

IBU Rule Changes as of 2010 Congress

Motions to amend the IBU Constitution

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the IBU are:

- a. to improve the sport of biathlon constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs.**
- b. to organize its own international competitions.**
- c. to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement.**
- d. to prevent doping in biathlon.**
- e. to prevent all methods and practices that might jeopardize the integrity of biathlon competitions.**

The IBU will represent the international biathlon sport in international sports organizations and in relations with the media, business, industry and sponsors. Before entering or prolonging a long-term contract concerning the use of the IBU rights, the Executive Board will consult the NFs most important and/or most affected for the further development of the sport of biathlon.

1.4. Rights for international events

The IBU will have all rights pertaining to World Championships, Youth/Junior World Championships, Biathlon World Cup events, Continental Championships, Continental Cups, IBU Cups, **Regional Cups** and Grand Prix. Any other international biathlon event or competition with the intended participation of athletes of IBU member federations will need prior authorization by the IBU and the respective member federation.

1.6. IBU Licenses

For winter biathlon an IBU A Site License will be required **before applying** to host World Championships and World Cups; an IBU B Site License will be required to host Youth and Junior World Championships, Continental Championships and the IBU Cup.

For summer biathlon (SB) a B Site License is required **before applying** to host the **SB World Championships, SB Open European Championship and the SB Roller Cups.**

2. Membership

2.1 Application procedure for membership

Membership is only permitted if a national federation is the ruling body for biathlon in its country and is recognized by the national Olympic committee or, if no such committee exists, by their national sporting authority. Any national federation wishing to become a member of the IBU must apply in writing to the IBU Headquarters. The national federation's legally valid statutes and the confirmation by the NOC must be enclosed with the application for membership and must contain the following mandatory provisions:

- a. Compliance with the purpose and the objectives of the IBU and its Constitution.**
- b. Compliance with the rules, regulations and decisions of the IBU.**
- c. Organization of biathlon competitions in either winter or summer biathlon annually.**
- d. Recognition of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS).**

The Executive Board, having examined the fulfillment of the preconditions, will grant the applicant the status of provisional member. This status will last for at least two years.

2.2. Provisional Members

2.2.1. Rights of provisional members

Provisional members have the following rights:

- a. to participate at Congress sessions.**
- b. to be heard in all matters that concern the member federation, and to lodge an appeal.**
- c. to enter their athletes in IBU competitions and IBU-authorized competitions**

2.2.2. Obligations of provisional members

Provisional members are obliged:

- a. to agree to promote the aims of the IBU.
- b. to comply with the IBU Constitution and Rules, and the decisions made by the Congress and the Executive Board.
- c. to pay the annual fee of half of the membership fee paid by full members by June 30.
- d. to report on national biathlon activity annually by June 30, if they have not participated in IBU competitions.
- e. to fulfill all requirements connected with their participation at IBU events.
- f. to assure, as far as possible, that in the respective country no biathlon events or competitions are organized other than those that have been authorized in advance at the national level by the respective member federation, and at the international level by the IBU.

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any member may lead to sanctions provided in these statutes.

2.3 Full Members

Upon recommendation by the Executive Board, the Congress will accept national federations that have proved to be active in the development of the sport of biathlon as full members after the expiry of their term of provisional membership. In order to be considered an active member federation, a member federation must organize national competitions or take part in official IBU competitions every year. Full members will hereinafter be termed member federations.

2.3.1 Rights of Full Members

Full members have the right:

- a. to participate at Congress sessions;
- b. to be heard in all matters that concern them, and to lodge an appeal;
- c. to enter their athletes in IBU competitions and IBU-authorized competitions;
- d. to file motions with the Executive Board and the Congress;
- e. to nominate representatives to officiate in the IBU;
- f. to exercise the right to vote;
- g. to take part in IBU programs;
- h. to organize international biathlon competitions that have been approved by the IBU;
- i. to inspect all agreements signed by the IBU and all agreements that concern their interests or contain any liability for them.

2.3.2 Obligations of Full Members

Member federations are obligated:

- a. to agree to promote the aims of the IBU.
- b. to comply with the IBU Constitution and Rules, and the decisions made by the Congress and the Executive Board.
- c. to pay the annual fee by June 30 .
- d. to report on national biathlon activity annually by June 30 , if they have not participated in IBU competitions.
- e. to fulfill all the requirements in connection with their participation at IBU events.
- f. to assure, as far as possible, that in the respective country no biathlon events or competitions are organized other than those that have been authorized in advance at the national level by the respective member federation, and at the international level by the IBU.

If any of the above-mentioned obligations are violated, the Executive Board may relegate those member federations to a provisional status or suggest the member federations to the IBU Congress for expulsion from the IBU.

3.3 A member may resign from the IBU with effect from the end of a fiscal year. Notice of resignation must reach the IBU Headquarters no later than six months before the end of the fiscal year.

4.1 The IBU has the following organs:

- a. the Congress is the supreme and legislative organ.
- b. the Executive Board is the executive organ.
- c. the Anti-Doping Hearing Panel is the jurisdictional organ for anti-doping matters
- d. the Court of Arbitration is the jurisdictional organ for all other matters.

ARTICLE 5 COMPOSITION, TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE IBU ORGANS

The organs and officials of the IBU must observe the statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics. The Executive Board will draw up the Code of Ethics.

5.1 The Congress

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b. The Secretary General will draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Board and the member federations. Any proposal that a member federation wishes to submit to the Congress must be sent to the IBU Headquarters in writing, with a brief explanation by no later than 30 June of the year of the Congress.

c. The Congress agenda must include the following mandatory items:

- An address by the President
- roll call
- approval of the agenda
- appointment of tellers of votes and election committee
- approval of the minutes of the last Congress
- admission of membership
- suspension or expulsion of a member federation (if applicable)
- activity report by the Executive Board since the last Congress
- report of the independent and impartial Auditors since the last Congress
- ratification of the actions and decisions of the Executive Board,
- approval of the financial statements and budget
- discharge the Executive Board,
- election of the Executive Board in Winter Olympic Years,
- election of two impartial and independent auditors in Winter Olympic Years,
- election of the Technical Committee in Winter Olympic Years,
- confirm amendments to the IBU Constitution (according to article 5.2.3 below) and to all other IBU Rules that have been made by the Executive Board within its authority to expedite proceedings,

- votes on proposals for amendments to the Constitution, Disciplinary Rules, Event and Competition Rules and its Annexes, Anti-Doping Rules, general amendments and other rules as far as they do not fall within the authority of The Executive Board

- appoint event hosts for Men's and Women's World Championships,
- appoint the host of the next Congress,
- appoint honorary members (if applicable),
- confirm the removal from an IBU function (if applicable),
- remove and replace members of the Executive Board in case of unsatisfactory performance (a 2/3 majority is required for this)
- dissolve the Union (if applicable)

d. Decisions passed by the Congress will become effective for all member federations 60 days after the end of the Congress, unless the Congress sets another date for a decision to take effect.

