

2020 U.S. Biathlon Team Talent ID Camp

June 14-18, 2020 - LAKE PLACID, NY



Applications now open for U.S. collegiate skiers

Overview

The U.S. Biathlon Team invites current and/or recently graduated collegiate cross country skiers to apply to its annual Talent ID camp, held this year from June 14th to June 18th in Lake Placid, NY. This camp is used to identify current cross-country skiing talents with an interest in continuing their athletic career in a nordic sport, and offer a development “fast track” in the exciting world of biathlon for well-matched athletes showing athletic potential and commitment.

How biathlon opens doors for elite training and international racing

Biathlon is a major career opportunity for talented cross-country skiers who want to continue racing professionally beyond college in front of tens of thousands on the vibrant World Cup biathlon scene. Athletes like Susan Dunklee (USA), Clare Egan (USA), Denise Herrmann (GER), Kaisa Makarainen (FIN) and many others have consistently proven that it’s possible to achieve world-class results without prior shooting experience at a younger age. With proper training, a strong skiing background, and a commitment to excellence, you can develop shooting skills in your early 20’s and go on to win World Championship medals. This could be you!

Camp Details

Who should apply: Talented xc skiers, with a proven record of successful National racing, who are looking to take their athletic career past college ski racing. You do not need to be a college graduate to apply, but you should be at least 20 years of age.

What to expect as a result of camp: Athletes from this camp may be chosen to receive training support to foster high-quality training and development in biathlon over the course of the year, such as:

- Housing at the Olympic Training Center,
- Access to National Team Coaches,
- Invitations to select National Team training camps,

- Access to a biathlon rifle lease program biathlon rifle.

Athletes receiving support as a result of this camp often work with a coach for the remainder of the year with the goal of qualifying for a start spot on the U.S. squad heading to the IBU Cup, the biathlon racing circuit in Europe below the World Cup. This camp can put you on the fast track to the U.S. Biathlon National Team and international racing opportunities like this.

Coaching: Four-time Olympian and World Championship Silver medalist Tim Burke will lead this camp along with Development Coach Danika Frisbie. Biathlon Olympic Champion Andrea Burke and World Champion Lowell Bailey will help with select training sessions. Current National Team athletes who have come through the Talent ID program will also be available for Q & A sessions.

Where: Olympic Training Center
Lake Placid, NY 12946

When: Arrivals on Sunday, June 14th. Camp sessions will begin at 8am on Monday, June 15th
Departure: Thursday, June 18th. The last camp session ends at 12pm on the 18th.

Cost: All lodging, meals, local transportation, and transportation to/from the airport are covered 100% by U.S. Biathlon and the U.S. Olympic Committee. Participants are responsible for their travel costs to/from **Albany International Airport (ALB)** if flying, and to/from the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center if arriving by car.

Lodging and Meals: Housing and meals will be provided to athletes at the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center. This is like a sports hotel with access to medical services, a serve-yourself cafeteria open all day, and nutrition services. If you have allergies or other dietary requirements, please let us know and we can inform the dining staff.

What to Bring: Running gear, gym shoes, skate roller skis, poles, ski boots, helmet. If you have access to a biathlon rifle bring it. If not, we've got you covered.

Camp Activities: Rollerski technique sessions, intro to shooting technique and shooting drills, uphill run time trial, strength training, rollerski time trial.

To Apply

Interested athletes must complete the attached application and send their responses to Head Coach Tim Burke at tburke@usbiathlon.org by **April 1st at 11:59pm EST**. You will hear back no later than April 15th if you have been invited to participate in the camp.