

Biathlon Regional Balkan Cups Competition Rules

Competition Rules – Biathlon Balkan Cups

1. Group of nations

ALB, BIH, BUL, CRO, MKD, MNE, GRE, MDA, ROU, SRB, TUR

2. Rules

All events in the Balkan Regional Biathlon Cups (BRB Cup) will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the International Biathlon Union (IBU) and the Balkan Regional Biathlon Committee (RBBC). These rules will be applied unless changes are specified in the official invitation.

3. The BRB Cups periods

The Balkan Regional Biathlon Cups will be annually held in two periods:

- 1st period: June - October: Summer Biathlon Balkan Regional Cups (Cross and Roller) with one final cup
- 2nd period: December-April: Winter Biathlon Balkan Regional Cups with one final cup

4. Application for BCs

4.1 A National Biathlon Federation/Association wishing to organize a BC must send in a written application to the BRB Committee, at the latest two weeks before the Annual Balkan Biathlon Conference in spring. The final version of the calendar should be approved by the BRB Committee during the Annual Biathlon Balkan Conference.

4.2 Each member country hold the right to host every year at least one competition. If it is not possible due to the lack of infrastructure base (e.x. biathlon stadium) the respective national federation may organize the competition in cooperation with another member country.

4.3 Last minutes decision

For any reason a competition may be cancelled, postponed or transferred to another place of a race, going on a proposal from the BRB Coordinator (BRB CO and Chairman of BRB Committee to BRB Committee Members (NFs). All events will take place in the weekends, basically. Exceptions will be admitted by the BRB CO and proposed by Members (NFs)

4.4 The addition of another race

National Federation, organizer of such event, may combine this event with own National championships or combine it with National championship of another NF due of economic reasons.

5. Daily programme

5.1 The competitions shall be carried out in 3 days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). In special circumstances the competition period can be changed by the BRB Committee on proposal of OCs.

5.2 Types of competition

According the competitions are established by IBU.

5.3 Modifications and other types of competitions

The BRB Committee may modify the existing competitions and to introduce new types of competitions into BRB events.

6. Liability

By sending a registration, NFs confirm and tacitly guarantee that all members of the team are covered by accident and liability insurance and that the athletes of the team are medically fit to compete

7. Class of competitors

The following main classes are established for BRB Cups competitions: Senior Men and Women (above 21)

Junior Men and Women (19-21)

Youth Men and Women (16-18)

From the season starting on 1 November of that same year onward, they may only start

in their class competitions, according to their gender. Separate competitions will be organized for them.

However, junior or/and youth will be permitted to participate in men's and women's (or

Junior's) competitions respectively, according to their gender.

8. Numbers of competitors

8.1 Each Nation has the right to register and enter to start unlimited number of competitors. If the competitions are combined together with another IBU race with a higher rank, then the race are held in accordance with the IBU rules.

8.2 Each nation has right to enter 2 teams in relay events

8.3 Mixed teams (different nations) are not allowed

9. Invitation and time limits of Entries

9.1 The invitation to participate in the BRB Cups must be sent out by the National Biathlon Federation/Association concerned (or its Organizing Committee) not later than 30 days of the official training.

9.2 The invitation should be prepared in accordance to relevant IBU requirements

9.3 Before the distribution of Official invitation to the National Federations, the invitation should be forwarded in advance to the RCO for approval and receiving of the green light for distribution to the NFs.

10. Registration dead lines

10.1 Registration must be sent in writing, by post, fax or e-mail, to the address

indicated in the invitation before the deadline. For all BRB Cup events, registration must be made by the NF.

10.2 All entries must be sent to the respective Organizers or National Biathlon Federation/Association (as stated in the BRB Calendar) according the following:

- The registration of competitors (entry by number) and the rifles application has to be submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance of the official training.
- The registration of competitors (entry by name) has to be submitted at least one (1) week in advance of the official training.

