



United States Biathlon Association:
Athlete Participation Policy

The policy outlined below applies to all U.S. Biathlon competitions where U.S. Biathlon membership is required. Additionally, U.S. Biathlon, its clubs and members are subject to local, state and federal legislation and such legislation supersedes the rules of U.S. Biathlon.

U.S. Biathlon Association is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. U.S. Biathlon will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., USOPC, IOC, IPC, IBU, and others to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C § 22501, et. seq.

Policy

1. **Women's Competition Categories.** Eligibility: – athletes assigned female at birth and who meet all other U.S. Biathlon requirements.
 - Athlete assigned female at birth who has begun hormone therapy (e.g., testosterone) may not compete in any women's categories.
 - Athlete assigned male at birth may not compete in any women's categories.
2. **Men's Competition Categories.** Eligibility: - regardless of sex assigned at birth or gender identity, an athlete may participate with a men's category, assuming they meet all other U.S. Biathlon requirements.
3. **Open Categories.** All individuals may enter and compete in these categories as divided by age and assuming they meet all other U.S. Biathlon requirements.

Athletes who qualify for IBU or IOC events must also meet those organizations' athlete participation rules, which may differ from this policy.