



ONTARIO'S PREMIER CROSS COUNTRY SKI CENTRE

Event Invitation

O' Cup Race #1

February 1 & 2 , 2025

Highlands Nordic

Duntroon, Ontario

Air Rifle, Eco-Aims & .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 # 1, February 1 & 2, 2025

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/BIAB	Ross Cooke
Chief of Stadium	Sean Fitzpatrick
Chief of Course	Timothy Harman
Chief of Range .22	Jon Wright
Chief of Range Air-Rifle	Barney
Chief of Timing	Al White
Competition Secretary	Joe & Cindy Guyon
Volunteer Coordinator	Carli Lang
Technical Delegate	Vincent Gagnon (By Phone)
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 event on www.highlandstrailblazers.ca under Events.
[HTB Events Page](#)

Saturday 1st- Sprint Format

Category	Type	Age as of Dec 31 st 2024	February 1, 2025 Sprint Format 30 Sec Interval Start 11:00 am					
			Rifle Rest	Target Size	Course Sequence	Length	Shooting Sequence	Penalty Loop
Development 1	Eco-Aims	U17	Yes	Standing	BL/BL/BL	2.1 km	PP	75 m
Development 2	Eco-Aims	U17	Yes	Prone	O/O/BK	4 km	PP	75 m
Development 2	.177 Air Rifle	U17	No	Prone	O/O/BK	4 km	PP	75 m
U17 Prone Female	.22	U17	No	Prone	O/O/O	4.5 km	PP	75 m
U17 Prone Male	.22	U17	No	Prone	R/O/O	5 km	PP	75 m
U17 Standing Female	.22	U17	No	Prone/Stand	R/O/O	5 km	PS	150 m
U17 Standing Male	.22	U17	No	Prone/Stand	R/R/R	6 km	PS	150 m
Youth Female	.22	U19	No	Prone/Stand	R/R/R	6 km	PS	150 m
Youth Male	.22	U19	No	Prone/Stand	G/G/G	7.5 km	PS	150 m
Open Female	.22	19 +	No	Prone/Stand	G/G/G	7.5 km	PS	150 m
Open Male	.22	19 +	No	Prone/Stand	Gx2/G/G	10 km	PS	150 m
Adult 1	Eco-Aims	17 +	Yes	Standing	BL/BL/BL	2.1 km	PP	75 m
Adult 2	.22	17 +	No	Prone	O/O/O	4.5 km	PP	75 m
Adult 3	.22	17 +	No	Prone/Stand	R/R/R	6 km	PS	150 m

Sunday 28th- Pursuit Format

Category	Type	Age as of Dec 31 st 2024	February 2, 2025 Pursuit Format 3 Sec Normalized Start 10:00 am					
			Rifle Rest	Target Size	Course Sequence	Length	Shooting Sequence	Penalty Loop
Development 1	Eco-Aims	U17	Yes	Standing	BL/BL/BL/BL	3 km	PPP	75 m
Development 2	Eco-Aims	U17	Yes	Prone	BK/BK/BK/BK/BK	5 km	PPPP	75 m
Development 2	.177 Air Rifle	U17	No	Prone	BK/BK/BK/BK/BK	5 km	PPPP	75 m
U17 Prone Female	.22	U17	No	Prone	O/O/BK/BK/BK	6 km	PPPP	75 m
U17 Prone Male	.22	U17	No	Prone	O/O/O/BK/BK	6.5 km	PPPP	75 m
U17 Standing Female	.22	U17	No	Prone/Stand	O/O/O/BK/BK	6.5 km	PPSS	150 m
U17 Standing Male	.22	U17	No	Prone/Stand	O/O/O/O/O	7.5 km	PPSS	150 m
Youth Female	.22	U19	No	Prone/Stand	O/O/O/O/O	7.5 km	PPSS	150 m
Youth Male	.22	U19	No	Prone/Stand	R/R/R/R/R	10 km	PPSS	150 m
Open Female	.22	19 +	No	Prone/Stand	R/R/R/R/R	10 km	PPSS	150 m
Open Male	.22	19 +	No	Prone/Stand	G/G/G/G/G	12.5 km	PPSS	150 m
Adult 1	Eco-Aims	17 +	Yes	Standing	BL/BL/BL/BL	3 km	PPP	75 m
Adult 2	.22	17 +	No	Prone	O/O/O/BK/BK	6.5 km	PPPP	75 m
Adult 3	.22	17 +	No	Prone/Stand	O/O/O/O/O	7.5 km	PPSS	150 m

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description
Friday, January 31, 2025	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Range Orientation *** - Open Range and Trails for Un-Official Training
	4:00 pm	Drop Off Race Protocol Skis – Casa Slip & Slide
	8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Virtual Meeting Coaches Meeting/Jury Nominations – Zoom TBA
Saturday, February 1, 2025	9:00 am	Registration Opens/Bib Pick-up
	9:30 am	Equipment Check Opens
	9:45 am	Race Ski Pick-up – Casa Slip & Slide
	10:00 am	Zero Begins
	10:15 am	Volunteer Meeting
	10:45 am	Zero Ends – Range Prep for Race
	11:00 am	Race Begins
	13:30 pm	Awards
Sunday, February 2, 2025	14:00 pm	Drop Off Race Protocol Skis – Casa Slip & Slide
	8:00 am	Registration Opens/Bib Pick-up
	8:30 am	Equipment Check Opens
	8:45 am	Race Ski Pick-up – Casa Slip & Slide
	09:00 am	Zero Begins
	09:15 am	Volunteer Meeting
	09:45 am	Zero Ends – Range Prep for Race
	10:00 am	Race Begins
	12:30 pm	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 BiCan/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).

Athletes in the Youth, Open .22 and Adult 3 categories 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.

Targets for Dev 2 air rifle classes will be positioned at a 12 m distance.

Eco-Aims Targets will be positioned at 10 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](#)

DOGS – We all love our furry family members, but for space & safety reasons, we will NOT allow animals in the race Stadium & Range Area, PLEASE leave your dogs at home.

COMPETITION OFFICE

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

MEDALS & AWARDS

BiON medals will be awarded to the top three competitors of each competitive category opened with three or more registered athletes. Medals will be presented following publication of the competition final results. Awards for non-competitive categories will be provided to each participating athlete.

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 she 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/Eco Aims 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 4:00 pm).

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 <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=35021&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

****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 13th , 08:00 hrs and close Wednesday January 29, 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 29, 2025**). No registrations will be accepted after 18:00 hrs Thursday January 30, 2025.

Refunds: Partial refunds are possible for cancellation due to weather.

SKI & RIFLE STORAGE AND WAXING

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

WAX PROTOCOL - .22 Category U17 Prone & Stand Boy/Girl, Youth Man/Women, Open Man/Women will be under waxing protocol. Skis will be dropped off at the HTB Wax Trailer “Casa Slip & Slide” 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>