

**West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation
United States Biathlon Association**

**Invite you to attend the
United States Biathlon Association
2012 Biathlon National Championships
and Adaptive Biathlon National Championships**

**13-18 March 2012
IBU SPRINT, PURSUIT , MASS START
Adaptive SPRINT, INDIVIDUAL**

**IBU Categories
Men/Junior Men
Women/Junior Women
Youth Men/Youth Women
Masters Men/Masters Women**

**Adaptive Categories
Men
Women**

**Rendezvous Ski Trails Biathlon Range
West Yellowstone, Montana
USA**



February 1, 2012

Dear Biathlon Competitors and Friends:

WYSEF and the US Biathlon Association invite you to West Yellowstone's Rendezvous Ski Trails for the 2012 Biathlon National Championships. The Organizing Committee is looking forward to hosting an excellent event with athletes from across the country and encourages you to attend. This event will also represent the first ever U.S. National Championships for Adaptive Biathlon.

Official training will take place on Wednesday, 12 March and Friday, 16 March. Please consider coming early and/or staying after the competitions to enjoy our world class trails and newly renovated Biathlon range. If you plan to arrive early or stay beyond 18 March please be aware that trail passes are required at all times. If you would like to use the range outside of Official Training and Competition days please notify the Organizing Committee in advance so that we may accommodate you.

We look forward to seeing you in West Yellowstone!

Best Regards,

Marc Sheppard
Organizing Committee Chair

Organizing Committee

Chair and Chief of Competition: Marc Sheppard

WYSEF Program Director: Dan Cantrell

Chief of Range: Roger Anderson

Chief of Scoring: Peggy Lynn

Chief of Course: Drew Barney

Race Secretary: Moira Anderson-Dow

IBU TD: Julia Collins

Eligibility

Competitors from all IBU member NFs will be eligible to participate in this event. However, only members of the USBA and US Citizens will be eligible to be National Champions and medalists. There are no participation quotas for this event. Competitors must be prepared to show their membership card for the current year in order to compete.

Competition Ability

Any competitor registering for any National Championships event tacitly guarantees that competitor's ability to compete at that level of competition.

Awards

Awards for the National Championships are subject to approval by USBA.

Medals for each competition will be awarded in the following categories

Biathlon National Championships

Youth Men

Youth Women

Junior Men

Junior Women

Senior Men

Senior Women

Master Men

Master Women

Senior Master Men

Senior Master Women

Veteran Men

Veteran Women

Senior Veteran Men

Senior Veteran Women

Adaptive Biathlon National Championships

Senior Men

Senior Women



Non-Resident Firearms Declaration Process:

Teams and individual competitors from outside of the USA must declare their rifles at the USA border and must have an approved ATF Form 6NIA prior to arrival at the border.

Complete forms and instructions are available at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/download/atf-f-5330-3d.pdf>

Ammunition is available in West Yellowstone from Altius Handcrafted Firearms, 125 Madison Avenue. 406-646-9222. www.altiusguns.com

Registration

On line registration may be available in the future at www.rendezvouskitrails.com.

Registration forms in this Invitation may be faxed to 406-646-9433, emailed to Race Secretary Moira Anderson moiranderson@gmail.com or mailed to:

WYSEF
USBA Nationals
PO Box 956
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 09 MARCH 2012

Entry Fees - Checks Payable to “WYSEF”

\$40 Per Race

OR

\$110 for 3 Races and Awards Reception

\$10 per ticket for additional Awards Reception Tickets

Proof of USBA or other National Biathlon Federation membership is required to compete.

Cancellation Policy in Effect

If event is cancelled on or before 9 March, 2012, a 50% refund of registration fees will be refunded by WYSEF. If the event is cancelled after 9 March, 2012 for any reason, no refund of registration fees will be made.

IBU Competitions

Thursday Sprint as per IBU Rules.

Saturday Pursuit as per NorAm Hosting Policy dated November 1, 2011

The Pursuit competition will be conducted with a pre-determined and fixed 5-second interval between competitors with the start order based on a determined qualifying competition from the same event. The cumulative five-second gaps between competitors in a given class are the handicap that must be overcome in order to win the competition. Athletes who have not taken part or did not complete the qualifying competition will be drawn randomly to determine a start order, with the same fixed 5 second interval, and will start after the last qualified competitor in a given class.