11. Organization bodies and appointments

The following organizations and persons are established, elected or appointed to organize, conduct and control biathlon events and competitions:

- Organizing committee;
- Women's and men's competition juries
- BRB CO/TD(s),IRs
- BRB Committee representative (if applicable)

11.1 Competition Jury Line-Up

At all BRB Cup events the competition jury will consist of five members as follows:

- a. the IBU TD as chairperson;
- b. IR (one of both appointed IRs)
- c. the Competition Chief;
- d. Two team officials elected by the team captains from two different NFs.
- e. The BRB CO will be present at all meetings but will not have the right to vote.

11.2 Regional Coordinator(RCO)

On the Annual Balkan Biathlon Conference the representatives of member federations, elect a person as BRB Coordinator(BRB CO) for period of two years and obligatory he has to hold an IBU IR License or IBU TD License.

He is responsible for the Balkan Regional Biathlon Events and has to cooperate with the organizers. The coordinator is also responsible for the IBU controls conducted in accordance with the provisions of the IBU Event and Competition Rules, results transmission and overall supervision of all organizing issues (accommodation, entries, deadlines etc.). Together with the TD, he conducts controls, fills the final lists with all athletes' data and checks weather all conditions have been fulfilled. These lists should permanently be updated and completed.

11.3 TD/IRs:

On proposal by the BRB Technical Committee after approval by BRB CO concerned, it is appointed the following official representatives for BRB Cups:

- TD
- At least two IRs

Both IBU TD and IRs have to hold an IBU IR or IBU TD license.

12. Finance

12.1 The Organizing Committee is responsible for the total travel to and living expenses at the site of competition for the following persons

- BRB
- CO
- TD
- 2 IRs

with the following conditions:

TRAVELLING COSTS for TD, RCO and IRs

• TD`s/BRB CO allowance for Private Auto: € 0.30 per km. The total refund however must not exceed the costs of an economy flight ticket.

. IR`s allowance for Private Auto: € 0.20 per km. The total refund however must not exceed the costs of an economy flight ticket.

DAILY ALLOWANCE (Pocket Money) for TD & IRs

. € 35.00 when travelling, and for the days of work when it is necessary to pay for meals and

. € 25.00 for working days, when meals are provided.

ACCOMMODATION EXPENSE for TD, RCO and IRs

• The accommodation (overnighting and full board, including a drink/ meal) shall be provided by the organizers in an adequate hotel.

OTHER EXPENDITURES for TD, RCO and IRS

• The necessary extra costs are refunded against receipts.

12.2 Teams

Costs for travel from the place of residence to the competition site and back for the participating teams, as well as costs for accommodation and meals are financed entirely by the respective National Biathlon Federation/ Associations

The Organizing Committee must offer to the National Biathlon Federation/Associations for their officially entered competitors and team officials within the quota board and lodging at a maximum price:

Winter period : 40 EUR/ day/ person,

Summer period: 25 EUR/ day/ person

with the following conditions:

- No more than two beds in each room for the competitors and no more than two persons can share one bathroom in three stars hotel.
- In exceptional cases also 3-bed rooms with bath/shower may be offered, but such solution should lead to a prize reduction and must be agreed by the team in advance.
- The meals shall comprise breakfast, lunch and dinner. A non-alcoholic beverage must be served with each meal.
- The hotel must adapt itself to the needs of the schedule which depend on the training and competition schedule.

- Only in full agreement with the team concerned may a team accommodated in two or more hotels (guest houses).
- These arrangements are valid from one night before the first official training until the night after the last competition.
- Accommodation in single rooms for the mentioned prices will only be possible if accommodation in double rooms is numerically not possible.
- Competitors and coaches as well as female and male competitors and team officials have to be accommodated separately.
- The OC has the possibility to charge a higher price if more single rooms are requested.

12.3 For extra team officials and special guests, according to the quotas defined in art. 6.1, that are officially entered and whose accommodation has been reserved through the LOC, the maximum price for accommodation with half board shall not exceed the usual price at the venue during the respective period of the year.