New Art. 9.2 Committees

With the exception of the members of the Technical Committee – who, according to the Constitution, have to be elected – the Executive Board is free to establish further committees as required, to set their size and to select their members from among nominations submitted and/or confirmed by national federations. The chairpersons of the committees will be appointed by the Executive Board. All resolutions passed by committees are recommendatory in character and require the approval of the Executive Board or Congress in order to take effect.

ARTICLE 11 IBU ANTI-DOPING HEARING PANEL

11.2 The decisions of the IBU Anti-Doping Hearing Panel can be appealed directly to the CAS.

ARTICLE 14 AUDITING

Every year the Executive Board will hire a certified auditor or a professional auditing company to conduct its auditing. This company will audit the finances or account books of the International Biathlon Union, the management of the International Biathlon Union's finances, the correctness and completeness of the vouchers and their correspondence with the bookkeeping and the annual balance sheet. These auditors will conduct their audit annually, ~~however in even years no later than 90 days before the Congress,~~ and will check that the decisions of the Congress have been carried out. (...)

ARTICLE 15 RULES

The Executive Board is authorized to **formulate** the following specific rules:

- The necessary amendments of IBU Constitution according to Art. 5.2.3.
- The Event and Competition Rules and their Annexes
- The Disciplinary Rules
- The Anti-Doping Rules
- The Rules for the Technical Committee
- The Rules for Honors
- The Rules for Elections
- The Rules for Flag and Hymn

and submit them to the Congress for decision, **except for necessary adaptations regarding:**

- **the layout of competition venues**
- **the organization of an event**
- **WADA CODE compliance.**

Editorial changes

The IBU Executive Board is authorized to make necessary editorial changes within the IBU Constitution in agreement with the decisions reached by this Congress.

Motions to amend the IBU Disciplinary Rules

Art. 5 Penalties

5.3 Thirty second penalty

If athletes compete in a pursuit, and start up to max. three seconds before their officially assigned start time, a thirty second penalty will be imposed.

Art. 5.6 Disqualification

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i. deviating from the marked trail, or skiing a wrong trail, **thus gaining a time advantage for himself or his team**, or skiing the course loops in a wrong sequence or in the wrong direction;

v. **not lying in or shooting from the assigned start lane in the mass start and/or relay competition**

w. **starting more than three seconds earlier than the assigned start time in a pursuit competition**

Art. 5 PENALTIES TO IMPOSE ON INDIVIDUALS

5.8 Fine

5.8.1 Fines up to €500 may be imposed by the competition jury on those who violate the IBU Event and Competition Rules.

The President requested rewording suggestions from the Member Federations for Art. 8.2 and Art. 8.3 of the Disciplinary Rules. The congress session of 3 September 2010 was thereafter adjourned at 5:30 PM.

The second working day of the IX Congress began with the roll call at 9:20 AM.

Present:

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CZE	ESP	EST	FIN	FRA	GBR	GEO	GER	GRE	GRL	HUN
IND	IRL	ITA	JPN	KAZ	KGZ	KOR	LAT	LTU	MDA	MKD
NED	NOR	POL	ROU	RUS	SRB	SLO	SUI	SVK	SWE	TPE
TUR	UKR	USA	UZB							

48 national federations were present, of which 47 national federations were full members holding the right to vote (see item 3.b. above). Voting now continued on the motions to amend the Disciplinary Rules, as per the agenda.

5.8.2 Fines up to €100,000 may be imposed by the IBU Executive Board on those who seriously violate the IBU Constitution, the IBU Rules or decisions of the organs or other competent bodies of the IBU, and on those who jeopardize or damage the interests or the reputation of the IBU.

New 5.8.3

Fines up to €200,000 may be imposed by the IBU Executive Board on those who have committed a serious violation of the Anti-Doping Rules, and who by doing so have seriously damaged the interests or the reputation of the IBU.

ARTICLE 6 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND SANCTIONS ON MEMBER FEDERATIONS

6.2 Fine

6.2.1 Fines up to €500 may be imposed by the competition jury on member federations that violate the IBU Event and Competition Rules.

6.2.2 Fines up to €100,000 may be imposed by the IBU Executive Board on member federations that seriously violate the IBU Constitution, the IBU Rules or decisions of the organs or other competent bodies of the IBU, and on those who jeopardize or damage the interests or the reputation of the IBU.

6.2.3 Fines up to €200,000 may be imposed by the Executive Board on member federations that have committed a serious violation of the Anti-Doping Rules, and who by doing so have seriously damaged the interests or the reputation of the IBU.

Art. 7 bodies and competency

7.1 Penal and disciplinary power is exercised in the first instance by the competition jury, the Executive Board of the IBU and the Anti-Doping Hearing Panel.

7.2 The competition jury is responsible for imposing all penalties and disciplinary measures as results of violating the IBU Event and Competition Rules. Appeals against penalty and disciplinary decisions of the competition jury may be lodged with the jury of appeal.

7.3 The Executive Board of the IBU is responsible for:

a. Removal from a function; removal of a person elected by the Congress requires confirmation by the next Congress.

b. Imposing fines up to €100,000 for serious rule violations.

c. Imposing fines up to €200,000 according to Art 6.2.3.

d. Suspending athletes who have grossly violated any IBU Rules.

7.4 Appeals against penalty and disciplinary decisions of the Executive Board or Congress may be lodged with the IBU Court of Arbitration.

7.5 The Anti-Doping Hearing Panel is responsible for implementing suspensions following IBU Anti-Doping Rule violations. Appeals may be lodged to the CAS.

11.1 If, following the results management process described in Article 7 of the IBU Anti-Doping Rules, IBU testing and/or testing at an international event reveals a possible violation of the IBU Anti-Doping Rules, the case will be assigned to the IBU Anti-Doping Hearing Panel for adjudication. The procedural rules in Art. 8 ADR will apply.

