



**BIATHLON  
CANADA**



**IBU Regional Event  
2024 Canadian  
Biathlon Championships  
March 26 – 31, 2024  
Hinton, Alberta  
Hinton Nordic Centre**

**Race Invitation**



Welcome from the race organizing committee!

On behalf of Biathlon Canada and the Hinton Nordic Skiers Biathlon organizing committee I am honoured to invite you to the 2024 Canadian Biathlon Championships in Hinton located in the beautiful foothills of Alberta.

We are excited to host this 2024 event and look forward to sharing with you what the region has to offer, in particular, our world class Hinton Nordic Centre, with 35km of expertly groomed trails fit for skating and classic skiing, our rustic day lodge and our upgraded biathlon range.

The Hinton Nordic Skiers have had the privilege of hosting a few Western Canadian Championships, Nordic and Biathlon, the 1984 Cross-Country Skiing Canadian Championships, a Biathlon World Cup in 1994 and North American Canadian Biathlon Championships in 2015. These events only come to life because of the pure dedication of our volunteers and support of our amazing community.

We are pleased to host teams from across Canada and the United States. We will work very hard to welcome all the athletes and offer each of you a national level competition that you will remember for a long time.

On behalf of our Organizing Committee, I wish you all good luck and hope you enjoy our amazing trails in the beauty of the Foothills.

Tammy Johnston

2024 Canadian Biathlon Championships

Organizing Committee Chair

# Canadian Biathlon Championships

## March 26-31, 2024 Hinton, Alberta, Canada

### Classes of Competitors and Types of Competitions

The following competitions will be held for the following classes:

Classes	Sprint Wed. March 27	Pursuit Thurs. March 28	Mass Start Sat. March 30	S.M. Relay Sun. March 31
Men (22+)	10 km PS 150m Penalty BI-BI-BI	12.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty G-G-G-G-G	12.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty G-G-G-G-G	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Women (22+)	7.5 km PS 150m Penalty G-G-G	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Junior Men (19-21)	10 km PS 150m Penalty BI-BI-BI	12.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty G-G-G-G-G	12.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty G-G-G-G-G	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Junior Women (19-21)	7.5 km PS 150m Penalty G-G-G	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Youth Men (U19)	7.5 km PS 150m Penalty G-G-G	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	10 km PPSS 150m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Youth Women (U19)	6 km PS 150m Penalty R-R-R	7.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	7.5 km PPSS 150m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Senior B/G (U17)	6 km PS 100m Penalty R-R-R	7.5 km PPSS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	7.5 km PPSS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	5 x 1 km PSPS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI
Sport 4 (17+)	7.5 km PS 100m Penalty G-G-G	10 km PPSS 100m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	10 km PPSS 100m Penalty R-R-R-R-R	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Sport 3 (17+)	6 km PS 100m Penalty R-R-R	7.5 km PPSS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	7.5 km PPSS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O	5 x 1.5 km PSPS 100m Penalty O-O-O-O-O
Sport 2 (17+)	4.5 km PS 100m Penalty O-O-O	5 km PPSS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI	5 km PPSS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI	5 x 1 km PSPS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI
Sport 1 (17+)	4.5 km PS 100m Penalty O-O-O	5 km PPSS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI	5 km PPSS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI	5 x 1 km PSPS 100m Penalty PI-PI-PI-PI-PI

## **Race Notes:**

- Men will start the Single Mixed Relay.
- The Pursuit will be conducted with a three second start interval between competitors, with a wave start of all remaining competitors at 3 minutes.
- The Sport 1 class will not carry their rifle on course and will follow the range procedures for Senior Boys and Girls.
- The OC will provide officials to shuttle the rifles back to the entrance rifle racks so that they are ready for the competitors' next shooting bouts. If coaches wish to perform the transfer of rifles from the exit to the entrance rack, this is permitted but the coach must inform the organizer prior to the start of the competition.

