competition office starting on Thursday.

3.11. Volunteers

We need you! We have big jobs and small jobs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please let us know if you are available to help by registering as a volunteer through the [SignUpGenius](#) link. Registered volunteers will receive a trail pass, lunch, and thank you gift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BABA82AA7FB6-52438482-western#/>

We look forward to seeing everyone in Whistler!

Sea to Sky Nordics Organizing Committee