11.2.2 Decisions of the IBU Anti-Doping Hearing Panel can be appealed directly to the CAS.

Editorial changes

The IBU Executive Board is authorized to make necessary editorial changes within the IBU Disciplinary Rules in agreement with the decisions reached by this Congress.

Motions to amend the IBU Event and Competition Rules

1.3.8 Competition Specifications

Maximum grade (mg): the maximum grade at all competitions must not exceed 25 percent.

1.4 Eligibility Rules for Competitors and Team Staff

1.4.3.3 World Cup

The World Cup season consists of three trimesters generally made up of three WC events each, trimester 1: WC 1-3, trimester 2: WC 4-6 and trimester 3: WC 7-9. To gain the right to participate in WC events, a competitor must fulfill one of the following criteria during the current or preceding trimester:

- a. One result at an IBU Cup, OECH, WCH or OWG in the sprint or individual that is **max. 15 % behind** the average time of the top three competitors, or
- b. One placing in the top half at the JWCH (not Youth).

All members of relay teams must also have met this individual qualification requirement.

The qualification criteria achieved at the IBU Cup/OECH, WCH or OWG for the WC are valid only for the trimester in which the competitor begins competing at the WC.

To retain the right to participate in the next WC trimester in which a competitor chooses to start, the competitor must achieve one result that is **max. 15% behind** the average time of the top three competitors, in the current WC trimester in a sprint or individual competition.

(no change for OWG, WCH; 20% will remain)

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The name change has no effect on starting eligibility.

1.4.3.4 Eligibility and safety at IBU Cup, Y/JWCH

Athletes who start for the first time at an IBU Cup / YJWCH must prove that they can safely handle the sports equipment and that they have competed in national-level biathlon competitions by presenting appropriate result lists to the RD and/ or the competition jury. The IRD and/or competition jury may stop individuals from starting or remove them from competition if the competition jury / RD have reason to suspect they cannot safely handle the sports equipment or if they were not able to prove previous competition experience.

1.5 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

1.5.1.1 Registration, Replacements and Accommodation Reservations

Registration is the early notification of intent to participate. The numbers of competitors and team staff members that may be registered for an event are detailed below. Any digressions from this rule must be stated in the specific rules for that event.

Registration for events must be done as follows:

- a. WCH and Y/JWCH

(...)

- b. WC Events

At WC events, the planned number of competing athletes and team staff (registration by number) must be received by the OC one month before the beginning of the WC. A list of the names and gender of the intended participants (registration by name)

must be received by the OC at least 14 days before the official arrival day of the WC. Replacements and changes to WC registrations may only be made before the first team captains meeting. If the team arrives after the first team captains meeting, replacements must be announced to the OC and will become binding on the arrival day. **Athletes who have qualified for the WC in the IBU Cup may only be entered in the WC for the next event; relay competitions are exempt from this rule.**
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f. Registration of Team Staff for all IBU events

NFs will be allowed to register the following number of team staff per gender according to the following table:

Number of registered Athletes	Team staff quota
1	4
2	5
3	6
4	7
5	8
6	9
7 or more	10

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Art. 1.6 Draw and Assignment of start numbers

1.6.4.1. Start group system for WC, WCHs and OWGs

a. At the WC, competitors must be entered in draw groups as described in 1.6.3.1 above. The top-10 ranked competitors from the current WC Total score may be placed in any draw group. However, a NF may not place more than three competitors in any one of the four draw groups.

Additionally, those unranked competitors and/or those ranked outside the maximum of top 80 in the current World Cup Total score may only be entered in draw groups three and four. For the first World Cup event of the season, the World Cup Total score from the previous season will apply. For the remaining World Cup events the current World Cup Total score will apply. **In the event that a top 80 ranked competitor from last year's WC total score does not participate in the first WC then that competitor will have the option of being drawn in groups 1 or 2 in WC 2.** In the case of extraordinary weather conditions, the jury may suspend the requirement for unranked competitors and competitors ranked outside the maximum of top 80 to start in groups three and four. This decision must be announced at least two hours prior to the entry deadline for the respective competition.

b. (...)

1.6.5.4 Mixed Relay Teams WC

Each NF is allowed to enter one team. No draw will be made for the mixed relay and start numbers will be assigned based on the sum of the NF's current men's and women's Nations Cup score – with the start numbers assigned in rank order. If a team or (...)

2.3.2 Competition Jury Composition

At all IBU events **except Continental Championships, Continental Cups, and Regional Cups** the competition jury will consist of five members as follows:

- a. the IBU TD as chairperson;
- b. the Competition Chief;
- c. the Course IR;**
- d. two team officials elected by the team captains from two different NFs.**

The RD/Asst. RD will be present at all meetings but does not have the right to vote.

2.3.2.1 Only one person from one and the same NF or with the same nationality may be a member of a competition jury at the OWG and all IBU events except CCH and CC.

2.3.2.2 **At the OWG, the RD will serve as Asst. TD.** At other international competitions, the members of the competition jury will be decided by the OC and the team captains of the participating federations.

3.1.1.1 Maximum Distance and Altitude Difference

The competition venue must be no more than 30 km or 30 minutes' travel and **should not be more than +/- 300 m in altitude from the teams' living accommodation**, unless otherwise approved by the IBU EB.