12.4 Room Reservations

National Biathlon Federations/Associations are required to follow the registration deadlines as published in the official invitation.

National Biathlon Federations/Associations have to inform about the total number of team members (competitors, coaches, accompanying persons and service personnel) with their dates of arrival and departure as well as an eventual withdrawal for the event latest on the last Monday according .

In any case if the team size will be bigger than previously announced the effective costs must be paid.

12.5 Any arrangements outside of the above mentioned period are the responsibility of the National Biathlon federation/Association concerned.

12.6 For every starting athletes the NFs must pay the starting fee of 5 euro

13. Prizes

13.1 The winner, the second and the third in each event will receive the medal in gold, silver and bronze or placket and diplomas. The same applies to the three best teams in relay events.

13.2 The six first winners in each event will receive a diploma.

13.3 The medals and diplomas are provided and paid by OCs.

13.4 At the medal ceremony all the participant teams will receive a prize (souvenir).

13.5 Each OC might decide the amount of prize money paid out to the best placed athletes both in each BC Competition.

13.6 Overall BRB Cup winner

13.6.1 The overall winner of each class will receive a trophy.

13.6.2 Each OC might decide the amount of prize money paid out to the overall winner

13.6.3 For the overall ranking all results that a competitor has achieved in individual disciplines and the final ranking of the stage events (BRB Cup Final) will be counted.

The awarding of points is analogous to the current IBU points table: Individual event: 1st place = 60 points.....10th place = 31 points.

If two or more competitors score the same number of points in the final evaluation, the winner is the competitor who has:

- a) the highest number of individual wins
- b) the best results (i.e. most 2nd places, most 3rd places, etc.)

If the competitors are still equal, they will each receive the medals corresponding to their placing.

13.7 Nations Cup

Nation ranking: for the Nation Cup are ranked just the first 3 competitors of every individual event, as well as the best team/ nation in the team competition, meaning women + men + mixed.

The awarding of points is analogous to the current IBU points table::

Team event: 1st place = 420 points.....10th place = 220 points

13.8 Geographical requirements

If the winner or competitor(s) in the BRB Cup come from another continent, the personal start place(s) will be awarded to the best placed competitor(s) from the Continental Cup concerned.

14. Duties for Organizers of Balkan Regional Biathlon Cup Events

14.1 Publicity

14.1.1 Event Title

The Organizers are obliged to put the designation:

Balkan Regional Biathlon Cup or Balkan Regional Biathlon Cup Trophy

(sponsor's name) in all posters, notices, press reports, programs and start lists as well as on the results lists.

14.1.2 Press service

The press and media service is the key issue to promote the event and distribute the news of the COC.

The chief of media has to provide the following items for RBBC website or block:

- 2 – 3 press releases before the event (150 - 200 words)
- 1 press release after the BC races (same day of the competition/150 - 200 words) incl. quotes of the top 3
- 3 – 5 pictures (high resolution) from the event

The OC commits himself to put sufficient accommodation at the disposal of the press, radio and television, according to the requests submitted in time. He also commits himself to provide working rooms that correspond in number to the accreditation applications and essential technical aids (telephone, fax, e-mail). He should appoint an experienced press secretary who draws up the provisional classifications of each competition and passes on if necessary verbally, the decisions of the competition juries.

14.1.3 Prize Giving Ceremony

Prize giving ceremony has to take place immediately after the competition (about 4-5

min after the last arrival) and will be standardized respectively a real ritual is celebrated. If an appropriate stage (location, town etc.) is available, the award ceremony will be carried out separately, otherwise the following procedure will be carried out.

15. Technical Regulations

15.1 The Shooting range is not necessary to have any IBU License, but there should be no less than 20 shooting corridors and met all safety regulations laid down in IBU Rules

15.2 Waxing

Facilities

Facilities for ski preparation at the competition site has to be put at the disposal of the teams. The waxing and parking space have to be in a reasonable distance from the stadium. Organizers must provide heated, ventilated and lockable waxing facilities.

