

USA Youth & Junior Biathlon World Championship Team Trials

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Identification of risk. I, the below named competitor, understand that biathlon consists of Nordic skiing and rifle marksmanship. I understand that biathlon, as well as preparation for participation in, coaching, volunteering, officiating and related activities in winter biathlon competitions involve many RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS. These risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, changing weather and snow conditions, variations in steepness or terrain, natural and man-made obstacles and structures, equipment failure, collisions, with objects or structures, being struck by skiers/riders or equipment, and exceeding my own abilities. I further understand that biathlon training and competitions involve performance at the limits of one's ability, and therefore are more hazardous than recreational skiing. I understand that INJURIES OF ALL KINDS ARE COMMON AND ORDINARY OCCURANCE. I know that the risk of SEVERE INJURY and DEATH exists in all training and competitions I also know that personal training, coaching, instruction, supervision, and enforcement of rules at the USA Youth & Junior World Championship Team Trials (WJT), its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, volunteers, employees, coaches, contractors and representatives, clubs, directors, competition organizers, advertisers, organizing committee, owners/leasers of used premises, and sponsors (which include, but are not limited to, Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage, Nordic Journeys/AK Biathlon, Alaska Biathlon Association Inc., Municipality of Anchorage, US Biathlon Association) (hereinafter the term "WJT" shall be used to refer to all such persons and entities collectively) do not and cannot guarantee my safety.

Assumption of risk. With full knowledge and understanding of the RISKS OF SEVERE INJURY AND DEATH involved in biathlon training and competition, I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME THE RISK THAT I MAY SUFFER TEMPORARY, PERMANENT, OR EVEN FATAL INJURIES, even if I follow the instructions and advise of USBA.

In partial consideration of WJT's acceptance of my competition registration application, and in spite of the risks of severe or permanent injury or even death, the undersigned (hereinafter the "Participant") agrees to:

1. Participant agrees never to utilize any venue, course or facility for any training, practice or completion without first conducting his/her own thorough visual inspection of the venue, course or facility.
2. Participant hereby unconditionally WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, AND AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND, AND INDEMNIFY WJT (as defined above) FROM ANY CLAIMS, present or future, to members or his/her property, or to any other person or property, for any loss, damage, expense, or injury (including death), suffered by any person from or in connection

with participant's participation in and activities in which WJT is involved in any way, due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE and/or breach of express or implied warranty on the part of WJT.

3. Participant hereby RELIEVES WJT OF ANY DUTY TO PROTECT PARTICIPANT FROM HARM in connection with any activities in which WJT is involved in any way.
4. Participant authorizes WJT and event organizers to use images, video, audio and other forms of recording from events that contain images or the voice or sound of the member, to promote biathlon through all forms for digital media and printed materials without any limitation.
5. Participant authorizes WJT to obtain medical care for, or transport him/her to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of WJT medical attention is required and participant is unable to make such decisions for himself/herself. Participant agrees to pay all costs associated with such medical care and related transportation and shall indemnify WJT of and from such costs.

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 Name _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE 18: In 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 Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Acknowledge above WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY during on-line registration. Signature will be acquired during on-site check-in at the Wax Bunker, Kincaid Park, Anchorage, Alaska.

Registration with Payment due December 1, 2014. Register online <http://www.alaskabiathlonassociation.org>. If unable to register online contact Alaska Biathlon Association, Inc., 645 G, Ste. 100-694, Anchorage, AK 99501 Or by email to alaskabiathlonassociation@gmail.com.