3.1.2 Artificial Lighting

IBU competitions may be held under artificial lighting when approved by the EB as part of an authorized competition program. In urgent and exceptional cases, the competition jury may authorize a competition to be held under artificial lighting. In any case, the lighting must meet the following standards: lighting conditions must be the same for all competitors, **with a minimum of approximately 300 lux across the entire length of the course and stadium, without any dark areas. 1000 lux are required at the finish line, and there must be no shadow around the targets and paper zeroing targets. In the event of TV live production, the light conditions must satisfy TV requirements and be at least 1000 lux in the stadium.**

3.2.3 Pursuit Competition Start Area

The start area for the pursuit competition must have a minimum of four start lanes. The actual number of start lanes will be determined by the number of simultaneous starts in the start list – if there are **five** starts in the same second, then there must be five start lanes, etc. The start lanes must **be numbered from the competitors' right to left**, 1.5 – 2 m wide and sufficiently long to hold the required number of competitors. A common start line must cross the end of the start lanes. The lanes must be parallel to each other and must be clearly separated. There must be a separate passage or lane that allows access across the start line in the case of late starts. This lane must be supervised by a start official with a stopwatch synchronized to the competition time. **A transponder timing point and video camera must be installed 1.5 m after the start line to record the relative start time of each competitor in case of early start.**

3.2.4 Relay, Group and Mass Start Competition Start Area

The start area must be laid out in such a way that all the competitors are required to ski the same distance until they reach the common course. A minimum of ten straight, parallel sets of tracks, with a minimum of 1.2 m between each set of tracks (measured from center to center), must be set for a minimum of **30 m** from the start line. The number of start tracks will depend on the space available and the number of relay teams entered, with the objective of having the fewest possible start rows. If there is more than one start row, the distance between rows must be 5 m. The end of the parallel tracks must be clearly marked. After the first parallel-tracked section there must be a further 50 m of straight, level and smoothly groomed, trackless, gradually converging area that leads to the competition course.

3.2.4.1 Start Position Boards - Relay, Group and Mass Start competition

The start positions must be marked with numbers. There must be the same number of boards as the number of starters in the competition. The size of the board must be 20 x 20 cm. The number boards must be placed on the left of each position and the number must be readable from both the front and from the rear. The numbers on the boards must be at least 10 cm high and must be highly visible to the competitors and TV. **The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left.**

3.2.5 Super Sprint Start Area

The distances between the different starting rows must be five meters, with three meters between the starting tracks. In the first 20 meters after the start, the start tracks must not be changed by the athlete. After 20 meters, the skating technique may be used. The start lanes must be numbered from the competitors' right to left.

3.3.2 Altitude, Width, Gradient and Length

The maximum altitude of any part of the course may not be higher than 1800 m above sea level, unless an exception is specifically authorized by the IBU EB in necessary circumstances. For all IBU events, the course must have a minimum width of 6 m of groomed snow surface for the competitors **plus additional width for coaches and TV**. In steep sections of the course, the trail must be even wider. If narrower sections such as bridges or mountain passes are unavoidable, the narrow parts may not be

less than 4 m wide or longer than 50 m. **The actual length of the course may not be more than 2% shorter or 5% longer than the length specified for the competition, as measured in the center of the course.**

3.3.3 Setting of Tracks

If required, tracks will also be laid in downhill sections as directed by the RD/Asst. RD. Tracks must not be set in such a way or in places where they may endanger or hinder competitors. The width and depth of tracks must be set so that all regular types of boots and bindings can be used without side friction. **For training days, tracks must be provided for classic skiing at the edge of the competition course.**

3.3.6 Marking

The course must be so clearly marked and defined so that competitors are at no time in doubt as to how to follow the course. This applies especially to descents, trail junctions and other critical points. Clear markings must be placed at such points. **Closed sections of the course and/or junctions must be completely closed off with continuous V-boards or fences. At 100 m from the finish line there must be a sign board indicating "Finish - 100 m" and at 100 m from the shooting range there must be a sign board indicating "Range - 100 m".**

3.3.7 Fencing and V-boards

All trails that will not be used in the competition must be closed. Trails close to each other must be separated by fences or V-boards so that competitors cannot go on the wrong trail. **V-boards should be well visible, 20 cm high, 1 m long and made of heavy material that will not be blown over by the wind.**

3.3.11 Penalty Loop

For the sprint, pursuit, mass start and relay competitions, a penalty loop must be set up immediately after the shooting range – no further than 60 m skiing distance from the right edge of the range to the entrance of the penalty loop. The loop should be an oval trail **6 m wide and 150 m (+/- 5 m) long, measured along the inside perimeter of the loop. The opening must be at least 15 m long.** The penalty loop must be marked off with V-boards, set up so close together that competitors have no chance of mistaking the entrance/exit.

3.4.3.1 Shooting Lanes

The shooting ramp is divided into shooting lanes from which one competitor at a time will shoot. Every shooting lane must be at least **2.75 m** but not more than 3 m wide. The width of the lanes must be marked on both sides of the shooting ramp from the front edge for a distance of 1.5 m to the rear with a red-colored board sunken into the snow so that it is 2 cm below the snow surface. Both sides of each lane must be marked from the ramp to the targets **with seven (7) Tposts max. 20 cm wide by 15 cm high, in alternating colors matching the background color** of the target numbers that clearly define the lanes but do not interfere with shooting. There must be a minimum distance of **at least 3 m** between the outer edge of the left and right lanes and the start of the safety berms they adjoin. This distance must be maintained from the ramp to the targets.

3.4.5 Numbering and Markings

The shooting lanes and the corresponding targets must each have the same number, easily visible, and beginning from the right with number 1. At all IBU events the shooting lanes must be numbered on the left and right side at the front edge of the shooting ramp. The number signs at the shooting ramp must be placed so that they do not obstruct TV coverage of the shooting competitors. They must be **30 cm high and 20 cm wide. The number must be printed at the bottom of the sign and be 20 cm high with the lines of the numbers 3 cm in width.** The signs must be mounted on a support post 1 cm thick and 40 cm high – measured from the snow surface to the bottom of the number sign. The size of the target numbers must be 40 cm high with a line width of 4 cm, and they must be mounted immediately above the targets. Both the target and shooting lane number signs must be in alternating colors – black on yellow and yellow on black – starting at number 1 with black on yellow and matching the t-post lane markers.

3.5 FINISH AREA

3.5.1 General

The finish zone begins on the competition trail at the finish line and ends at the finish equipment/materials and clothing inspection point. It must be at least 30 m long and **9 m** wide without obstruction. The last 50 m before the finish line must be straight and **9 m** wide, and divided into three equal lanes with markers that do not interfere with skis. Only officials, finishing competitors and specially authorized TV personnel under supervision of the Start/Finish IR are permitted in the finish zone.

4.2.2 Pre-Start Materials/Equipment and Clothing Inspection

Competitors must report at the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time of start to have their skis and rifle checked and marked, and their clothing inspected. **Competitors who arrive later than 15 minutes before their start, are responsible for the time that it takes to make this inspection/ marking, even if this results in a late start.** Competitors whose (...)

