

IBU Rules for Honors

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Preamble

The IBU Rules for Honors are decided by the IBU Executive Board according to Art. 15 of the IBU Constitution. They serve as a basis for appropriately honoring exceptional merits in and for the sport of biathlon shown by individuals and legal entities.

Art. 1 IBU Certificate of Honor for individuals

The IBU, upon decision by the Executive Board, awards the IBU Certificate of Honor to active athletes and officials of the IBU or the National Federations for special services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations can be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, Committee chairpersons, and members of the Executive Board; all nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the honor.

Art. 2 IBU Certificate of Honor for legal entities

The IBU, upon decision by the Executive Board, awards IBU Certificate of Honors to partner and sponsor companies of the IBU for special services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations can be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, Committee chairpersons, and members of the Executive Board; all nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the honor.

Art. 3 IBU Hall of Fame

The IBU automatically inducts everyone who has won at least one Olympic Gold Medal and/or two Gold Medals at the IBU World Championships into the IBU Hall of Fame. The athlete receives a certificate once inducted. The IBU Hall of Fame is published on the IBU Homepage.

Art. 4 IBU Medals of Honor

The IBU, upon decision by the Executive Board, awards IBU Medals of Honor in gold, silver or bronze to athletes and officials of the IBU or of the National Federations who have retired from the sport for extraordinary services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations can be made by the presidents of the National Federations and members of the Executive Board and must be submitted in writing, including the reasons for the honor, to the IBU Secretary General.

Art. 4. a. IBU Medals of Honor for Athletes

(1) Bronze Medal of Honor

Athletes may be awarded an IBU Bronze Medal of Honor if they have won:

- At least three (3) individual medals at the WCH or OWG, or
- At least four (4) first places in individual World Cup competitions;

(2) Silver Medal of Honor

Athletes may be awarded an IBU Silver Medal of Honor if they have won:

- At least two (2) individual gold medals at the WCH, or
- At least one (1) individual gold medal at the OWG;

(3) Gold Medal of Honor

Athletes may be awarded an IBU Gold Medal of Honor if they have won:

- At least four (4) individual gold medals at the WCH, or
- At least three (3) individual gold medals at the OWG, or
- The Total Score in an individual discipline at least three (3) times, or
- The World Cup Total Score at least once.

Art. 4. b. IBU Medal of Honor for Officials (NF presidents, NF secretary generals, head coaches)

(1) Bronze Medal of Honor

Officials may be awarded an IBU Bronze Medal of Honor if they:

- Have been a member of the IBU Executive Board for at least four (4) years, or of an IBU Committee for four (4) years, or held an official position at a National Federation for four (4) years.

(2) Silver Medal of Honor

Officials may be awarded an IBU Silver Medal of Honor if they:

- Have been a member of the IBU Executive Board for at least eight (8) years, or of an IBU Committee for 8 years, or held an official position at a National Federation for 8 years.

(3) Gold Medal of Honor

Officials may be awarded an IBU Gold Medal of Honor if they:

- Have been a member of the IBU Executive Board for at least 12 years, or of an IBU Committee for 12 years, or held an official position at a National Federation for 12 years.

Art. 5 IBU Ring of Honor

The IBU, upon decision by the Executive Board, awards the IBU Golden Ring of Honor to representatives of states, international organizations or federations, NOCs and longtime partners of the IBU for special services to the sport of biathlon. Nominations may be submitted by the presidents of the National Federations, chairpersons of the committees, and members of the Executive Board; nominations must be submitted in writing to the IBU Secretary General and must include the reasons for the honor.

Art. 6 IBU Honorary Membership

The IBU awards IBU Honorary Membership to former IBU officials, following nomination by the IBU Executive Board or the NFs and decision by the IBU Congress.

Art. 7 IBU Honorary Presidency

The IBU awards the IBU Honorary Presidency to former presidents of the IBU following nomination by the IBU Executive Board or the NFs and decision by the IBU Congress.

Art. 8 IBU Awards

The IBU may present IBU Awards at the IBU WCH. In years in which Olympic Winter Games are held, IBU Awards will be given out during the IBU Congress. IBU Awards are given in the following categories:

- Rookie of the Year:** For athletes with the most WC points during their inaugural WC season (with at least three (3) WC starts in one season)
- Coach of the Year:** For the coach whose athletes have won the most WCH or OWG medals and WC first places
- Media Award:** For especially competent reporting, directing, camera work, editing or other biathlon coverage in words and/or pictures
- Fair Play Award:** For an award-worthy gesture of sportsmanship
- Development Award:** For the National Federation winning the highest number of medals at the YJWCH
- Fan Award:** For an athlete, team or official elected by fans via online voting

Art. 9 Presentation of Honors and Awards

a) IBU Hall of Fame

The IBU Hall of Fame will be published on the IBU Homepage. Athletes will receive a certificate.

b) IBU Awards

The IBU may award IBU Awards annually at the IBU WCH or a WC. The Awards will be handed out by the IBU Executive Board.

c) IBU Certificate of Honors

The IBU Certificate of Honors is awarded at the IBU WCHs or at a suitable occasion.

d) IBU Medals of Honor, Rings of Honor, Honorary Membership, Honorary Presidency

IBU Medals of Honor, Rings of Honor, Honorary Membership and Honorary Presidency are awarded by the IBU President at the IBU Congress or another suitable occasion.

Art. 10 Entry into Force

The IBU Rules for Honors became effective on December 1, 2011 replacing the IBU Rules for Honors from July 1, 1994.