
International Biathlon Union (IBU) Trimesters

1. The IBU competitive season is divided into three Trimesters, approximately as follows:

First (*November/December*)

Second (*January*)

Third (*February and March*)

Qualification for IBU Events: “IBU Qualifying Points (IBU QP)”

2. World Cup (WC) Qualification. To participate in WC events an athlete must have a maximum of 150 IBU QP at the end of the last trimester or have scored 125 QP or less at least once in the current or previous season in an IBU Cup, OECH, WCH or OWG in Sprint or Individual or had a top half of field result at the JWCH. The athlete keeps their qualification until the Trimester in which they start in a WC. However, if they do then not retain their WC qualification in that Trimester, they regain it as soon as they achieve the 125 QP. This can be in the same or in a later Trimester but **must be after the date** of losing their WC qualification.

Example: An athlete could lose WC qualification at WC 1, regain it at IBU Cup 2 and then start in WC 3; lose it at the end of Trimester 1, regain it at IBU Cup 4 and then start in WC 5. Equally a non-qualified athlete could qualify in IBU Cup 1 and then, because of the race calendar, start in WC 1).

3. IBU Cup (IC) Qualification. An IC athlete must record at least one 250 QP or lower per Trimester to remain qualified. If they do not, they miss an entire Trimester before being allowed again start in IC.

IBU Quota: GBR Start Places – World Cups (WC) 2018 - 19

4. Both Scott DIXON & Amanda LIGHTFOOT were awarded “Wildcards” and are therefore eligible to take part on WC events in Trimester 1 should they wish to.

IBU Quota: GBR Start Places – IBU Cups (IC) 2017 - 18

5. In addition to Dixon & Lightfoot, the following athletes are qualified for IC :
Men: Any male athlete who did not compete in Trimester 3 in the 2017 – 18 season is qualified to start, if selected for GBR.

Women: Any female athlete who did not compete in Trimester 3 in the 2017 – 18 season is qualified to start, if selected for GBR.

GBR National Selection Races November 2018

6. National Selection races will be held in Geilo, NOR on 1-2 December 2018. The races are open to any UK athlete who has pre-registered with the BBU. **If you are even considering trying to compete for GB this season you need to contact BBU asap. Please email info@britishbiathlon.com**

7. It is mandatory that athletes wishing to represent UK in IBU Cup events in the 2018-19 season, as a minimum attend the selection races.

8. Child Protection. Any athlete under the age of 18 **must** be accompanied (at their own expense) to training / selection /competition by their parent / guardian or Disclosed Club Official, until they reach their 18th birthday.

9. Appeals. Whilst “first past the post” is not, and never has been the only GBR criterion, the overall performance in the Selection Races will be an important factor. Other criteria will include, among other things, previous performance; age; potential; events beyond the control of an athlete e.g. illness / injury. The decision of the electors¹ is **final**; there are no appeals to the BBU.

10. Athlete Protocol. Once selected for GBR, athletes become members of the “National Team”. They will be supported financially and logistically by the BBU, as far as possible until the end of the season or until they are de-selected. However, athletes should bear in mind that participation at this level comes at a cost and there will be a requirement for individuals to subsidise their participation individually or through individual sponsorship. Athletes selected must sign the BBU Athletes' Contract. By accepting the terms and conditions of the Athletes' Contract, each athlete is committing to comply with a range of national and international protocols. For instance, protocols covering anti-doping. Further, the Athletes' Contract contains rules on discipline, media communication and training.

11. BBU National Selectors. The BBU Selection Committee will be made up of Roddy Christie, Carl Carrier and Sarah Greig as voting members. The committee will be advised by Ilario Maddalin.

Trimester by Trimester Selection and non-WC / IC Competitions.

12. Trimester 1 – Athlete Numbers. In addition to those pre-selected for WC (Para 4), a **maximum** of 4 men and 4 women will be selected for IBU Cup Trimester 1.

13. Trimester 2. Participation in IBU Cup Trimester 2 will be dependant on the results from IBU Cup Trimester1 and will be decided once qualification is known.

14. Trimester 3. Participation in IBU Cup Trimester 2 will be dependent on the results from IBU Cup Trimester1 and will be decided once qualification is known.

15. Open European Championships (OECH) – Minsk, BLR. Any athlete qualified for WC or IBU Cup will be considered for selection for the OECH in up until the final registration date in late January.

16. IBU Junior Cup (JC). We will look at the IBU Junior Cup separately and where possible support athletes who are eligible to compete at these events.

17. IBU Youth/Junior World Championships, Osrblije, SVK. This event occurs 28 Jan – 03 Feb. No decision on selection will be made until the Selectors have seen results, if any, from any athletes participating in the IBU JC.

18. IBU Junior Open European Championships, Susjoen, NOR. This occurs place 04 – 10 March. No decision on selection will be made until the Selectors have seen results, if any, from any athletes participating in the IBU JC.

¹ The BBU National Selectors for 2018 – 19 are: Roddy Christie, Carl Carrier and Sarah Greig

Race by Race Selection

19. Athletes may be dropped from or promoted into the GBR team at any time during the season, although this would normally only take place at the end of Trimester 1. If this takes place it would require the agreement of the BBU National Selectors.