5.2 OFFICIAL TRAINING

At all IBU events, the competition facility and courses must be open for inspection and official training at least once before the first competition. The facilities and courses must be prepared as for the competition and the training must be held at the same time of day as the competition itself. Each subsequent competition should also be preceded by official training unless it is not possible in the event program, or due to other circumstances. **After 20 minutes, metal and paper targets will be used and the choice of shooting lanes will be free, until the end of the training period. When the metal targets are opened for mass start, relay and pursuit official training, the odd-numbered shooting lanes will be set to prone and the even-numbered lanes will be set to standing.**

Art. 5.3.3.1 Allocation of shooting lanes by draw

Shooting lanes 1-5 will be allocated by random draw among the top 5 countries participating, and shooting lanes 6-10 allocated among the countries participating ranked 6-10, etc. The previous year's Nations Cup Score will apply in the first trimester, then the current score updated daily will apply.

6.2 Starting positions and starts

6.2.3 Pursuit Start

Competitors must arrive in the start area at least two minutes before the start for placement into their start lanes. They will then be lined up sequentially in their start lanes. (...)

6.3 Start signals

6.3.3 Pursuit Start

Each lane has an assigned clock which the competitor must use to start at his/her assigned start time.

6.4.2.1 Pursuit Competition

The time of start for each competitor will be the time listed in the start list.

In the event of an early start, the competitor will be penalized or disqualified according to the appropriate disciplinary rule. If a competitor arrives too late at a start, the late competitor must be directed through the spare passage, (...)

6.6 WEATHER CONDITIONS

6.6.1 Temperature

Biathlon competitions must not be started if the air temperature is colder than minus 20 degrees Celsius measured at the coldest part of the site (range or course), 1.5 m above ground.

6.6.2 Wind Chill

If it is colder than minus 15 °C, wind chill and humidity must be considered before starting and during the competition. In the case of a high wind chill factor, the competition jury, in consultation with the IBU Medical Delegate or the competition physician, will decide whether to start or continue the competition. The course to be skied may also be changed to avoid windy areas. The following Table 2 shows wind chill temperature equivalents.

7.1.3 Wrong Course Section

If competitors ski on a wrong course section, ~~which would result in a time advantage~~, or ski the course in the wrong sequence, they must return to the point where they made the wrong turn, along the part of the course they skied in error. In order to do so, the competitors may have to ski against the correct ski direction and will be totally responsible for ensuring that they do not obstruct or endanger other competitors. No penalty will be imposed for having committed the error ~~no time advantage has been gained and~~ provided the error does not result in any interference to other competitors.

8.5.2.1 Safety Check at the Range after Shooting

Rifles must be unloaded after each shooting bout – that is, no round may be left in the chamber or in the inserted magazine. However, leaving the cartridge case in the chamber and the empty magazine in the rifle after the last shot is permitted. At the end of training, competitors must perform a safety check before leaving the shooting range by opening the bolt and removing the inserted magazine, with the barrel pointed toward the target or upward. **They must also remove all ammunition from both the stock and the magazines before leaving the shooting range.**

8.5.5 Safety at the Finish

At all IBU competitions there must be one or more official(s) at the end of the finish area to open the rifle action of every competitor. This check may only be performed when the rifles are pointing upwards. At the same time, the official will inspect the cartridge case ejected from the chamber. If this safety check is not done, the competitors must do the check themselves. **All ammunition must be removed from the stock and the magazines.**

8.7.3.3 For all shooting bouts for which shooting lanes are assigned by start number (first shooting bout in mass start and relay), competitors must shoot from their assigned lane unless they are prevented due to the error of another competitor. No targets hit on the wrong lane will be scored.

9.2.3 Overtaken Competitors in Pursuit and Mass Start Competitions

In pursuit and mass start competitions at OWG, WCH, WC, OECH and IBU Cups, if the leading competitor laps a competitor on the course before reaching the range for his/her next bout of shooting, the overtaken competitor must withdraw from the competition at a suitable area in connection with the shooting range.

9.2.4 Relay Competitions

In all relay competitions the competition time of a team member is the time elapsed from the start, or hand-over, to the next completed hand-over or from the hand-over to the finish. The total time of a relay team is the time elapsed between the start of the first member to the finish of the last member. The time of the incoming members stops when they cross the timing line into the hand-over zone and the time of the outgoing members begins at the same moment. **At WC, WCH & OWG, OECH and IBU Cups: Teams that have not entered the shooting range at the last shooting when the first team is at the finish, will receive their ranking based on their place after the penalty loop (split timing point) and will be stopped at that point. Those teams will be ranked on the results list and receive all the appropriate points.**

12.1.3 Best Biathletes – Financial Responsibility and Selection

Each OC of a WCH must pay the accommodation and meal expenses for the best **30** male and the best **30** female biathletes for a maximum of twelve days during the WCH. The best biathletes at the WCH will be selected from the top rankings of the current WC Total score prior to the start of the WCH.

12.2.2 Application to Host a WCH

The bid to host a WCH must be submitted to the IBU in writing by a NF. The application and the application fee must be received by 30 June of the year of the applicable IBU Congress. The application fee is as follows:

**1st Candidacy for IBU Winter WCH: Fee payable of €45,000.-- ;
if not chosen by IBU Congress, 1/3 of the fee will be refunded (€15,000)**

**2nd Candidacy for IBU Winter WCH: Fee payable of €30,000.--
if not chosen by IBU Congress, 50 % of the fee will be refunded (€15,000)**

**3rd Candidacy for IBU Winter WCH: Fee payable of €10,000.--
no refund available**

The site for which the bid is made must have an A License at the time of the application deadline. The application must be submitted in writing to the IBU Headquarters by using the official IBU application form. It must be signed by the President or Secretary General of the respective member federation.

13.3 National Federation Quota

The NF Registration and Entry Quota for the OWG will be based on NF's ranking in terms of Nations Cup Points achieved at the two preceding World Championship events, scoring the top three athletes of each NF in the individual, sprint, and relay competitions. Further details are determined by agreement between the IOC and IBU EB.

Subject to each of its athletes meeting the IBU individual quota criteria – Olympic Winter Games, the host nation of the Olympic Winter Games will be permitted to start a minimum of one athlete and/or one team in each competition (with exception for the pursuit and mass start in which all athletes must qualify individually). This minimum quota is to be included as part of the overall IBU/IOC athlete quota allocation. Any relay team that is entered under this provision will be in addition to the normal maximum number of relay teams and athletes.

