



Invitation to the
**Calforex Biathlon Cup #4:
Western Canadian Championships**

February 24, 25 & 26, 2012

Hinton, Alberta

Hosted by the
Hinton Nordic Skiers

www.hintonnordic.ca

The community of Hinton and the Hinton Nordic Skiers invite you to a weekend of competition at the Hinton Nordic Centre. Come and take part in this year's Western Canadian Championships as athletes from across the province and beyond converge on our trails.

See you at the Hinton Nordic Centre!

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Eligibility:

All members of Biathlon Canada Divisions with a 2011-2012 competitor membership card are eligible to participate in the classes as authorized by the IBU rules and Canadian/Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policies (September 2009). Foreign athletes may also compete, provided they are members of their respective National Biathlon Federation. Foreign athletes are not, however, eligible for medals.

Medal Categories:

Medals will be awarded for both events. All categories are listed at the end of this invitation. Athletes in these categories will also receive Calforex Cup points as per Calforex Cup policy.

Western Canadian Championship medals for Junior Boys and Girls will be awarded to athletes aged 13-14 (as of December 31st, 2011) competing in the Dev 2 category. Any Junior Boys and Girls wishing to compete for Western Championship medals must compete in Calforex category Dev 2.

Organizing Committee:

Technical Delegate for Biathlon Canada: Veli Niinimaa
Chairperson: Francine Wilson-Symboluk
Chief of Competition: Louis Corbeil
Chief of Timing: Greg MacCulloch
Chief of Course: Terry Dodge
Chief of Stadium: Keith Campbell
Chief of Range: Doug Eccleston
Competition Secretary: Irene Eccleston/Denise Briand
Volunteer Coordinators: Rhonda Degerstedt/Maria Shain

Questions should be directed to Louis Corbeil at rdlc@telus.net or by phone at (780) 865-1037.

Note: Changes in weather or facilities may change the type of competition.

Back up site: None.



Registration:

Register online, as of Feb. 9th, at <https://zone4.ca/reg.asp?id=2810&lan=1&cartlevel=1>. Payment must be made using a credit card. (No cheques, phone, fax, e-mail, in-person, team lists, or manual entries.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Wednesday, February 22th at 11:59 p.m.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE DATE AND TIME!

Registration Fees:

Masters, Men, Women, Junior, Youth, Sport, Senior Boys/Girls	\$30.00 per day , plus on-line service charge (includes trail passes for unofficial training day and two competition days).
Dev-1, Dev-2, Air Rifle 1, Air Rifle 2	\$23.00 per day , plus on-line service charge (includes trails pass fees for unofficial training day and two competition days)
Biathlon Alberta day memberships (available with race registration on Zone 4	\$15.00 per day

*Additional day passes for the Hinton Nordic Centre can be purchased online at www.zone4.ca. Go to Online Registration, Club Registrations, Hinton Nordic is third from the top at present; there are charges for the online service.

Hinton Nordic is encouraging that coaches provide background highlights of each of their athletes to be shared during the race commentaries. These may be emailed to Louis Corbeil (rdlc@telus.net) prior to the race weekend or submitted in written form at the Captain’s Meeting.

Cancellation Policy:

If an event is cancelled prior to the weekend of competition (Thursday or earlier) due to anticipated or prevailing weather conditions, competitors will receive a 50% refund of registration fees. If competitions are postponed or cancelled on the weekend of the event, no refund of registration fees will be made.

Awards Banquet:

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening, February 25, at the Hinton Curling Club for competitors, family members, volunteers and friends. Banquet tickets can be purchased for **\$25/ADULT** and **\$20.00/15U** (must be purchased online at www.zone4.ca).

Doors open at 5:30 / Supper at 6:00 / Awards at 7:15



Directions: Located at 837 Switzer Drive. As you come into Hinton (west bound), turn left on Switzer Drive (at the first set of traffic lights). Follow this road down the hill through the third set of traffic lights. Then turn at your first right and follow to the left to the parking lot of the Hinton Curling Rink.

How to get to Hinton (Athabasca Lookout) Nordic Centre?

- Head west out of Hinton on Hwy. 16 (Jasper direction)
- Turn right (north) on Hwy. 40 (Grande Cache direction)
- Look for the sign, about 10 km after turn on to Hwy.40
- Turn left 1 km after sign
- Once on the gravel road, take first right
- For safety reasons, please back in to parking space

Other:

Water: Please ensure you bring sufficient water for the day. **There will be some drinking water on site.**

Waxing: We have limited waxing facilities on site. Plug-ins can also be found around the main chalet. No wax benches are available.

