



United States Biathlon
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U.S. Biathlon Club Certification

USBA Club Certification is a new process by which all clubs who wish to be USBA members become “certified.” Any club can undertake club certification. All Clubs who wish to be covered by USBA insurance should become Basic Club Members. This process is a simple series of checkboxes at registration. For podium-level Club Certification, clubs must fill out an application and submit all materials to USBA Director of Operations, Sara Studebaker-Hall (sara@usbiathlon.org). Once the club has gathered all materials and is ready to submit for certification, the USBA Club Certification Panel (USBA Athlete Development Director, USBA Program Manager, USBA Director of Operations, and USBA Board Member) will review materials and schedule a meeting with the club. The application period will be open twice annually.

BENEFITS:

All clubs will be highlighted by level on the USBA website. Club Certification seals may be used by certified clubs and will be distributed upon completion of the certification process.

Basic:

Club (trainings and time trials) covered under USBA insurance

Bronze:

Bronze-level clubs can apply to host regional level camps and request USBA support for those camps.

Silver:

Silver-level clubs can bid for US National Championships, Trials events, or “NorAm”-level events.

Gold:

Gold-level clubs are given priority in hosting events, including National-level races and camps.

LEVELS:

Basic:

USBA Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) implemented by Club, and SafeSport training must be offered to all minor athletes (with parental consent). Training can be found at The US Center for SafeSport’s website, or via link from USBA’s website.

All coaches/officials/applicable club employees/applicable volunteers must be SafeSport trained and have a current background check.

All Club members (athletes and coaches) are current USBA members

Working towards or have at least 1 certified Level 1 official affiliated with the club

Offer safety certification (Red Book) for members. Certifier must be approved by USBA¹

¹ Certifiers must be recommended by 3 references (competitors, coaches or officials) in order to be approved by USBA.



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Bronze:

Basic plus:

Minimum 1 certified Level 1 official affiliated with club
Regular races/time trials for athletes
Dedicated biathlon range maintained by or in connection with club
Basic Coach certification TBD

Silver:

Bronze plus:

Designated head coach for program – paid coach is standard, but commitment level will be evaluated for unpaid positions.
Minimum 4 certified Level 2 officials affiliated with club
Dedicated club website with contact info and how to get involved
Ability to provide biathlon rifles for intro athletes training and competition/community outreach
Minimum 15-point range at local venue
Coach Certification TBD

Gold:

Silver plus:

Paved range
Scholarships and/or other financial assistance provided to in-need athletes
Some diversity, equity, and inclusion policies/plans
Full-time, paid head coach for program
Minimum 1 IBU International Referee level certified official
Coach Certification TBD

** Clubs should apply for whichever level is closest to their situation. All applications for Bronze level and above will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure clubs are awarded the appropriate level of certification.