~~Note: for the OWGs the relay competitions will not count and the IBU point system will be used as described in the letter to the IOC.~~

14.2 CONTINENTAL CUPS AND REGIONAL CUPS

14.2.1 General

The CC/ RC are IBU events. The competition series are open to all IBU members. CC/RC are separate events and may not be organized at the same time or at the same venue together with WC competitions.

14.2.2 Event Hosting Applications and Appointment of NFs

Each IBU member NF may apply to organize one or more CC/ RC event(s) a season. Applications must be submitted to the IBU.

14.2.3 Competition Rules

The IBU Event and Competition Rules apply to the CC/RC. Special rules may be developed by the respective NFs in that continent/region provided such rules have obtained prior IBU approval.

14.2.4 Organisation

~~In the separate regions, the representatives of the local federations may establish committees to be responsible for the coordination and supervision of the competition series concerned.~~

Art. 15 World Cup Event Rules

15.1.3 Best Biathletes – Financial Responsibility and Selection

Each OC of a WC event must pay the accommodation and meal expenses for the best **25 male and the best 25 female** biathletes for a maximum of seven full days for a three-competition WC event and five full days for a two-competition WC event. The best biathletes for the current competition season, up to the end of December, will be selected from the top rankings in the previous year's World Cup Total Score. For the part of the season beginning on 1 January, the selection will be from the top rankings in the World Cup Total Score as of the end of December. For the part of the season beginning on 1 February, the selection will be from the top rankings in the World Cup Total Score as of the end of January and will continue on that basis for the remainder of the season. **The NF of the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score (men and women) will also receive additional funding from the IBU for their winner's participation at the World Cup Final.**

Art 15 World Cup Event Rules

15.6.1 Registration and Entry Quotas

Based on the previous year's Nations Cup score final standings, NFs may participate with the following numbers of male and female competitors respectively at WC events: **Individual and Sprint Competitions**. The quota is based on the NF's ranking in the previous season's Nations Cup score:

Nations Cup Rank	Register	Start	Total
1 to 5	8	6	30
6 to 10	7	5	25
11 to 15	6	4	20
16 to 20	5	3	15
21 to 25	4	2	10
26 to 30*	3(4)	1	5
Wildcard			3
			108

* At WCs where a relay is held, nations ranked 26-30 are allowed to register 4 athletes.

Wild-Card Definition and Purpose:

In addition to the above stated quota for NFs, three Wild-cards granting world cup starts will be given to eligible individual competitors who's NFs do not have a World Cup Quota. Wild-cards are limited to one per NF per gender and are valid for a single trimester, however they can be renewed for the following trimester.

Entry into force: The awarding of wild-cards will start based upon the IBU Cup Total Score at the end of the first trimester of the 2010-2011 season.

Eligible Competitors: the best three single athletes (current IBU Cup Total Score) from a nation not already having a quota in the WC, are allowed to start in the WC in case they reach at least one result in the Sprint or Individual that is max. 12% behind the average time of the top three competitors.

Wild-card renewal: Wild cards will be renewed for the next trimester for competitors who achieve a result within 15% behind the average of the top-three competitors in the World Cup during the current WC trimester.

At the end of each season, following the promotion/relegation of NF WC quota (according to 15.6.2), eligible competitors will be given wild-cards for the first trimester of the following season if available.

Each athlete who starts in the WC (including wildcard athletes) will receive Nations Cup points and WC points, and will be listed in all competition results and point rankings.

~~Wildcard: the best three single athletes (current IBU Cup Total score) from countries not already having a quota in the WC are allowed to start in the WC provided they reach at least one result in the sprint or individual that is max. 12% behind the average time of the top three competitors in the IBU Cup.~~

~~Athletes receiving a wildcard in the final trimester of a season will be qualified for the WC in the next season. Each athlete who starts in the WC (including wildcard athletes) will receive Nations Cup points and WC discipline points, and will be listed in all competition results and point rankings.~~

15.6.2 Relegation and promotion

At the end of the season, the following system of NF promotion and/or relegation between the WC and IBU Cup will be used:

Nations ranked 1-27 in the WC Nations Cup ranking automatically remain in the WC for the following season. All other nations will automatically be relegated to the IBU Cup as long as they are not one of the top 3 nations in the IBU Cup that are not already one of the top 27 nations in the WC.

15.6.4 Mass Start Competitions

The mass start competition entries will consist of the top 25 competitors in the current WC Total score and the remaining 5 competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current WC event. If the last qualified competitors are tied, the one with the best WC Total score will qualify. If competitors are missing from the top 25, they will be filled in from the current WC Total score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top ranked competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final 5 start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the WC Points scored at the current event.

15.8.1 General

A scoring system will be used to reflect the competition performance of competitors, relay teams and NFs throughout each WC competition season. Those competitors who have attained the highest final scores of the season will be the winners.

The following types of scores will be used.

- a. World Cup Total;
- b. World Cup individual score;
- c. World Cup sprint score;
- d. World Cup pursuit score;
- e. World Cup mass start score;
- f. World Cup relay score;
- g. World Cup mixed relay score;**
- h. Nations Cup Score.

15.8.2.2 Nations Cup Points

Nations Cup points will be awarded separately for men and women.

For individual and sprint competitions at each WC, and WCH, the following points will be awarded:

1. Place	160 Points	2. Place	154 Points
3. Place	148 Points	4. Place	143 Points
5. Place	140 Points	6. Place	138 Points
7. Place	136 Points	8. Place	134 Points
9. Place	132 Points	10. Place	131 Points and then decreasing by one point down to the last place.

For relay competitions at each WCH and WC, the following Nations Cup points will be awarded:

1. Place	420 Points	2. Place	390 Points	3. Place	360 Points
4. Place	330 Points	5. Place	310 Points	6. Place	290 Points
7. Place	270 Points	8. Place	250 Points	9. Place	230 Points
10. Place	220 Points	11. Place	210 Points	12. Place	200 Points
13. Place	190 Points	14. Place	180 Points	15. Place	170 Points
16. Place	160 Points	17. Place	150 Points	18. Place	140 Points
19. Place	130 Points	20. Place	120 Points	21. Place	110 Points
22. Place	100 Points	23. Place	90 Points	24. Place	80 Points
25. Place	70 Points	26. Place	60 Points	27. Place	50 Points
28. Place	40 Points	29. Place	30 Points	30. Place	20 Points

15.8.3.1 WC Total, Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Relay/Mixed Relay Scores

Scoring will be based on the individual, sprint, pursuit, mass start and relay/mixed relay competitions at WC events and the WCH, of that season.