Sunday Mass Start as per IBU Rules with modification as needed for classes and numbers of competitors

Adaptive Competitions

Thursday Sprint
Friday Individual

Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Event	Location
13 March Tuesday		Arrival Unofficial Training	Rendezvous Ski Trails - TRAIL PASS REQUIRED
	1600-1800	Comp Office Open	Visitors Center 30 Yellowstone Avenue
14 March Wednesday	0800-1000 1530-1730	Comp Office Open	Visitors Center 30 Yellowstone Avenue
	0900-1100 1400-1530	Official Training	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1530	RANGE CLOSED	
	1800	Team Captains Meeting	Visitors Center 30 Yellowstone Avenue
15 March Thursday	0900-0950	Zero for all Classes	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1000	Sprint Start	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1300	Awards	TBD
16 March Friday	0900-0920	Zero for Adaptive Individual Competition	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	0930	Adaptive Individual Start	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1100-1300	Official Training-IBU Classes	Rendezvous Ski Trails
17 March Saturday	0900-0950	Zero for all IBU Classes	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1000	Pursuit Start	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1800	Awards Reception	TBD
18 March Sunday	0900-0950	Zero for all IBU Classes	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1000	Mass Start Start	Rendezvous Ski Trails
	1400	Awards	Rendezvous Ski Trails

Schedule could 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, posting of the information will be on the WYSEF and USBA websites. All notices will be posted at the Rendezvous Ski Trails trailhead, at the Range, and at the Competition Office.



Accommodations and Arrivals

Information on accommodations may be found at <http://www.destinationyellowstone.com/>

Closest airports include:

Bozeman, Montana (BZN) - 90 miles

Idaho Falls, ID (IDA) - 110 miles

Car rentals are available at the airports. Driving time from Bozeman is approximately 1.5 hours. Driving time from Idaho Falls is approximately 2 hours.



**Individual Registration Form
 U.S. Biathlon National Championships
 13-18 March 2012 West Yellowstone, MT USA
 DUE WITH FEES BY 9 March 2012 - CHECKS PAYABLE TO "WYSEF"**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Gender M/F

Address _____ City _____

St/Prov _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Age ____ Membership# _____
 month/day/year

Club/Team _____ Adaptive Athlete? _____

Emergency Contact _____ Mobile Phone(____) _____ - _____

**Entry Fee \$40 per Race or \$110 for 3 races(Adaptive\$70 for 2 races) plus Awards Reception
 \$10/Extra Ticket for Awards Reception**

- Sprint (IBU/Adaptive)(3/15)
- Individual (Adaptive ONLY)(3/16)
- Pursuit (IBU ONLY)(3/17)
- Mass Start (IBU ONLY)(3/18)
- Extra Awards Reception Tickets (\$10) Number of Tickets: _____

- Class:
- Men (21+) Master (30-39)
 - Women (21+) Senior Master (40-49)
 - Junior Men (19-20) Veteran (50-59)
 - Junior Women (19-20) Senior Veteran (60+)
 - Youth Men (17-18)
 - Youth Women (17-18)

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Identification of risk. I, _____, know that biathlon, consisting of Nordic 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 West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation, US Forest Service, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, Town of West Yellowstone, 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 ht 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.

 Parent/guardian's signature Date _____



Team Registration Form

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**Entry Fee \$40 per Race or \$110 for 3 races(Adaptive\$70 for 2 races) plus Awards Reception
\$10/ticket for Extra Awards Reception Tickets**

Team _____ Adaptive? _____ Coach _____

Address _____

Mobile Phone(_____) - _____ Fax(_____) - _____ Email _____

Location where team will be staying in West Yellowstone _____

Planned Arrival Date _____ Extra Banquet Tickets Needed _____

Classes:

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|----|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| M | Men (21+) | MM/W | Masters Men/Women (30-39) |
| W | Women (21+) | SMM/SMW | Senior Masters Men/Women (40-49) |
| JM | Junior Men (19-20) | VM/VW | Veteran Men/Women (50-59) |
| JW | Junior Women (19-20) | SVM/SVW | Senior Veteran Men/Women (60+) |
| YM | Youth Men (17-18) | | |
| YW | Youth Women (17-18) | | |

Last Name	First Name	Class	Mbrshp Number	Sprint 3/15 (IBU/Adptv)	Ind. 3/16 (Adaptive)	Pursuit 3/17 (IBU)	Mass Start 3/8 (IBU)

Release: In consideration of the acceptance of this Team, I, for myself and all of the above-listed Team Members, my executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release and discharge West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation, US Forest Service, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, Town of West Yellowstone, U.S. Biathlon Association, and any other sponsors or volunteers from all claims or damages, actions whatsoever in any manner growing out of my participations in said athletic events. I further attest that all of the above-listed Team Members have signed similar release forms covering their participation in all Team events, including these competitions. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and that the Team Members are physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

(Coach's signature) Date _____