

BIATHLON ABRIDGED RULES – 2022 - Page 1

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PLEASE NOTE: WPFGE Rules supersede NRA and IAAF Rules.

EVENTS

This sport combines two events; Pistol and Cross Country Running.

INDIVIDUAL: MEN and WOMEN

Men's and Women's Individual events will be offered in the following age categories:

18 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49
50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 & over	

2-PERSON TEAM: MEN, WOMEN and MIXED

Team events will be offered in the following age categories:

18+ 40+
30+ 50+

Team members must compete in Individual competition to be eligible to compete on a Team. A competitor may enter both same gender and mixed team events.

Sequence of running and shooting

Start

1. One mile run
2. 12 rounds standing without support (Body target)
3. One mile run
4. 12 rounds standing without support (Body target)
5. One mile run

Finish

Total course: 3 miles and 24 rounds.

Pistol Range:

All firing shall be done from the 25 meter/yard line of a P.P.C. or from a standard 25 meter/yard pistol range. The range shall have no less than 10 firing positions.

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One-mile cross country course:

The course may be run on street pavement and may be hilly with mud, sand, dirt or other hazards but shall be approved by the WPFGE Director for the Biathlon.

Starting Area:

The starting area and finish area of the running course shall be at the pistol range and shall be laid out in as close proximity as possible to the range so that it is easily visible to competitors and officials.

EQUIPMENT: (For both Range and Cross Country)

Biathlon Target Description:

The WPFGE Biathlon Pistol Target is the IPSC 1500 target.

Competitors' Running Gear:

All competitors **MUST** provide their own running gear

BRACKETING

Point System Bracketing: Competitor time, plus/minus bonus or penalty points.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Biathlon

Equipment Check

All shooting equipment shall be inspected by the Equipment Control Official prior to the start of each relay.

Disqualification:

A competitor who arrives late for his/her relay or after the event is over shall be disqualified unless there is an open relay at a later time. No extra relay shall be set up for late entries or arrivals.

FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SPECIFICATIONS

The WPFGE intends to organize shooting competitions that will not turn into an equipment race. WPFGE shooting events require use of practical handguns and holsters that are truly suitable for police duty. No competition equipment is permitted in WPFGE matches since the main goal is to test the skill and ability of the individual, not equipment or gamesmanship.

Firearms:

WPFGE Rotterdam will provide the same 9mm Semi-Automatic pistols (Walther PPQ NL(DAO)) for each competitor.

**COMPETITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY HANDGUNS
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Ammunition:

WPFG Rotterdam will provide the 9mm ammunition for each competitor.

COMPETITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY AMMUNITION INTO THE NETHERLANDS FOR THIS EVENT

Alibis:

THIS IS A NO ALIBI MATCH (such as misfires, malfunctions of the weapon or firing on the wrong target.)

EXCEPTION: If another competitor fires on your target, the line judge shall give you the lowest score.

Loaning Equipment:

No competitor shall loan equipment if it will cause any type of delay.

SHOOTING SEQUENCE:

ALL COMPETITORS SHALL FIRE IN THIS SEQUENCE AND NO OTHER SEQUENCE

FIRST PHASE: TWELVE (12) ROUNDS

A competitor SHALL fire 6 rounds at the TARGET then reload with 6 rounds and fire again. After firing this phase, they SHALL return to the running course for their second mile run.

SECOND PHASE: TWELVE (12) ROUNDS

A competitor SHALL fire 6 rounds at the TARGET then reload with 6 rounds and fire again. After firing this final phase they SHALL return to the running course for their 3rd and final mile run.

If a competitor fails to fire all 12 rounds of the first or second phase of the shooting sequence and leaves their firing position to start their next mile run they may return to their firing position (except if they have run past the FIRST or LAST numbered target on the range). If that happens they must continue on the running course and shall receive penalty time for the rounds left in the gun (fired or not fired) during each phase.

SHOOTING PHASE ONE:

COMPETITORS' SAFETY EQUIPMENT, EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

No competitor will be allowed on the firing range without ear and eye protection authorized by the Equipment Control Official. Each competitor shall bring their own ear and eye protection and they shall be checked by the Equipment Control Official. Each competitor shall wear their ear and eye protectors during each twelve (12) shot phase of the shooting portion of the Biathlon.