Competition Office: Located in the timing hut across from the main chalet.

Stadium and Race Course Maps: Will be provided at the Captain's meeting, will be posted at the chalet Friday morning and available for viewing at www.hintonnordic.ca.

Captain's Meeting: The Captain's Meeting will be held at Ecole Mountain View School at 7:30pm, Friday, February 24th.

Ecole Mountain View School: Located at 141 MacLeod Avenue. As you come into Hinton (west bound) turn left on Switzer Avenue (at the first set of lights). Take your second right. You are now on MacLeod Avenue.

Meals: There will be a canteen on site during both race days.

Accommodations:

Please refer to the Town of Hinton web site for information on accommodations and restaurants at www.hinton.ca.



Competitions: Individual and Sprint

Schedule of Events:

Friday, February 24:

10:00	Unofficial practice for all competitors (race maps will be posted)
13:00	Range opens (Paper will be supplied)
16:00	Range closed
19:30	Captain's meeting at Ecole Mountain View School (directions to office are on page 3)

Saturday, February 25:

Individual Competition

8:30	Competition Office Opens – Bib pickup by team before zero
9:45	Equipment check opens
10:00	Zero begins – All Categories
10:45	Zero ends
11:00	Competition begins
17:30	Banquet - Awards for Individual competition will be presented at the banquet

Sunday, February 26:

Sprint Competition

8:00	Competition Office Opens – Bib pickup by team before zero
8:45	Equipment check opens
9:00	Zero begins – All Categories
9:45	Zero Ends
10:00	Competition begins
12:00	Awards on site (after competition)

Penalties:

- Individual: Air Rifle 1, Air Rifle 2, Dev -1 and Dev -2 will have a 40-second time penalty for each miss. All other classes will have a 1-minute time penalty.
- Sprint: Air Rifle 1, Air Rifle 2, Dev -1 and Dev -2 ski a 100m penalty loop. All other classes ski a 150 m penalty loop.

Rifle Carrying:

- Dev and Air Rifle categories athletes shall have their rifles placed on and removed from the firing line by their coaches.
- Senior Boys/Girls carry their rifles only on the range.



Classes & Types of Competitions

Class	Age	Individual	Sprint
IBU Classes			
Men	21+	20 km PSPS	10 km PS
Women	21+	15 km PSPS	7.5 km PS
Junior Men	19 – 20	15 km PSPS	10 km PS
Junior Women	19 – 20	12.5 km PSPS	7.5 km PS
Youth Men	17 – 18	12.5 km PSPS	7.5 km PS
Youth Women	17 – 18	10 km PSPS	6 km PS
Masters Men	35+	10 km PSPS	6 km PS
Masters Women	35+	7.5 km PSPS	6 km PS
Alberta Classes			
Sport Men	17+	7.5 km PSPS	6 km PS
Sport Women	17+	7.5 km PSPS	6 km PS
Senior Boys	Under 17	7.5 km PSPS	6 km PS
Senior Girls	Under 17	7.5 km PSPS	6 km PS
Dev – 2 Male/Female	Under 17	6.25 km PPPP	3.75 km PS
Dev – 1 Male/Female	Under 17	5 km PPP	3 km PS
Air Rifle – 2 Male/Female	Under 15	5 km PPP	3 km PS
Air Rifle – 1 Male/Female	Under 15	4 km PPP	2.25 km PS



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Category Age Range Shooting Regulations

Air Rifle 1	U15 athletes shoot on big targets at 10m + rest
Air Rifle 2	U15 athletes shoot on small targets at 10m + rest
Dev 1	U17 athletes shoot prone, 50m, rest permitted
Dev 2	U17 athletes shoot prone, 50m, no rest
Senior Boys	U17 athletes shoot prone + standing, rifle drill
Senior Girls	U17 athletes shoot prone + standing, rifle drill
Sport Men	17+ athletes shoot prone + standing, full carry
Sport Women	17+ athletes shoot prone + standing, full carry
Youth Men	17-18 as per IBU regulations
Youth Women	17-18 as per IBU regulations
Junior Men	19-20 as per IBU regulations
Junior Women	19-20 as per IBU regulations
Men	21+ as per IBU regulations
Women	21+ as per IBU regulations
Master Men	35+ as per BiCan regulations
Master Women	35+ as per BiCan regulations

Notes:

- **Under 17:** Any person under the age of 17 may compete in these categories
- **Under 15:** Any person under the age of 15 may compete in these categories
- Age, for all categories, as of December 31st, 2011
- Boys and girls compete together in Air Rifle and Dev categories, but are awarded separate medals and Alberta Cup Points.