

**Biathlon Canada,
United States Biathlon Association
Biathlon Alberta**

Invite you to attend the

North American Cup #2

SPRINT AND INDIVIDUAL

December 5 & 6, 2009

IBU categories

Men, Women,
Junior Men/Women,
Youth Men/Women

Canmore Nordic Centre
Canmore, Alberta, Canada

Hosted by:
Canmore Nordic Ski Club
Foothills Nordic Ski Club



November 3, 2009

Welcome, CNSC and FNCS welcome you to the Canmore Nordic Center for the North American Biathlon Cup #2 in Canmore on December 5 and 6, 2009. We are looking forward to this event using the new snow making system that allows us to have an earlier start to the season. The 2009 IBU Biathlon World Youth /Junior Championships increased the interest shown in our sport by local media, the town of Canmore and our many volunteers. We look forward to an excellent competition for all IBU categories and encourage you to attend. There will be another event taking place in the cross country area of the Canmore Nordic Centre so there will be lots of activities to watch and take part in while you are on site.

Official training will take place for the NorAm athletes on Friday, December 4th. Of course, you may come earlier and enjoy the wonderful scenery, great hospitality of the region, and ski on the trails during the early part of the week. Just visit the newly renovated Visitor's Centre at the Nordic Centre to purchase your passes for those extra days prior to the event and book your range time requests with Magi at Magi.Scallion@gov.ab.ca.

Carol Henley

Organization Chair

Organizing committee:

Organizing Committee Chair	Carol Henley
Competition Chief	TBD
Chief of Timing	Greg McCulloch, Andy Holmwood
Chief of Course	TBD
Chief of Stadium	Rob Vanderlee
Chief of Range	Rick Green and assistants
Competition Secretaries	Karin Kaarsoo
Volunteer Coordinators	Nancy Andrews

IBU Technical Delegate: Mr. Tim Brown, Appointed by Biathlon Canada

Questions should be directed to Carol Henley at <mailto:henleyfa@nucleus.com> Phone/Fax 403-240-4723

Eligibility:

If correctly registered and entered by their Canadian Division or USBA Region any member of USBA or Biathlon Canada in good standing may participate in the NACH or NAC event if they have a valid USBA or Biathlon Canada Competitor membership card. The competitors must be prepared to show their membership card for the current year at the event reception.

Citizenship and Residency:

A competitor must be a Canadian or USA citizen or a landed immigrant in Canada or a USA Green Card holder in order to be eligible to be a medallist at a NACH or BNAC event. However, non-USA/Canadian persons may participate if they are members of a Biathlon Canada Division or USBA. Additionally, a competitor may represent only one nation or Region/Division in any one-competition season.

Competition Ability:

Any Division or Region registering a competitor for any NACH or BNAC event tacitly guarantees that competitor's ability to compete at that level of competition.

Awards:

Awards for the NAC are subject to approval by USBA or Biathlon Canada.

For each event of the NAC (2 or 3 competitions) prize money will be distributed based on a cumulative ranking. Prize money will be allocated according to a ranking, which will be established by the addition of the NAC points of each competition of the event (Individual, Sprint, Individual or Mass Start). The top three athletes in each of the IBU classes having accumulated the most points will be awarded the prize money as follows:

First	100.00\$ CAD
Second	75.00\$ CAD
Third	50.00\$ CAD

USBA & Biathlon Canada will administrate the prize money and make available at each Event in their jurisdiction. Medals will be presented to the first three placings in each class of each competition.

Medals and NA cup points will be awarded regardless of the number of participants in a class.

Non-Resident Firearms Declaration Process:

When bringing a firearm into Canada you must fill out the form listed below in triplicate and present it to the customs agent. One person may bring more than one firearm into the country and still only pay a one-time fee for a year. A Team coach may fill out one form for the entire team if traveling together.

<http://www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca>

Go to 'English' then 'to the menu on left for 'forms'. Look under 'non-residents' for CAFC 909 and CAFC 910. You may fill them out on line and print them off in preparation for your border crossing with the custom agents. Do not sign them until you are at the border. You will need three for the border, plus your license to own guns. Photo ID is recommended for border crossings. Ammunition is not available in the town of Canmore. Calgary has two sporting goods stores that will have target ammunition from Federal, CCI, Remington but not Lupua. Make sure to bring enough with you for your training and competition needs.

REGISTRATION: at www.biathlon.ca and follow the links.

Open November 14, 2009

Registration and Release waivers will be accepted **ONLY** on-line through the Biathlon Alberta website.

Payment **must be** made using a credit card (Visa or Master Card).

On-line registration will close on Tuesday December 1, 2009 at 2359 MST. No Registration will be taken on site.

All Competitors **MUST** be a member of a Division or State to compete.

Proof of membership is required to compete. Enter the number in the membership field (USBA competitor's use 'USBA' in the membership field)

Men/Women, Junior Men/Women, Youth Men/Women	\$60 plus on-line charge (includes trail pass for both days)
*one day for above categories	\$30 plus on-line service charge for one day fee for these categories only (includes trail pass)
Biathlon Alberta Day memberships – Phone 403-202-6548 to register for this option	\$15 per day

*Changes from one day to two days cannot be made after the registration deadline, plan accordingly.

Cancellation policy in effect:

If event cancelled due to severe cold weather four days before the event then a 50% refund of registration fees will be refunded by Biathlon Alberta on behalf of the hosting clubs.

If the event is cancelled on the competition weekend due to severe cold weather or force majeure, no refund of registration fees will be made.

If an athlete withdraws before the registration deadline then a \$10 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent.