Penalty time for not using ear and eye protection

If a competitor is found not wearing their ear and eye protectors during any portion of a shooting phase of the Biathlon, they shall receive a sixty (60) second penalty for

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each infraction.

Loading and Unloading:

As a competitor arrives at the designated shooting position, he/she SHALL, WITHOUT COMMAND, and with total safety, with the barrel always pointed down range, load 6 rounds and fire at will. Upon completion of the first string of 6 rounds, he/she again SHALL load with 6 rounds and complete the second string. This SHALL end the first phase of the shooting portion of the Biathlon. At this time the competitor SHALL make sure the weapon is clear with the slide back and the magazine out and empty and placed on the bench or ground with the barrel down range and then continue on the next one mile leg.

Penalty time for unsafe loading and unloading, and/or the taking of shooting gear onto the running portion of the Biathlon: Competitor failing to adhere to any of the loading and unloading rules and/or take shooting gear (such as ammo and/or magazines, etc.) onto the running portion of the Biathlon, SHALL receive a 60 second penalty. This SHALL be added to their overall time, for each violation.

Magazines:

All magazines SHALL have NO more than 6 rounds in each at any one time.

Penalty time for magazines and hand loading: If a competitor is found to have loaded or is loading more than 6 rounds at any one time, a 60 second penalty SHALL be added to their overall time for each violation.

Shooting one hand or two: A competitor may shoot either way.

Shooting Stance:

All shots shall be fired from a standing position with both ARMS EXTENDED and NO support, EXCEPT if a competitor wishes to shoot one handed they then MAY rest one elbow against the stomach and chest cradling their shooting arm.

Penalty time for taking the wrong shooting stance: If a competitor shoots from the wrong stance at any time during the shooting portion of the Biathlon, such as (prone, sitting, kneeling) or use of support other than their elbow while shooting one handed, they SHALL receive a 60 second penalty for EACH VIOLATION.

Total Rounds Fired Per Competitor:

No competitor SHALL fire MORE OR LESS than 12 rounds during each of the two phases of the shooting portion in the Biathlon. No competitors shall have more than 24 rounds at their shooting position or on their person during any portion of their relay.

Penalty time for firing more or less rounds:

If a competitor fires more or less than 12 rounds during each of the two phases of the shooting portion of the Biathlon, they SHALL have a 60 second penalty added to their overall time for each phase.

SHOOTING PHASE TWO:

Loading and Unloading:

As a competitor returns to the designated shooting position for the second and final time, he/she SHALL WITHOUT COMMAND and with total safety load 6 rounds. Following all safety rules of PHASE ONE and all guidelines of the NRA he/she SHALL fire at will. Upon completion of the first string of 6 rounds, he/she again SHALL load 6 rounds and complete the second string of fire. After firing their final 12 rounds and before returning to the final running phase of the Biathlon, all competitors SHALL adhere to all safety rules as described above.

SHOOTING PENALTIES AND BONUSES FOR PHASE ONE AND PHASE TWO ARE IDENTICAL

SCORING

Placing Individual and Team Winners:

The fastest overall elapsed time (after penalty and bonus time) in each category shall determine first through third place.

Team:

The team event shall consist of 2 persons. Individual scores are used to determine team scores. Each team member must compete in the Individual event of the Biathlon to be eligible for the Team event. The aggregate time of both team members will determine each team's placement, after penalty and bonus time.

Scoring Shooting Portion of the Biathlon:

1. For EACH round outside of the body target, (light area, paddle shape) but till inside the torso area of the silhouette (black area) a 10 second penalty shall be added to the overall time.
2. A round missing the black area of the full silhouette OR an unaccountable round shall have a 30 second penalty per round added to the overall time.
3. For EACH round inside or breaking the line around the head x-ring a 30 second deduction shall be taken from the overall time.

Breaking Ties:

When two or more competitors or teams have the same numerical score (tie score), scores will be ranked in the following order:

- Individual Competitors
 - By the greatest number of X hits on the target
 - By the greatest number of “cricket bat” hits on the target
 - By the fewest number of hits on the black area of the target
 - By the fewest number of misses on the target

To familiarize with both weapon and ammunition the first day will be a training day under guidance of police instructors.