



**Orillia  
2026**

Ontario  
Winter Games  
Jeux d'hiver de  
l'Ontario

## 2026 Ontario Winter Games Announcement

Biathlon Ontario is pleased to announce the following information for the Ontario Winter Games competition.

The host for the 2026 Ontario Winter Games is the City of Orillia.

The Biathlon event at the 2026 Ontario Winter Games will take place on the first weekend of the games with events being held **February 19 – 21, 2026**.

- **Event Venue:**  
Highlands Nordic Biathlon ([highlandsnordic.ca](http://highlandsnordic.ca)), Duntroon, ON
- **Accommodations:**  
The Ontario Games Organizing Committee will direct accommodations arrangements for the participants of the OWG. Accommodation information will be relayed to participants by BiOn closer to the event
- **Competitions for the games will be comprised of:**
  - Sprint Competition
  - Pursuit Competition

(Note: In consultation with the host club, all athletes will compete on the same distance course for all events (4.5 & 6 km))
- **Athlete Eligibility:**
  - Must be a member in good standing with Biathlon Ontario/Biathlon Canada.
  - Must be born between January 01, 2009 and March 31, 2013.
  - Must reside in Ontario.

- Competition Classes:
  - U17 Ecoaims
  - U17 .22 cal
  - U15 Ecoaims
  - U15 .22 cal

Note: A capture of all Zone4 registered athletes will be conducted on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Based on registration numbers in the above classes at that time, OWG billets will be allocated to each club currently registered as a Biathlon Ontario member club. Club allocations will be announced shortly after the registration cut-off. If insufficient numbers of athletes are unavailable for a club's allocations, a second allocation will take place and billets will be re-allocated as required.

- Coaching Support:

We are aware that both the Ontario Youth Championships for Cross-Country Ski Ontario, and the Biathlon Eastern Region Series will also take place on the same weekend, so if you have athletes that are eligible to attend, but are short staffed on coaches, our member clubs have agreed to support other athletes during the games in order to assist with their attendance.
- Additional information regarding registration, travel subsidies, volunteer information and more will be released to Biathlon Ontario members as soon as it is released by the Orillia 2026 Organizing Committee. The official Race Invitation will also be distributed once the final details and technical package are finalized with the Ministry of Sport

Should you wish to obtain further information pertaining to the conduct of the 2026 OWG feel free to reach out to myself ([president@biathlonontario.ca](mailto:president@biathlonontario.ca)) or the board representative to the Games Tim Harmon ([director1@biathlonontario.ca](mailto:director1@biathlonontario.ca)).

Yours in Sport,

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