

U.S. Biathlon Coach Pathway:



U.S. Biathlon Coach Membership (Basic Coach) (minimum requirements):

- a) Paid U.S. Biathlon Coach membership
- b) Completed SafeSport Training & Background Check
**eligible to receive a Coach bib at USBA sanctioned events*
- c) Complete Basic Rifle Safety Course on the Center

U.S. Biathlon Coach Certificate (Levels 1, 2, 3) (minimum requirements):

- d) Paid USBA Coach membership
- e) Completed SafeSport Training (annually) & Background Check (every other year)
- f) Active coach profile on the [USBA Center](#)
- g) Completed Basic Rifle Safety Course on the Center
- h) Attain Basic Rifle Safety Certificate via in-person safety assessment
- i) Signed U.S. Biathlon Coach Pledge (found [here](#))
** Eligible for Coach bib at USBA events & consideration to serve as coach on trips & camps.*

U.S. Biathlon Level 1 Coach: (via application starting Spring 2026)

Developed & intended for coaches who have displayed a recent(*) commitment to Coach Education. The system incentivizes those who have attended USBA Coaches Conferences in person, completed US Skiing, IBU, and other like Coach Certification programs, as well as reward those who have practical experience serving as coach/support staff on international trips and multiday development camps under the guidance of USBA & US Skiing staff/coaches.

**Recent will be defined as within the previous 3 years.*

Level 1 considerations: In addition to the minimum Coach requirements, complete a minimum of three (3) of the following continuing education & engagement efforts (within the past 4 years) & submit an application via the USBA Center:

- Complete one Foundations of Biathlon Coaching courses (1st, or the Supplement) on the U.S. Biathlon Center
- Attend & participate fully in person at a USBA Coach Conference (23', 24', 25', +)
- Attend a USBA-sanctioned National event in the past 2 years as an active Coach with range access (to include Fall Festival & International Team Trials, IBU Cup Trials, Y&J Nationals/Trials, Sr Nationals & Spring Festival)
- Complete IBU Academy (Basic or above) Coach Education program
- Complete US Skiing Nordic Level 100 (or higher) certification
- Complete Biathlon Canada (minimum Community Sport Bronze), or other National federations, Biathlon Coach certification
- Participate as an invited Coach at one (1) of the following: USBA Regional Select camps, Elite Development Camp, USBA National Team Program Camp, IBU World Cup, IBU Cup, JR IBU Cup, IBU YJWCH, or Alpen Cup trips
- Participate as an invited Coach at US Skiing Nordic Reg Camps, U18, U16 camps, etc.

U.S. Biathlon Level 2 Coach: (via application starting Spring 2026)

This is intended for coaches who have displayed a significant commitment to Coach Education and engagement, beyond the Level 1 standards, such as:

Level 2 considerations: In addition to the minimum Coach requirements, complete a minimum of four (4) of the following continuing education efforts (within the past 4 years) & submit an application via the USBA Center:

- Complete both Foundations of Biathlon Coaching courses (1st & the Supplement) on the U.S. Biathlon Center
- Attend & participate fully in person at a USBA Coach Conference (23', 24', 25', +)
- Attend three (3) USBA-sanctioned National events in the past 2 years as an active Coach with range access (to include Fall Festival & International Team Trials; IBU Cup Trials; Y&J Nationals & International Team Trials; Sr Nationals & Spring Festival)
- Complete IBU Academy (Level 1 or above) Coach Education program
- Complete US Skiing Nordic Level 200 (or higher) certification
- Complete Biathlon Canada (minimum Competition Development Level), or other National federations, Biathlon Coach certification advanced levels
- Participate as an invited Coach at one (1) of the following: USBA Regional Select camps, Elite Development Camp, IBU World Cup, IBU Cup, JR IBU Cup, IBU YJWCH, or Alpin Cup trips
- Participate as an invited Coach at US Skiing Nordic International competition trip
- Proof of other coach educational efforts (including shadow work) may be submitted for consideration

U.S. Biathlon Level 3 Coach (Master Level): (via application starting January 2027)

This is for Master Level Biathlon coaches with years of experience who have displayed a significant commitment to Biathlon Coaching and their Biathlon Coaching Education. Master Level Coaches will be expected to present topics, and lead roundtable conversations at the annual U.S. Biathlon Coaches Conferences as subject matter experts, and their coaching skill, knowledge and expertise will be assessed by a review panel.

U.S. Biathlon Master Level coach details will be unveiled in late 2026 or early 2027, and all eligible coaches will need to have been confirmed for U.S. Biathlon Level 2 as a prerequisite.

Maintaining Coach Levels:

USBA Level 1, 2, & Master Level Coaches will be expected to maintain their activity and involvement as a Coach and the commitment to coaching education similar to what earned the Coach Certificate.

Activity & efforts will be reviewed every two (2) years the details of which will be unveiled in late 2026 or early 2027.

U.S. Biathlon Development Staff will review all initial applications, and will review all biennial continuing coaching and coach education efforts to ensure Coaches are meeting the spirit of the U.S. Biathlon Coaching Certificate Pathway.

Applications for the Coach Certificate program can be found [HERE](#) on the Center.

Send any questions to coaches@usbiathlon.org