## **Medal Presentations**

Medals will be presented on site at the Hinton Nordic Centre 15 minutes after each competition's final results are posted except on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, they will be presented in the evening at the banquet.

## **Rules**

The current IBU Event and Competition Rules and the 2023 version of the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy will be in effect for the event, except as specifically modified by this invitation.

## **Competition Office**

The competition office is at the Hinton Nordic Centre and will be open on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - 3:00, from 9:00 - 3:00 on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 – 4:00 on Competition Days.

## **Cancellation Policy**

If an athlete withdraws before the registration deadline February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a \$15.00 processing fee will apply before a refund is sent. No refunds for cancellations will be given after this date.

## **Media**

Please note that parts of this event, including training days and race days, may be live streamed, televised or broadcast on internet or television channels.

## 2024 Canadian Championships Event Program

The competition timings and configurations may change depending on participation numbers for the various classes of competitions.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Mon. March 25	10:00 – 3:00 5:30	Arrival, Unofficial Training Team Captains Meeting: Hinton Training Centre
Tue. March 26	10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00	Official Training Course and Range - AM Classes Official Training Course and Range - PM Classes
Wed. March 27	9:00 – 9:45 10:00 11:45 12:30 – 1:15 1:30	Zeroing - Sprint AM Classes Sprint Competition - AM Classes Opening Ceremony Zeroing - Sprint PM Classes Sprint Competition - PM Classes
Thurs. March 28	9:00 – 9:45 10:00 12:30 – 1:15 1:30 6:00 – 9:00	Zeroing - Pursuit AM Classes Pursuit Competition - AM Classes Zeroing - Pursuit PM Classes Pursuit Competition - PM Classes Banquet - Hinton Center
Fri. March 29	10:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00 5:30	Official Training Course and Range - AM Classes Official Training Course and Range - PM Classes Team Captains Meeting: Hinton Training Centre
Sat. March 30	9:00 – 9:45 10:00 12:30 – 1:15 1:30	Zeroing - Mass Start AM Classes Mass Start Competition - AM Classes Zeroing - Mass Start PM Classes Mass Start Competition - PM Classes
Sun. March 31	9:00 – 9:45 10:00 12:30 – 1:15 1:30 ***	Zeroing - Single Mix Relay AM Classes Single Mix Relay Competition - AM Classes Zeroing - Single Mix Relay PM Classes Single Mix Relay Competition - PM Classes Medals and Closing Ceremonies at the Hinton Nordic Center after the competitions

AM and PM classes will be defined when participation numbers are known.

## **Host Community**

Hinton, Alberta is a community with a population of 10,000. It is situated 295 km West of Edmonton and 500 km North-West of Calgary in the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Since we are only a 45-minute drive from the town of Jasper it is a given that many residents in Hinton move here for the outdoors. From skiing to snowmobiling, from hiking to all-terrain vehicles there is an outdoor activity that suites all tastes.

## **The Venue**

The Hinton Nordic Centre has been on highway 40 (North) since 1984. The Hinton Nordic Centre was designed with the premise that we would be regularly hosting various biathlon and cross-country competitions. Our centre boasts 35 km of expertly groomed trails and a biathlon range with 25 targets. As we are at the mercy of the varying mountain temperatures you might see the daytime temperatures vary from -15 to +5 during your visit. Maps of the trails will be provided and posted at the main lodge. This year in preparation for the 2024 Canadian Biathlon Championships we have worked hard at upgrading various parts of the course and range. Enjoy!

## **Travel and On-Site Transport Information**

The participating teams will be responsible for their travel to Hinton and transport during the event. Teams travelling by air will want to organize ground transportation from Edmonton or Calgary. Hinton has limited rental vehicle companies. Carpooling to the Nordic Centre is highly encouraged due to parking limitations at the Nordic Centre.

