



Application of the Biathlon BC Cup Wax Protocol

For the 2017/18 race season, Biathlon BC will be implementing a mandatory Wax Protocol using the YES wax system for all competitors in the Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Youth Men, Youth Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Men and Women categories.

The intent of using the YES wax system for the protocol is threefold: to address health risks of ironing fluorocarbon waxes; to reduce the cost and time that teams spend on waxing; and to provide a more level playing field for selection competitions.

The Wax Protocol and use of the YES wax system will be reviewed at the end of the season and clubs and coaches are encouraged to submit their feedback to BiBC.

BiBC shall provide opportunities for certain athletes to put their skis through the mandatory BiBC Wax Protocol as follows:

1. on Friday afternoon/evening after training;
2. during the time period 30-60 minutes prior to zeroing on Saturday morning (only for those athletes who did not train on Friday or in exceptional circumstances);
3. on Saturday afternoon/evening after competition; and
4. during the time period 30-60 minutes prior to zeroing on Sunday morning (only for those athletes who did not compete on Saturday or in exceptional circumstances).

The organizers will confirm the arrangements for providing space and electric power for the Wax Protocol with the TD prior to the event. The TD will oversee the Wax Protocol on behalf of BiBC. BiBC will provide a lead wax technician, who will be supported by volunteers appointed from among the board, coaches, volunteers and parents at each event.

The TD will set the time and location for ski drop off and pick up on Friday and Saturday afternoon/evening in consultation with the organizing committee. The ski drop off and pick up on Saturday and Sunday morning must be on-site. The times and places must be set to allow all athletes as much opportunity as is reasonably and practically possible to get their skis through the Wax Protocol. The times and places must be announced prior to the start of the event so that athletes and coaches can make arrangements to get their skis through the Wax Protocol. The TD will ensure that the schedule is communicated to Biathlon BC so it can be published through the BiBC website and social media accounts.

Athletes and/or coaches are responsible to clearly label their skis with the athlete's name and contact phone number(s) before drop off. Skis will be waxed and returned to athletes or coaches as soon as possible on the same day, as Biathlon BC cannot assume any liability for transporting or storing skis.

Once an athlete's skis have been through the Wax Protocol, their name will be checked off and they will be able to start in the following competition. Athletes in these categories who do not get their skis through the Wax Protocol shall be disqualified.

The cooperation of athletes and coaches is key to the success of the Wax Protocol and should significantly reduce the time that teams spend on waxing. To facilitate the protocol and to assist the BiBC wax technicians, teams will be required to get their skis through the Wax Protocol on Friday and Saturday afternoons/evenings, unless there are exceptional circumstances. BiBC will have a limited ability to operate the Wax Protocol on the morning before zeroing so this option will be limited only to those athletes who did not have a reasonable opportunity to get their skis waxed the day before.

Once the skis have been through the Wax Protocol:

- they may be brushed
- structure may be applied
- no wax, powders, toppers or other glide enhancing substances may be applied

The adherence to the Wax Protocol is self-governed and is the responsibility of the coaches, parents and wax technicians to ensure that it is followed to provide fair competition.

The fee for the Wax Protocol for a pair of skis will be \$2.50 per race, which will be included with the registration fees for these categories per race.