

United States Biathlon Association & Biathlon Canada
Present
2012 North American Biathlon Championships

January 13th – 15th, 2012
Ethan Allen Firing Range
Jericho, Vermont

Hosted by

Vermont National Guard

Ethan Allen Biathlon Club

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Welcome

The Ethan Allen Biathlon Club and the Vermont National Guard invite you to attend the North American Biathlon Championships at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vermont on January 13th thru 15th, 2012. This North American Championships are sponsored by the United States Biathlon Association and Biathlon Canada.

Ethan Allen biathlon facilities were originally built to be a state of the art facility and remain one of the top biathlon centers in the United States. The facilities include a 30 point range, more than 18 kilometres of established trails, snow making, waxing huts, 6 kilometres of paved and lighted roller skiing a large meeting building as well as toilet facilities, showers, and a kitchen, and a separate building at the finish line dedicated to timing operations. The range is located approximately 30 minutes from Burlington, Vermont, a beautiful city with a population of approximately 39,000 situated on the shore of Lake Champlain and the edge of the Green Mountains. The area is easily accessed by Burlington International Airport with regular connections to major airline hubs and can be reached from most of the Northeast by interstate highways. The area is known for its outstanding recreational activities.

Rules

International Biathlon Union Event and Competition Rules will be in effect for this event, except as specifically modified by the Organizing Committee or Competition Jury. Any modifications to the rules will be discussed at the Team Captains Meeting. The organizing committee reserves the right to modify the parameters of the event based upon local conditions such as weather and trail availability.

Competition

The competition will include a Sprint race on Friday, Pursuit style race on Saturday, and a Mass Start on Sunday.

Sprint Competition (Friday):

Men (21+): 10 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Women (21+): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Men (19/20): 10 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Women (19/20): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Youth Men (17/18): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Youth Women (17/18): 6 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Boys/Girls (15/16): 6 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Master Men (35+): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Master Women (35+): 6 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Pursuit Competition (Saturday): The Pursuit race will be conducted with a 15 second interval start, with starting order determined by the previous days Sprint competition result. Athletes who did not take part in the Sprint will be drawn randomly to determine starting order after the last qualified competitor in a given class.

Men (21+): 12.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Women (21+): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Men (19/20): 12.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Women (19/20): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Men (17/18): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Women (17/18): 7.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Boys/Girls (15/16): 7.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Master Men (35+): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Master Women (35+): 7.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop

Mass Start Competition (Sunday): The Mass Start race will be conducted with wave start. Class may be combined into waves depending on the number of competitors in each wave.

Men (21+): 15 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Women (21+): 12.5 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Men (19/20): 12.5 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Women (19/20): 10 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Men (17/18): 10 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Women (17/18): 7.5 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Boys/Girls (15/16): 7.5 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Master Men (35+): 10 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop
Master Women (35+): 7.5 km, ps, 150 m penalty loop

Competition Officials

Chief of Competition: John Madigan

Chief of Course: Dan Westover

Chief of Range: Tom Lane

Chief of Stadium: Maj. Andrew Parsons

Chief of Timing: Karen Clark

Competition Secretary: Bryan Schultz

Organizing Committee: Eric Tremble, Maj. Andrew Parsons, Wendy Letourneau, John Madigan, Tom Lane, Karen Clark, Judy Geer, Madeline Mann

Schedule of Events

The course will close 5 minutes before the start of the races and will not reopen until all competitors have completed the race.

Thursday, January 12th Arrival and Training

Competition Office open: *1000 to 1200 hrs, 1300 to 1500 hrs*
Range and trails open for training: *1000 to 1200 hrs, 1400 to 1600 hrs*
Team Captains Meeting: *1730 hrs in the Walker Building*

Friday, January 13th *Sprint Competition*

Competition Office open: *0800 hrs*
Equipment Control open: *0845 to 1000 hrs*
Zero (all classes): *0900 to 0945 hrs*
Sprint Competition: *1000 hrs, 30 seconds intervals*
Flower Ceremony and awards for Sprint: *Saturday night banquet*
Range and trails open for training: *1400 to 1600 hrs*

Saturday, January 14th *Pursuit Competition*

Competition Office open: *0800 hrs*
Equipment Control open: *0845 to 1000 hrs*
Zero (all classes): *0900 to 0945 hrs*
Pursuit Competition: *1000 hrs, 15 second intervals*
Flower Ceremony and awards for Pursuit: *Saturday night banquet*
Range and trails open for training: *1400 to 1600 hrs*
Banquet: *1800 hrs at a location to be determined*

Sunday, January 15th *Mass Start Competition*

Competition Office open: *0800 hrs*
Equipment Control open: *0845 to 1000 hrs*
Zero (all classes): *0900 to 0945 hrs*
Mass Start Competition: *1000 hrs*
Flower Ceremony and awards for Mass Start: *Immediately following final results*
No training after race

Eligibility

If correctly registered and entered by USBA Region or their Canadian Division any member of USBA or Biathlon Canada in good standing may participate in this 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 registration. USBA membership forms are available at <http://www.usbiathlon.org/forms/membership.pdf>

The competition is open to all biathletes 14 years of age or older on the day of the competition. Biathletes, younger than 15, will need permission to compete, based upon ability to participate safely, from the Chief of Competition.