15.9.1 General

World Cup trophies will be awarded **at the end of the competition** season based on the World Cup score final standings.

15.9.2 Award Categories

The World Cup trophies will be awarded to:

- a. the man and woman placed first in the World Cup Total;
- b. the man and woman placed first in the World Cup individual score;
- c. the man and woman placed first in the World Cup sprint score;
- d. the man and woman placed first in the World Cup pursuit score;
- e. the man and woman placed first in the World Cup mass start score;
- f. the NFs placed first in the men's and women's World Cup relay score;
- g. the NFs placed first in the World Cup mixed relay score;**
- h. the NFs placed first in the men's and women's World Cup nations score.

16. IBU CUP Event Rules (Former Annex E)

16.1 GENERAL

IBU cups are IBU events that, as a general rule, are held for men and women. Juniors may compete as stipulated in Art. 1.2.2.

Member federations have the right to submit an application to the IBU HQ for their youth athletes to compete, provided they have obtained results among the 50% best in the youth category at the most recent Youth (not Junior) WCH. Such applications must include the necessary documentation and will be decided on an individual basis.

The number of IBU Cup events in each competition season will be set by the IBU Executive Board upon recommendation by the TC. The TC will make recommendations to the EB, which will decide how many and what types of competitions will be organized at an event. This information will be included in the IBU Biathlon Calendar. No IBU Cup points will be awarded at the OECH.

16.2 PARTICIPATION

16.2.1 Registration and Entry Quotas

Based on the previous year's IBU Cup nations score final standings, NFs may participate with the following numbers of male and female competitors respectively at IBU Cup events: individual and sprint competitions: the quota is based on the NF's ranking in the previous season's IBU Cup nations score:

IBU Cup Ranking	Register	Start	Maximum on start
1 to 5	7	6	30
6 to 10	6	5	25
11 to 20	5	4	40
21 and above	4	3	(60)
			Total 155

General:

In each IBU Cup trimester, each competitor must at least once reach a result of maximum 30% behind the average of the top-three and demonstrate safe competence in skiing and on the shooting range. Competitors who fail to reach this quality performance standard will not receive IBU support contributions and may not start in the IBU Cup until the second following trimester. Youth class competitors may start in the IBU Cup, however only as stipulated in Art. 16.1 above.

IBU Cup for non-European countries:

All non-European NFs with a WC start quota will have an IBU Cup start quota of minimum four with a quality standard demonstrated in regional competitions.

16.3 COMPETITORS AND ENTRIES

The host NF may enter an additional five competitors per class. All entered competitors will be eligible to earn IBU Cup points.

16.4 SCORING

Motions to amend the annexes of the IBU Event and Competition Rules

ANNEX F - COMPETITION RULES SUMMER BIATHLON

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 Disciplines of Summer Biathlon

Summer Biathlon can be carried out in the following disciplines:

- a. cross-country running with shooting (cross biathlon)
- b. roller-skiing with shooting (roller biathlon)
- c. mountain bike cycling with shooting (mountain bike biathlon)

1.2 Competition schedule for Summer biathlon

The season for summer biathlon starts in June and ends in October annually. The summer biathlon competition program includes:

- a. 3 Roller Cups**
- b. 2 Cross Cups**
- c. 1 OECH (Cross)**
- d. 1 WCH (Roller)**

National federations are requested to send the national schedule for all summer biathlon events to the IBU Headquarters by 1 April annually.

1.4 Registration and entry

For Cross Cups and Roller Cups, each national federation may register 8 and enter 8 competitors. At OECH and the WCH each national federation may register 6 and enter 6.

In the relay competition, only one team may be entered per NF. The hosting NF may register and enter more athletes if the Assist. RD agrees. The additional athletes must be entered in an extra draw group placed before the normal draw groups.

2. CROSS BIATHLON

2.1 Definition

Cross biathlon is conducted in the combination of cross-country running and small-bore shooting. Rifles are not carried by the athlete but left at the shooting range.

2.2 Cross biathlon specifications

2.2.1 Rules specifications

All competitors will be permitted to finish the competition.

All athletes are responsible for picking up their rifles before shooting and to leave them at the assigned rifle rack after shooting. Competitors must deposit their rifles in the racks not later than 5 minutes before the first start, and will not be permitted to start if they have not done so. Rifles must not be removed from the racks until the entire competition is finished and all of the rifles have been inspected by the IR.

2.2.1 Competition specification cross biathlon

(...) The pursuit start can be performed with a fixed start interval of 5 or 10 seconds.

2.2.1 COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS

Cross biathlon will be conducted according to the following table:

Class of Competitor	Course Length and Competition	Shooting Bouts 5 Rounds per Bout except	Shot Penalty Relay
MEN	7 KM INDIVIDUAL	L, S, L, S	30 Seconds
	4 KM SPRINT	L, S	70 m Penalty loop
	6 KM PURSUIT	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	6 KM MASS START	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	4 x 4 KM RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop
WOMEN	6 KM INDIVIDUAL	L, S, L, S	30 Seconds
	3 KM SPRINT	L, S	70 m Penalty loop
	5 KM PURSUIT	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	5 KM MASS START	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	4 x 3 KM RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 Spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop
WOMEN & MEN	2 x 3 + 2 x 4 KM MIXED RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 Spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop
JUN.MEN	7 KM INDIVIDUAL	L, S, L, S	30 Seconds
	4 KM SPRINT	L, S	70 m Penalty loop
	6 KM PURSUIT	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	6 KM MASS START	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	3 x 4 KM RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 Spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop
JUN.WOMEN	6 KM INDIVIDUAL	L, S, L, S	30 Seconds
	3 KM SPRINT	L, S	70 m Penalty loop
	5 KM PURSUIT	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	5 KM MASS START	L, L, S, S	70 m Penalty loop
	3 x 3 KM RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 Spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop
JUNIOR W & M	2 x 3 + 2 x 4 KM MIXED RELAY	L, S (each) + 3 Spare rounds per bout	70 m Penalty loop

TOTAL CLIMB

For the 1.0 km course –	total climb per loop: 15-35m
For the 1.2 km course –	total climb per loop: 20-40m
For the 1.3 km course –	total climb per loop: 25-40m
For the 1.4 km course –	total climb per loop: 30-50m
Maximum height difference -	30 m
Maximum climb -	25 m

2.3 COMPETITION VENUES

In general, competition venues for cross biathlon will be set up based on the rules applicable to winter biathlon events, however giving appropriate consideration to the differences present in competitions held in the summer. The venues may be modified with the approval of the RD/Asst. RD/TD.

