



ONTARIO'S PREMIER CROSS COUNTRY SKI CENTRE



Event Invitation

O' Cup Race #2

January 27 & 28 , 2024

Highlands Nordic

*Duntroon, Ontario
Air Rifle & .22 Event*

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TO: All members of Biathlon Clubs and Divisions

FROM: Scott McCulloch, Competition Chief, Highland's Trailblazers Ski Club

SUBJECT: Event Invitation – O' Cup # 2, January 27 & 28th, 2024

LOCATION: Highlands Nordic, 1182 Concession 10-North, Duntroon, ON [Google Map to Highlands Nordic](#)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Competition Chief	Scott McCulloch (biathlon@highlandstrailblazers.ca)
Chief of Results/ZONE4	Al White
Co-Chiefs of Stadium & Course	Timothy Harman & Sean Fitzpatrick
Chief of Range .22	Mike Scholte
Chief of Range Air-Rifle	Jon Wright
Chief of Timing	Al White
Competition Secretary	Joe & Cindy Guyon
Volunteer Coordinator	Carli Lang
Technical Delegate	Vincent Gagnon
Wax Protocol	Angus Doughty

The Highlands Trailblazers in conjunction with Biathlon Ontario and with support from Highlands Nordic would like to welcome you to our biathlon facility. We are extremely grateful for the contributions of many families both in volunteer time and financially that have gotten us to this stage.

We would especially like to thank the following local businesses that contributed in-kind products or services:

Walker Industries

Stayner/Cooper Rentals

Martin Knisley Surveying

Sunbelt Rentals

Precision Septic & Excavation

Hamilton Brothers

Matt Hodgson & Harold Elston Solicitors

We look forward to seeing you all.

CATEGORIES AND EVENTS

For up to date information please reference the events on www.htbski.com under Events.
[HTB Events Page](#)

Saturday 27th - Sprint Format

.22 Caliber	Age	January 27th (Saturday): Sprint – Penalty Loop	
		Distance	Range Sequence
Master Men	35+	6 km	PS
Open Male	19-34	10 km	PS
Youth Male	17-18	7.5 km	PS
Senior Boys	15-16	6 km	PS
Junior Boys	13-14	5 km	PP
Master Women	35+	5 km	PS
Open Female	19-34	7.5 km	PS
Youth Female	17-18	6 km	PS
Senior Girls	15-16	5 km	PS
Junior Girls	13-14	5 km	PP
Air Rifle (.177)	Age	January 27th (Saturday): Sprint – Penalty Loop	
		Distance	Range Sequence
Open Male	17+	7.5 km	PP
Senior Boys	15-16	6 km	PP
Junior Boys	13-14	5 km	PP
Juvenile Boys	11-12	4 km	PP
Beginner Boys	10 & Under	3 km	PP
Open Female	17+	6 km	PP
Senior Girls	15-16	5 km	PP
Junior Girls	13-14	5 km	PP
Juvenile Girls	11-12	4 km	PP
Beginner Girls	10 & Under	3 km	PP

Sunday 28th- Pursuit Format

.22 Caliber	Age	January 28th (Sunday): Pursuit – Penalty Loop	
		Distance	Range Sequence
Master Men	35+	7.5 km	PPSS
Open Male	19-34	12.5 km	PPSS
Youth Male	17-18	10 km	PPSS
Senior Boys	15-16	7.5 km	PPSS
Junior Boys	13-14	5 km	PPPP
Master Women	35+	7.5 km	PPSS
Open Female	19-34	10 km	PPSS
Youth Female	17-18	7.5 km	PPSS
Senior Girls	15-16	7.5 km	PPSS
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Juvenile Girls	11-12	4 km	PPP
Beginner Girls	10 & Under	3 km	PPP

- (P) indicates Prone shooting (S) indicates Standing shooting

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description
Friday, January 26, 2024	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Range Orientation *** - Open Range and Trail Training Virtual Meeting Coaches Meeting/Jury Nominations – Zoom TBA
Saturday, January 27, 2024	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:00 am 13:30 pm	Registration Opens/Bib Pick-up Equipment Check Opens Zero Begins Volunteer Meeting Zero Ends – Range Prep for Race Race Begins Awards
Sunday, January 28, 2024	8:00 am 8:30 am 09:00 am 09:15 am 09:45 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm	Registration Opens/Bib Pick-up Equipment Check Opens Zero Begins Volunteer Meeting Zero Ends – Range Prep for Race Race Begins Awards

* The organizing committee reserves the right to adjust timings and race formats subject to weather and snow conditions.

** The organizing committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone races and retain up to 25% of the entry fees to cover expenses.

*** Each .22 Athlete and Coach before shooting can commence must go through a Range Orientation if you have not competed or trained at our facility before. If you miss the range orientation on Friday, arrangements must be made with the Chief of Range before your first zero.

RACE: This event will offer biathletes the opportunity to participate in two competitive races with a focus on competition procedures (i.e. course marshalling, rifle zeroing, interval & pursuit starts, range procedures, IBU rules & regulation compliance). Points earned during this event will be included in the tabulation for points towards the BiON and Hurley Cups at the end of the season.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Any member of BiON in good standing may participate in this event. Day permits must be purchased for participating athletes who do not hold a current membership. They can be purchased for \$10 for the entire event during race registration.

COACH ELIGIBILITY

In Accordance with Biathlon Ontario's Safesport policy, each coach must attest to having completed MED Evaluation, Safesport Training and Rule of Two before they are allowed on the field of play. For further information please reach out to Peter Niedre vptechnical@biathlonontario.ca . Coach Registration is required.