## **Venue Access**

- head West out of Hinton on Hwy 16 (towards Jasper)
- turn North on Hwy 40 (towards Grande Cache)
- approximately 10km up Hwy 40N there will be a sign for Nordic Centre
- turn left off Hwy 40N at the Nordic Centre signage
- once you are on the gravel road take the first right
- for safety reasons and limited parking watch for parking signage

## **Team Captain Meetings**

We will be hosting the team Captain Meetings at the Hinton Training Centre located at 1176 Switzer Drive. A parking map will be provided prior to competition week.

## **Facilities**

- Technical Building, Competition, Timing and Jury Office
- Day lodge and outdoor tent for athletes, coaches, volunteers  
Note: there is no water on site, please ensure you are prepared with sufficient food and water for the day
- Ski Storage
- Outdoor Toilets
- Limited Parking (please carpool when possible)

## **Waxing and Storage Facilities**

- Organizers will provide unheated, locked storage space for divisions to store skis, poles, etc
- Common space for training and travel waxing will be provided indoors and outdoors
- Biathlon Canada will provide waxing profiles/ tables for the common waxing areas
- Teams must bring their own tools: irons, scrapers, brushes
- Biathlon Canada will provide liquid and hard wax for training and travel waxing to all teams free of charge
- Questions about the waxing supplies can be directed to [cwhitman@biathloncanada.ca](mailto:cwhitman@biathloncanada.ca)

## **Wax Protocol**

Biathlon Canada will be executing a universal wax protocol for competitions for all athletes. Skis should be clean and not pre-waxed when they are submitted for wax protocol before the published drop-off time. The fluoro ban described in the Canadian Hosting Policy will be in effect for this event.

Biathlon Canada Staff will supervise the preparation of all skis. All athletes must submit one pair of skis to the identified Wax Room during the times indicated in the waxing schedule that will be published closer to the event. Biathlon Canada Staff will make note of the athlete's name and skis, ensure the athlete's skis are waxed and ensure the athlete's skis are available in the start pen as they proceed to the start.

## **Shooting Range and Target System**

The Hinton Nordic Centre is equipped with 25 Kurvinen manual targets, with a covered canopy and lights.

## **Course and Stadium**

The biathlon course will include 3.2km, 2.5km, 2km, 1.5km and 1km race trails, with 600m warm up trail. Course maps will be available soon.

## **Early Training, Unofficial Training**

For unofficial training prior to Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> trail and range fees (\$15 per athlete per day) must be paid. The facility will be open on Monday, March 25 for unofficial training, Tuesday, March 26 and Friday, March 29 for official training. You are requested to contact the Competition Secretary if you wish to train earlier than Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Eligibility to Compete**

Registered participants of Biathlon Canada must meet the eligibility requirements in section 4 of the Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy in order to register. Canadian competitors and coaches/ staff who are handling rifles must have in their possession and be able to show upon request their PAL or Minor's License and comply with Canadian firearms laws.

Any Registered Participant of US Biathlon, or another IBU national federation in good standing may compete in an IBU Regional event. For US athletes, an IBU travel subsidy may be available through US Biathlon to attend the event.

## **Rifle Regulations and Storage**

Teams and individual competitors from outside of Canada must declare their rifles at the Canadian border, complete the necessary documentation and pay the required fee when bringing their rifles and ammunition into Canada. Please refer to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police website and form at [RCMP GRC 5589e \(rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/5589e) to have access to the Non-Resident Firearms Declaration. Rifle storage will be the responsibility of the teams. All athletes must be in possession, and able to show on request their firearms license, PAL, POL or Minors Permit.



## **Registration and Meal Fees**

Registration fees are payable online through [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca) and will be charged as follows for all participants in Canadian dollars.

