



## COMPETITION FORMAT AND RULES

### BIATHLON

As of January 2018

#### OLYMPIC COMPETITION FORMAT

There are 11 biathlon events at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

- Men: 20km individual, 10km sprint, 12.5km pursuit, 15km mass start, 4x7.5km relay.
- Women: 15km individual, 7.5km sprint, 10km pursuit, 12.5km mass start, 4x6km relay.
- Mixed: 2x6km women + 2x7.5km men mixed relay (order F-F-M-M).

#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE IBU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

None

#### CHANGES SINCE THE SOCHI 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

None.

#### SPORT RULES AND PROCEDURES

EVENT	DISTANCE	PARTICIPANTS	STARTING ORDER	SHOOTINGS BOUTS AND POSITION	ROUNDS / BOUT	PENALTIES
Individual	M = 20km W = 15km	Between 1 to 4 per NOCs, depending on the qualification system	Interval start, Usually 30 sec	Prone, standing, prone, standing	5	One minute per missed target
Sprint	M = 10km W = 7.5km	Between 1 to 4 per NOCs, depending on the qualification system	Interval start, usually 30 sec	Prone, standing	5	One 150m loop per missed target
Pursuit	M = 12.5km W = 10km	60 best from sprint event	Time behind from sprint event	Prone, prone, standing, standing	5	One 150m loop per missed target

Mass start	M = 15km W = 12.5km	30 best according to the IBU qualification system	Simultaneous start	Prone, prone, standing, standing	5	One 150m loop per missed target
Relay	M = 4x7.5km W = 4x6km	All participating NOCs with at least 4 athletes	Simultaneous start	Prone, standing	5 + 3 extra	One 150m loop per missed target
Mixed relay	W = 2x6km M = 2x7.5km	All participating NOCs with at least 2 female and 2 male athletes	Simultaneous start	Prone, standing	5 + 3 extra	One 150m loop per missed target

### Starting order

- Individual and sprint events: All competitors are assigned to one of four groups. The best 15 ranked competitors (World Cup total score) can choose any of the four groups. However, a maximum of three competitors from an NOC are permitted in any one of the four draw groups. There is an electronic draw for each group. Additionally, unranked competitors and/or those ranked outside the maximum of top 80 in the current World Cup total score may only be entered in draw groups 2, 3 and 4.
- Pursuit events: The starting order is according to the results (rank) from the sprint
- Mass start events: Start numbers are assigned according to both the results from previous events at the current Olympic Games, and the World Cup standings. Athletes tied for 30th place will start in the following order: by World Cup total score; or by best individual results in World Cups.
- Relay events: Start numbers are assigned based on the current World Cup relay score
- Mixed relay event: Start numbers are assigned based on the current World Cup mixed relay score

### Starting interval

For individual and sprint events a 30-second start interval will be used. For the pursuit event, time behind from the sprint event will be used. All qualified teams or competitors start simultaneously for the relays and mass start events.

### Skiing and shooting

Biathletes ski using the free technique and then shoot a small-bore rifle (.22 calibre/5.6mm), alternating between the prone and standing positions. Target size varies depending on the shooting position.

### Tie-break rules

In the individual or sprint event, competitors sharing the same time (to the nearest one-tenth of a second) will be given the same rank. The competitor with the lower bib number will be listed first.

In the simultaneous or pursuit start events, ties are broken by photo finish. If the tie cannot be broken by photo finish, both competitors will share the same rank and the competitor with the lower bib number will be listed first.

### Penalties

In the men's 20km and women's 15km, each missed shot adds one minute to the overall time. In the sprint, pursuit, mass start and relays events, one 150m penalty loop must be completed per miss after each shooting is completed.

### Protests/appeals

A protest is considered if it is announced no more than 15 minutes after the official posting of the provisional results.

#### Note:

For further information please consult: [www.biathlonworld.com](http://www.biathlonworld.com)