

The
United States Biathlon Association
Presents

2017 US Biathlon National Rollerski Championships

August 11th – 13th, 2017
Ethan Allen Firing Range
Jericho, Vermont

Hosted by

**Ethan Allen Biathlon Club and
Vermont National Guard**

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Welcome

The Ethan Allen Biathlon Club and the Vermont National Guard invite you to attend the 2017 US Biathlon National Rollerski Championships at the Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vermont on August 11th thru 13th, 2017. The National Championships are sponsored by the United States Biathlon Association.

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 Organising Committee or Competition Jury. Any modifications to the rules will be discussed at the Team Captains Meeting. The organising 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 Saturday, and a Pursuit style race on Sunday for all athletes except Seniors who will race a Mass Start. In both races, Seniors will carry rifles and not do range loops. All other classes will leave rifles on the racks at the end of the range and do a short range loop after picking rifles up before shooting.

Sprint Competition (Saturday):

Senior Men (21+): 10.1 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Senior Women (21+): 7.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Men (19/20): 9.6 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Women (19/20): 7.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Men (17/18): 7.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Youth Women (17/18): 6.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Boys/Girls (15/16): 6.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Master Men (30+): 7.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop
Master Women (30+): 6.2 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Pursuit/Mass Start Competition (Sunday): Senior Men and Senior Women will race a mMass Start and will be seeded at the start based upon the previous days Sprint result. All other racers will race a pursuit and will start with a 5 second interval, 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. The pursuit results will not be normalised for finish order and awards (i.e. first racer to cross the finish line in a race category is the winner)

Senior Men (21+): 15.0 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Senior Women (21+): 12.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Junior Men (19/20): 12.8 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): 7.0 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Boys/Girls (15/16): 7.0 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Master Men (30+): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop
Master Women (30+): 7.0 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop

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. Note that these races start earlier than is typical to try to avoid the heat that has plagued us in the past.

Friday, August 11th *Arrival and Training*

Competition Office open: *1000 to 1200 hrs, 1300 to 1500 hrs*
Range and trails open for training: *0900 to 1100 hrs, 1400 to 1600 hrs*
Team Captains Meeting: *1630 hrs in the Walker Building*

Saturday, August 12th *Sprint Competition*

Competition Office open: *0700 hrs*
Equipment Control open: *0745 to 0900 hrs*
Zero (all classes): *0800 to 0845 hrs*
Sprint Competition: *0900 hrs, 30 seconds intervals*
Syrup Ceremony and awards for Sprint: *Immediately following final results*
Range and trails open for training: *1400 to 1600 hrs*

Sunday, August 13th *Pursuit/Mass Start Competition*

Competition Office open: *0700 hrs*
Equipment Control open: *0745 to 0900 hrs*
Zero (all classes): *0800 to 0845 hrs*
Pursuit/Mass Start Competition: *0900 hrs, Senior Men and Women will race to completion before other classes. 5 second intervals for all classes in Pursuit*
Syrup Ceremony and awards for Pursuit: *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 1630 hrs on Friday, August 11th. 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 all races 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 syrup ceremony immediately following each race.

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 organising 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 \$25 for one race and \$50 for two races. Registration for this event closes on Thursday, August 10th, 2017 at 8:00pm. Pre registration is expected and should be received by that time. Participants may only register at SkiReg.com.

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](#). Caution - GPS devices do not always get you to the correct entrance!

Lodging and Dining

Lodging is available on base in either bunk style barracks for a nominal fee. You must provide your own linens, towels, pillows etc. Meals may be available through the USBA during this week for an additional fee. Contact Erik Lewish at erik.lewish@gmail.com with housing and meal requests.

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:

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