RULES

The event will be run in accordance with the IBU rules and the Biathlon Ontario Hosting Policy (2023).

Only Athletes in the .22 Youth Category or older will be permitted to carry their rifles on the ski trails during the race. Biathlon Canada rules and procedures for competitors not carrying rifles will be used for all other categories

Beginner Category competitors will shoot at Air Rifle standing-aperture targets (35 mm) from the prone position and are permitted the use of a rifle rest/block and coaching assistance on the firing point. Juvenile competitors will shoot at Air Rifle prone-aperture targets (15 mm) from the prone position and are permitted the use of a rifle rest/block and coaching assistance on the firing point. All other categories will shoot on regulation targets: 15 mm aperture for prone position. Targets for all air rifle classes will be positioned at a 12 m distance.

One Penalty Lap must be skied per each missed Target for every category.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of athletes to bring their personal or team rifle with appropriate ammunition.

Please review the HTB Range Rules and Procedures here : [HTB Range Rules](#)

COMPETITION OFFICE

The office for the weekend will be located in the Gray portable adjacent the upper parking lot beside the main lodge. “The Big Gray Box”

MEDALS

BiON medals will be awarded to the top three competitors of each category opened with three or more registered athletes. Medals will be presented following publication of the competition final results.

VOLUNTEERS

Many volunteers are required to help officiate each race. Volunteer sign-up is available on Team Unify Events page. [HTB Events Sign-up](#)

Each visiting team MUST provide at least 1 volunteer to help officiate the race (no experience is required, we will train) A meeting of all volunteers will be held in front of the Competition Office “The Big Grey Box. Please email our Volunteer Coordinator Carli Lang, carli.halpenny@gmail.com with the name of your volunteer so he can assign a task.

ENTRY FEES & REGISTRATION

Registration For Coaches and Athletes will be done through Zone 4. www.zone4.com

.22 Categories \$20 1 Race - \$35.00 for Both (Includes Training Day) + HST

Air-Rifle Categories \$15 for 1 Race - \$25.00 for both (Includes Training Day) + HST

Thank you to the support of Highlands Nordic for discounted Trail passes for non-seasons pass holders of \$18.00 + HST per day. If Participating in Training day that would be 3 x \$18. There is Night Skiing available on Friday evenings (range closes at dusk).

Please note if an athlete is participating in the Sunday Pursuit race only, they will be seeded according to random draw.

For those athletes that are not registered members of Biathlon Ontario, the fee for the BiON Day membership is \$10. You may want to also consider purchasing a full Recreational Athlete Membership for \$15 by going to [2023-24 Biathlon Canada Individual Membership](#)

****NOTE**** if purchasing a full BiON membership, please do so BEFORE you register for this event so that you can provide your new membership number.

Event registration will be available on www.zone4.com on January 2nd , 08:00 hrs and close Wednesday January 24, at 17:00 hrs.

Late Fee: \$10.00 will be added to **all** manual registrations received after the Zone 4 deadline (**5:00 pm on January 24, 2023**). No registrations will be accepted after 18:00 hrs Thursday January 25, 2024.

Refunds: Partial refunds are possible for cancellation due to weather or Public Health restriction changes.

SKI & RIFLE STORAGE AND WAXING

This will be a **No-Fluro** Waxing event for all classes.

WAX PROTOCOL - .22 Category Senior Boy/Girl, Youth Man/Women, Open Man/Women will be under waxing protocol. Race skis drop off times will be communicated closer to the event. Skis will be dropped off at

the HTB Wax Trailer adjacent upper parking lot.

Skis of athletes not included in the waxing protocol may be waxed in the communal waxing room which will be made available in the upper parking lot 7:30 am -5:30 pm. Highlands Nordic also offers one public waxing room adjacent the lower-level of the main lodge. Subject to room capacity limits. There are also outdoor plugs available for outdoor waxing. (extension cords & Forms are NOT provided)

Rifles and skis cannot be brought into the main building at Highlands Nordic. All rifles and biathlon equipment must be properly secured and/or supervised at all times.

We have rented the Rockside room for the weekend so that we do not take up space in the main lodge – Entry through the side door closest the Parking Lot. Athletes, volunteers, coaches are welcome to use this space to store your stuff and get warm. (NO Rifles)

PARKING

There will be parking available at the lower-level lot, however an equipment drop-off loop will be accessible in the upper lot if you would prefer to unload prior to parking.

Note: Highlands Range & Stadium are located approximately 300 m up a walking path from the upper parking lot. It is recommended to bring a toboggan to haul your equipment as transport to the range will not be provided.

LODGING

- Tyrolean Village Chalets (large capacity units with full kitchens) 705-445-4167 (<http://www.tyrolean.com>)
- Holiday Inn Express (~\$150/nt): 705-444-2144 (<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/collingwood/ycowd/hoteldetail>)
- Luxury Inn (~\$110/nt): 705-445-2061 (http://www.luxuryinn.ca/Contact_Us.html)
- Days Inn & Suites (~\$160/nt): 844-212-0882 ([Days Inn Reservations](#))
- Mariner Motor Hotel (~\$120/nt): 705-445-3330 (<http://www.marinermotorhotel.ca/>)

MEALS & RESTAURANTS

The Highlands Nordic Café will be open throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday. Food and drinks are available in the café at your expense.

Collingwood & Area boasts a large number and wide array of restaurants and grocery stores approximately 11 km away. <http://www.yellowpages.ca/search/si/1/Restaurants/Collingwood+ON>