Team Captains Meeting

There is one team Captains Meeting scheduled for this competition. It will be held at the Ethan Allen Firing Range, Walker Building at 1730 hrs on Thursday, January 12th. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Items to be covered at the meeting include modifications to the rules, election of jury, and start order draw for the Sprint competition. Representation at the Team Captains meeting is strongly encouraged. If anyone is unable to attend, they should plan on picking up their bibs in the morning and to be briefed on any relevant information. Bibs and start lists for the Pursuit and Mass Start will be available at the Walker Building the morning of the race.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each of the competition classes. Awards will be presented at the flower ceremony at the banquet Saturday night and following the mass Start on Sunday.

Banquet

A banquet for all athletes, coaches, volunteers, family and friends will be held on Saturday evening at 1800 hrs at the Mt. Mansfield High School. The cost of the banquet is included in all race entry fees. Additional banquet tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the time of registration and until the Team Captains Meeting.

Waxing Huts

Waxing huts are available for teams on a first come/first serve basis and can be arranged at the competition office starting Thursday, January 12th.

Liability/Insurance Waiver

Competitors shall be responsible for adequate insurance of participants. All participants must be appropriately insured against injuries, illness or possible damage of material. Neither the organizing committee, Ethan Allen Biathlon Club, Ethan Allen Firing Range, Vermont National Guard, the United States Biathlon Association, nor any sponsors or volunteers, shall be liable for personal and material damage. All competitors must sign a waiver and release of liability before using the facilities.

Registration and Fees

The entry fee is \$30 for one race, \$60 for two races, and \$90 for three races, if received by January 9th, 2012, for all competitors as specified by the Biathlon North America hosting policy.

Registration for this event closes on Monday, January 9th, 2012. Pre registration is expected and should be received by that time. Registration forms can be found at the end of this document, or participants may register at SkiReg.com.

<http://www.skireg.com/events/register.asp?EventID=3249>

If registering by mail, the registration form should be mailed along with a check or money order for the full registration amount to:

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P.O. Box 1012
Jericho Center, Vermont 05465

Driving Directions

Interstate 89 is a toll free highway between Boston and Montreal. Route 7, a major north/south artery, links western Vermont with Massachusetts, New York and Quebec. Route 2 bisects Vermont westward to New York State and eastward to New Hampshire and Maine. Each of these major routes passes through Burlington, Vermont. Jericho and the Ethan Allen Firing Range are located approximately 15 miles (25km) northeast from the center of Burlington. From Burlington, Winooski or Williston, follow VT Rt. 2A or VT Rt. 15 to Essex Junction and then VT Rt. 15 to Jericho, then follow Lee River Rd. to Ethan Allen Firing Range.

Once at the base, pass through the entry gate and onto new pavement. Take second right onto dirt road just past "Red House". Continue up the main road to the top of the hill (approximately 1 mile). Please obey the posted base speed limit of 25 mph. There are many army personnel walking on the roads as well as army vehicles. Anyone who is caught speeding will be asked to leave the base. They are serious about this!! Public transportation to the venue is not available.

[Google Map](#)

Lodging and Dining

Lodging is available on base at a very reasonable rate. For additional information and to reserve a bed, contact Maj. Andrew Parsons at andrew.f.parsons@us.army.mil.

A wide selection of accommodations and dining are available in the Chittenden County, Burlington, Vermont area. Burlington is Vermont's largest city, located along the eastern shore of Lake Champlain. For information concerning lodging, please contact:

Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
60 Main Street Burlington, Vermont 05401
Telephone 802 863 3489 Fax 802 863 1539

Or visit the Web at: <http://www.Vermont.org>

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Competitor Entry Form

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Sex: M / F
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Country _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ Age: _____

USBA or Biathlon Canada #: _____ Club or Team: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Race: Sprint – Friday Pursuit Format – Saturday Mass Start – Sunday

Class/Age:

- Masters Men: 35+ yrs Masters Women: 35+ yrs
 Men: 21-34 years Women: 21-34 years
 Junior Men: 19 - 20 years Junior Women: 19 - 20 years
 Youth Men: 17-18 years Youth Women: 17-18 years
 Boys: 15 -16 years Girls: 15 -16 years

Entry Fees:

- \$30 (U.S. Dollars) for one race if received by January 9th, 2012
 \$60 (U.S. Dollars) for two races if received by January 9th, 2012
 \$90 (U.S. Dollars) for three races if received by January 9th, 2012

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ U.S. Dollars. Checks payable to: *Ethan Allen Biathlon Club*

Please enclose payment with registration form. Mail to: **Ethan Allen Biathlon Club**

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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Identification of risk: I, _____, know that biathlon, consisting of skiing and rifle marksmanship, involves risks of serious injury, including permanent disability and death. I understand that these injuries might result not only from my actions, but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others. Assumption of risk: I agree that I am responsible for my safety while participating in biathlon training and competition. I assume all risks, both known and unknown, connected with my participation. Waiver: Being aware of the risks and willing to assume them, I waive, release and hold harmless Ethan Allen Firing Range, Vermont National Guard, Ethan Allen Biathlon Club, United States Biathlon Association, their affiliate clubs, volunteers, directors, officers, employees, coaches, sponsors, advertisers, and owners/lessors of used premises from all claims for liability, injury, loss, or damage connected with my participation in biathlon training and competition. I intend for this waiver and release to also apply to my relatives, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin, and assigns. Insurance: I currently have, and agree to maintain through the time I participate, sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my responsibility and release anyone from providing it for me.

I have read this agreement carefully, understand that I give up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it voluntarily.

Participant's signature Date _____

For Participants under age 18:

I consent to the above person's participation in biathlon training and competitions. I acknowledge that I assume all risks, known and unknown, and waive all claims in advance.

Date _____

Parent/guardian's signature