All Inclusive Registration (4 competitions & banquet): \$250

Unofficial Training Day Use Fee: \$15/ day/ person

Per Competition Registration: \$60.00

Banquet: \$50.00

Four-Lunch Plan: \$80 (\$20/ lunch)

Participants of the Lunch Plan or Banquet must inform the OC, through their registration on [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca) of allergies and requested type of food (vegetarian, vegan, other) The four-lunch plan is for competition day lunches. Lunches will not be provided on training days. Athletes will have to make other arrangements on these days. Coach and team staff registration will be through [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca) . Coaches and team staff who wish to have access to the field of play and be added to the mailing list for the event must register.

## **Banquet**

A banquet will be held on Thursday March 28 at 6:00, at the Hinton Center located on Switzer Dr. next to the Hinton Campground. Presentation of awards for the Pursuit Competitions and the Biathlon Canada awards will be held during this event with a social to follow. If you're not a registered athlete and would like to attend, you'll need to purchase a banquet ticket. You can do this by choosing the relevant option on [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca) The cost of a banquet ticket is \$50.

## **Awards**

Biathlon Canada individual, club, and division aggregate awards will be presented at the event. Biathlon Canada will also be providing awards for Canadian College & University students who compete in the event.

## **Accommodations and Meals**

Teams are responsible for arranging their own accommodation, including reservations, and meals during the event. See above for the available meal plans from the Organizers.

## **Accommodation Listing**

The following accommodations have a restaurant on the premises. The Race Committee has made arrangements to include a preferred Canadian Biathlon Championship rate at the following hotels.

[Canadian Biathlon Championship - March 23-31,2024- Holiday Inn Hinton](#)

[Canadian Biathlon Championship - March 23-31,2024- Holiday Inn Express Hinton](#)

Book through the link to get the Canadian Biathlon Championship discount. Both these hotels and a variety of other accommodations can be found on the **Town of Hinton** website under, **PLAY, Accommodations**.

[Hinton, AB - Official Website | Official Website](#)

## **Volunteers**

This is a very exciting event for the Hinton Nordic Centre and it will require many helping hands. For us to host a successful race week we are seeking many volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at any capacity please fill out the following form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaiG2yuLTfSoirbQwUVgLINSoccHQZ5mBput9NQEx4qmhydg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaiG2yuLTfSoirbQwUVgLINSoccHQZ5mBput9NQEx4qmhydg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)

If you have any questions about the competitions or a specific volunteer position, please reach out to our volunteer organizers at [hnsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hnsvolunteers@gmail.com) they will be happy to help and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please spread the word and we hope to see many of you out there!

## **Organizing Committee**

As previously mentioned, the Hinton Nordic Skiers have hosted many Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon events. We draw from a pool of experienced volunteers as well as many keen newcomers and look forward to hosting this event.

Chairman of the Event:	Tammy Johnston
Chief of Competition:	Sidney Furuness
Chief of Timing:	Elmar Heger
Chief of Course:	Christian Weik
Chief of Range:	Garry Schaffel
Chief of Stadium:	Louis Corbeil
Competition Secretary:	Kim Tew
Volunteer Coordinator:	Scott Wilson, Jesse Way and Melanie Leoni

Technical Delegate:	Erin Sand
Referee:	Veli Niinimaa
Referee:	Pam Tracz
Referee:	Jason Nishiyama

Questions or concerns can be directed to Tammy Johnston at [tammydj2024@gmail.com](mailto:tammydj2024@gmail.com)



# Canadian National Biathlon Championships 2024 Hinton, AB

- Black - 750 m
- Purple - 1 km
- Orange - 1.50 km
- Red - 2 km
- Green - 2.5 km
- Blue - 3.3 km



0 50 100 200 300 400  
Meters

16

Range

Finish

Start

Main  
Lodge





**Unisex Hoodie \$75**  
**sizes XS-XXL**



**Toque \$35**  
**Black or Grey**



**Women's**  
**Longsleeve \$55**  
**sizes XS-XL**



**Men's Longsleeve \$55**  
**sizes S-XXL**

**Merchandise will be available for pickup in Hinton on Training Day**