



## **U.S. Biathlon Collegiate National Championships Rules/Guidelines**

U.S. Biathlon hosted Collegiate National Championships in March 2024 and March 2025 recognizing the best collegiate biathletes, and the colleges & universities they attend, and they will do so again in March 2026. The U.S. Biathlon Collegiate Advisory Panel has established the concepts and guidelines utilized in this National championship event.

The U.S. Biathlon Collegiate National Championships will:

- Utilize the sprint race at the 2026 U.S. Biathlon Senior National Championships & Spring Festival set for Soldier Hollow, Midway, UT March 27, 2026.
- Recognize the top three individual athletes for both genders with podium ceremonies and photo opportunities. Athletes will be encouraged to bring school flags for podium photos and other social media recognition.
- Utilize a team scoring system & podium ceremony for the top three overall schools/teams. Non-gender specific scoring will be used, so that both genders can contribute to the overall team score. The points system for year one will score top 15 results in the sprint race, and points will include a team's best two results combined to achieve the overall points scored.
- If a tie breaker is needed, it will go to the team with the best shooting percentage. If a second tie breaker is needed, it will go to the fastest average team race time on course (meaning the average of the two athletes' race times will be used to break a tie).

### **Eligibility:**

We believe it is important to have more flexibility with regard to eligibility than the current [USCSA rules](#) would provide. Instead, eligibility will be in-line with [FISU World University Games](#) rules stating that an athlete should be taking at least one course towards progressing to a degree (details below). This permits athletes to take a semester off, or take just one course per term, and still be eligible as long as they are "progressing towards a degree".

### **Minimum Eligibility (based off FISU principles)**

- In order to qualify for the event, student-athletes must submit their intent to compete and declaration of eligibility to US Biathlon upon registration for the event.
- Student-athletes must be citizens of the United States at the time of nomination and hold a valid U.S. passport.
- Student-athletes must satisfy the following eligibility conditions:
  - Must be a U.S. Biathlon member in good standing at the time of entry.
  - Must be at least 18 years of age, and no older than 25 years of age, during the U.S. Biathlon Collegiate National Championship sprint event.
  - Must have taken at least one 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma within the last year before the championships. The standard is that the athlete must be "progressing towards a degree," as defined by the college/university.
  - Former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event are also eligible (ie. May/June 2024).

Collegiate Nationals Team Scoring		2025
Place	Points	
1	20	
2	17	
3	14	
4	12	
5	11	
6	10	
7	9	
8	8	
9	7	
10	6	
11	5	
12	4	
13	3	
14	2	
15	1	

Please reach out to any member of the CAP if you have questions, comments, or feedback.

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