Type of Competitions:

Saturday **Sprint** Sunday **Individual** as per IBU rules and as per NorAm Hosting Policy dated June 2009

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR NORAM CUP #2, 2009

December 3, 2009, Thursday		
Thursday	Unofficial training	Magi.Scallion @gov.ab.ca for bookings of the range on this day Trail passes must be purchased from Visitor center at \$7.50 per day
Thursday	1600 Office open in Timing Building	Wax Room Key pick up
Thursday	1900 NorAm.Team captains	TBD but on site, Jury Selection, course information
December 4, 2009, Friday		
Friday	0800 Office open in Timing Building	Pass Pick up, Wax Room Key pick up, Lane Assignments
Friday	1000 – 1300 Official training IBU	Passes included with two-day event registration
Friday	1400-1700 Unofficial training for other categories	Limited area for Zero
Friday	1700 Range closed for rest of day & evening.	Competition preparations – no shooting after this time.
Friday	1900 - 2030 Team Captains meeting NorAm	TBD but on site NorAm Cup, jury selections, sprint draw, course information, and light refreshments.
December 5, 2009. Saturday		
Saturday	0800 Office open in Timing Building	Bib pick up by team representative
Saturday	1000-1045 Zero	All categories
Saturday	1015 Equipment check opens	Leg numbers will be applied.
Saturday	1100 Sprint competition start	All categories
Saturday	1400 Awards	Main room Bill Warren Training Centre
December 6, 2009, Sunday		
Sunday	0800 Office open	Bib pick up by team representative
Sunday	0900-0945 Zero	All Categories
Sunday	0915 Equipment check opens	Leg numbers will be applied.
Sunday	1000 Individual competition	All Categories.
Sunday	1500 Awards	Main room Bill Warren Training Centre

The schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions and number of competitors. The Organizing committee reserves the right to change the event schedule as needed. If advance notices are possible, then posting of the information will be on the Biathlon Alberta and Biathlon Canada websites. All notices will be posted on the upper level notice board outside the biathlon timing building during the event.

Wax Rooms:

Eleven wax rooms with air exchangers & wax tables are available by reservation. Athlete numbers will determine room assignment. The wax room building is situated next to the wax testing area and next to the biathlon stadium. There is no charge for the room as the registration fees cover the fees, however, there is a refundable deposit charged per key of \$100 cash or check. Fill out the document at the end of this invitation and e-mail to henleyfa@nucleus.com.

Competition Office:

Will be located in the Biathlon Timing building by the range. Hours will be Thursday afternoon 1600 – 2000 Friday 0800-1600 Saturday 0800-1600 Sunday 0800-1700 Office volunteers will be at the location for awards during awards times.

Parking:

We ask that the biathlon area be used as a drop off area for athletes and equipment only.

Parking will be at the main lot by the Visitors Center. Those with trailers may request a pass for the biathlon area if the trailer is going to be unhitched.

Volunteer check in:

Will be in the upstairs area of the biathlon timing building. At the rear of the biathlon parking lot go up the outside stairs and enter the first door of the building.

Tunnels:

Tunnels will be used for the entire competition to keep the snow in good skiable condition. Please help us maintain our snow by only walking in designated walk areas. Use skis in the stadium, course and range, please. Entrance tunnels from the parking lot to the equipment check and then to the range will be used for the entire competition. Volunteers will use the same tunnels.

Course Maps

Are attached to this document in PDF. Conditions, depending on the natural snow and the condition of the manmade are never perfect! Courses use the options available with the consultation of the CNC staff and requirements of the athletes competing. Early snow conditions are always interesting and we try for best case options considering the weather and snow conditions.

Ski Loops Distances, & Sequences for NorAm Cup

IBU CLASSES	AGE	SP	SP sequence	Individual	Individual sequence
Men	21+	10 km	PS	20 km	PSPS
Women	21+	7.5 km	PS	15 km	PSPS
Junior Men	19-20	10 km	PS	15 km	PSPS
Junior Women	19-20	7.5 km	PS	12.5 km	PSPS
Youth Men	17-18	7.5 km	PS	12.5 km	PSPS
Youth Women	17-18	6 km	PS	10 km	PSPS

Required Loops by Competition Type

Comp	4km	3.3km	3km	2.5km	2km	1.5km
SP		Option	✓	✓	✓	
Individual	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Colour	Brown	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red	Orange

Canmore Nordic Centre:

There is food service at the visitor center with hot and cold food for purchase. There are showers and toilets in the wax room areas but you must bring your personal towels and supplies. Showers run on coins. The visitor centre has undergone a upgrade and has expanded the floor space for visitors. Pack a lunch or use the food service at the centre.

Accommodations:

Visit www.tourismcanmore.com accommodations list to see the local hotels and amenities available.

Rocky Mountain Ski Lodge 1-800-665-6111 ask for biathlon rates
Quality Resort Chateau Canmore 1-800-261-8551 All Suite Hotel
The Drake Inn 1-800-461-8730 downtown and some live music on weekends
Bow Valley Motel 1-402-678-5085 1-800-665-8189 downtown
Rundle Mountain Motel 1-403-678-5322, 1800-661-1610
Best Western Pocaterra Inn 1-403-678-4334 (has breakfast included in rates)
Canmore Mountain Lodge 1-403-678-5488. 1-888-661-2133
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Canmore 1-888-201-1718

Calgary International Airport is 112 Km from Canmore Nordic Centre.
All Car Rental agencies are available at the airport.

Driving time from Calgary is 1.5 hours in good weather on excellent four-lane highways part of which is located in the foothills of Alberta.
Vancouver to Canmore is 9 to 11 hours,
Edmonton to Canmore is 4.5 hours.
Be sure to bring your camera.