2.3.1 Course

Courses must be of a minimum width of 3 m. The course must be surfaced with grass, sawdust, asphalt or cinder and must be free of any obstacles or bumps. All parts of the course must be safe for the competitors to run along at full speed.

2.3.2 Marking of the course

The course must be clearly marked and fenced off along its entire length.

2.3.3 Start and Finish Zones

The start and finish zones must be flat and at least 5 m wide. The course after the start and the course before the finish must be straight for at least 50 m. Lanes for the relay and mass start starting area must be at least 1 m wide and 30 m long.

2.3.4 Shooting Range

The shooting range will be constructed in accordance with the IBU Event and Competition Rules. Competitors may stand on the mats or on the bare ground in the standing shooting position. Lifting the mats is not permitted.

2.3.4.1 Rifle Racks

An adequate number of rifle racks, as stipulated by the RD/Asst. RD/TD, must be marked with the start numbers and located on the shooting range or close to it to give all competitors a place for their rifle while they are running. All racks must be located in the same distance from the shooting range. The racks must be wooden; the distance between the notches for holding the rifles must be at least 35 cm. The racks must be designed in such a way as to allow the competitors to deposit and remove their rifles easily, yet must prevent the rifles falling out accidentally. The numbers must be a minimum of 10 cm in height and have a font line width of 1 cm.

2.3 Penalty Loop

The penalty loop must be 70 m (+ or - 5 m) in length.

3. ROLLER BIATHLON

3.1 Definition

Roller skiing with small-bore shooting (roller biathlon) is a form of summer biathlon which is conducted in a similar fashion to winter biathlon.

3.2 Roller biathlon-specific competition rules

3.2.1 Rule specifications

The competitions may only be carried out with roller skis of the same type and model. The IBU will define the type and model of roller skis and will provide such roller skis and bindings. Rifles must be carried on the course during competition. Competitors must bring their own rifle, ski boots, ski poles and helmets. Helmets must meet one of the international safety standards (e.g. DIN EN 1078 or equivalent). Such helmets must be worn during all types of training and competition. The OC will announce this in the invitation.

3.2.2 Competition specifications

Roller biathlon will be conducted according to Table 1 under Article 1.3.8 of the Event and Competition Rules. Any changes must be authorized by the IBU.

3.2.3 Inspection of equipment/clothing

RD/Asst. RD/TD/IR Materials and the OCs are to provide a technical inspection of all roller skis. Roller skis will be inspected after the official training, before the start and after the finish of the competitions. The inspection will check the model, the type and the speed of the roller skis. The participants will get their roller skis with an approval marking immediately before the start.

3.3 COMPETITION VENUES

3.3.1 Start and Finish Areas

The start area for single starts must have a straight start line at right angles (90°) to the skiing direction. The start line for group or simultaneous starts must be placed so that the competitors have to ski the same distance. The 50 m before the finish line should be straight and flat, and be divided up into three lanes marked with a white-colored line. The 50 m after the finish line must be straight and flat as well.

3.3.2 Courses

The minimum width of the course will be 3.5m or more. Downhill parts and curves must be laid in such a way that the competitors are able to move on them at full speed without risk of an accident.

3.3.3 Shooting Range

Winter biathlon regulations apply to the construction of shooting ranges.

3.3.4 Penalty Loop

A paved penalty loop of 150 m (+ or - 5 m) must be constructed according to winter biathlon rules.

3.4 SHOOTING REGULATIONS

All regulations valid for winter biathlon must be applied to roller biathlon but competitors are required to stand with both feet/roller skis on the mats.

Mountain Bike Biathlon (new Annex)

1.5 COMPETITION JURY

1 TD appointed by IBU TC;

1 IBU international referee;

~~1 UCI international referee;~~

Editorial changes to the Annexes, one each for cross biathlon, roller biathlon and mountain bike biathlon.

Editorial changes

The IBU Executive Board is authorized to make changes within the IBU Event and Competition Rules and its Annexes in agreement with the decisions reached by this Congress.

Motions to amend the IBU Anti-Doping Rules

5.2.2 IBU doping controls can be conducted at all IBU events as decided by the IBU Executive board, based on a recommendation by the IBU Medical Committee. Tests must be conducted at, WCH, SB WCHs, Y/J WCH, OECH, WC and IBU Cups. **Tests may be conducted in any other IBU or IBU authorized event.**

5.5.1 Registered Testing Pool

(...)

d) athletes who apply for haemoglobin exemption will be added automatically to the IBU RTP.

Each athlete in the Registered Testing Pool

- (a) must advise the IBU of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis (**by the 25th of December, March, June and September respectively**) in the manner set out in Article 11.3 of the International Standard for Testing via ADAMS;

6.6.2.1 Mode of Selection of Athletes for Urine Testing (...)

e. In IBU Cups as a minimum the athletes placed 1-3 and two randomly drawn start numbers will be tested.

~~6.6.3.2.1 g) Each Organizing Committee of an event as specified above shall make available to the Medical Delegate and the Medical Assistant one phlebotomists starting at least one day before the first official day of the competition and extending till the end of the last competition.~~

7.8 The IBU must send all notification or communication to athletes to their respective member federation. The member federation is solely responsible to forward the documents to the athlete.

10.8.1 As a condition of regaining eligibility after being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, the athlete must first repay all prize money forfeited under this article **as well as any costs and/or fines imposed by the ADHP, the CAS or its appeal court.**

(replaces former Art. 12.1 and 12.2.)

12.1 The IBU may impose a fine either by requesting payment or by withholding financial support from a member federation if more than one athlete or more than one person from such member federation commits a violation of the IBU Anti-Doping Rules during a 12-month period. The fine will be imposed by withholding some or all funding or other non-financial support to the respective member federation.

Editorial changes

The IBU Executive Board is authorized to freely make necessary editorial changes within the IBU Anti-Doping Rules in accordance with the decisions reached by this Congress.