

Biathlon Ontario Event Participant Waiver

(Must accompany an event Registration Form)



Name of Event: _____

Event Date(s): _____

IN CONSIDERATION OF: **Biathlon Canada** (hereinafter called **BiCan**), **Biathlon Ontario**, (hereinafter called **BiOn**) and *Host Club Name* (hereinafter called the **Host Club**) accepting my entry into the above-named activity, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever release, and forever discharge **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club**, their executive directors, servants, agents, sponsors, supporters, employees or volunteers from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs (including solicitor and client costs on a full indemnity basis), actions or causes of actions, proceedings arising out of, or in consequence of, any loss, injury or damage which may arise by reason of negligence of **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club**, their servants, agents, sponsors, supporters, employees or volunteers.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I further release any and all recourses which I may now or hereinafter have resulting from any decisions of **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club**. In addition to the foregoing, I further waive any claims I might have in connection with any cancellation or rescheduling of the event for whatever reason.

I declare that my physical condition, to the best of my knowledge, is adequate to participate safely in the sport of biathlon, and that no physician or other qualified individual has advised me against participating in the sport. I further acknowledge and agree that it is my choice as to whether I will obtain a physical examination prior to participating in the event, and I hereby acknowledge and agree to assume all risks associated with not obtaining such examination, or if I do obtain an examination and am instructed not to participate in the event, I hereby assume all risks associated with my participation.

I authorize and consent to the publication by **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club** of any materials containing my name or picture, and I release to **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club** and all persons acting under authority from them, any claims I might have due to the initial or subsequent publication of such material.

By completing this **Waiver of Liability** with my signature below, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations (including the Range Safety Rules) as set forth by **BiCan**, **BiOn** and the **Host Club**, and to follow the instructions of the officials during the event.

For events that include the use of .22 rifles: (1.) requiring carrying the rifle out of the range - the participant must have a current Minor or Possession-Only (POL) or Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or must have direct and immediate licenced supervision; (2.) requiring carrying the rifle within the range from rack to firing line and back - the participant must have passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course Examination or have taken the Cadet Marksmanship and Firearms Safety Program. The participant must follow the BiOn Range Safety Rules.

Adult Participant Release and Indemnification

I have read and understand the contents and intent of this waiver and accept its terms and conditions.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Minor Participant Release and Indemnification

As a parent or guardian of _____ who is under the age of majority, I have read and understand the contents and intent of this waiver and accept its terms and conditions on their behalf.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Witness Name: _____ Witness Signature: _____

Non-members of Biathlon Canada: In addition to signing the foregoing release, I acknowledge that I (or minor participant) am not a member of any **Division of Biathlon Canada** and agree to acquire day membership(s) for the duration of the above named event.

Signature (or Parent or Guardian for Minors): _____

BIATHLON ONTARIO RANGE SAFETY RULES

(This Document must be posted at ALL Biathlon Ontario Ranges and be attached to the Participant Waiver Form)

Remember the **4 A.C.T.S.** of Firearm Safety:

Assume every firearm is loaded,
Control the muzzle direction at all times,
Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and
out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot,
See that the firearm is unloaded when not shooting

In order to **See** – you must **P.R.O.V.E.**

Point the firearm in the safest possible direction,
Remove all ammunition,
Observe the chamber,
Verify the feeding path,
Examine the bore each time you pick up a firearm

In this document, the term “biathlon range” means any range that is in use for biathlon training or competition.

- 1) Each individual athlete is responsible for the safe handling of his/her rifle.
- 2) All users of biathlon ranges in Ontario 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 (**RSO**), responsible for opening and closing the range and for enforcing all safety rules, must be present for any event when the range is in operation. During biathlon competitions, the Chief of Range, or his/her designate, is the **RSO**. During individual training, one of the people using the range must assume the function of the **RSO**.
- 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 **RSO** will close the range and the **green flag** must be prominently displayed when it is necessary to step in front of the firing line (under the **RSO**'s direction), 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 P.A. announcements **does not** override the verbal commands of the **RSO**.
- 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) In event formats or athlete categories in which competitors 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 the bolt open and the 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 **RSO** 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 Ontario for further appropriate action that may result in criminal proceedings.
- 12) These Biathlon Ontario Range Safety Rules include sections from International Biathlon Union (IBU) safety regulations, mostly sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the IBU "Event and Competition Rules, 2006 edition", and Canadian firearm safety regulations. In addition, **all local procedures for the use of ranges in Ontario must be adhered to**, (such things as sign-in / sign-out procedures, reporting of damaged or malfunctioning equipment, etc.) **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 Ontario to be aware of and adhere to these rules.

I have read and agree to the Biathlon Ontario Range Safety Rules: _____