

## **WINTER RACE SERIES POLICIES**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Ethan Allen Biathlon Race Series is meant to be a safe, fun, competitive event for both experienced and novice biathletes ages 13 and up. The races are run by club members and staffed by volunteers. Extra help is always welcome. Races are typically between 5K and 7K in length with 2 or 4 shooting stops. A shorter race distance maybe designated for different competition class. Races are usually Sprint format (2 shooting stops, prone, standing), but may be Pursuit or Individual Relay format occasionally. Penalty loops are skied for each missed shot. All races are freestyle technique. The range and course are lighted for night time use.

**SAFETY:** All competitors must complete a safety orientation for the Ethan Allen Biathlon Range prior to using the range. The safety officer will provide a safety orientation to new competitors prior to the start of each race. Competitors who violate the safety procedures will be asked to leave the range. If a competitor is unsure about a rule or needs assistance during a race, ask for help!

\* Treat all rifles as if they were loaded.

\* Rifle bolts shall be kept open at all times except when the rifle is carried on the back of a competitor during a race.

\* When at the firing point, rifles shall always be pointed down range or up in the air.

**TRAINING FACILITY USAGE RULES:** Civilians using the biathlon facilities at the Ethan Allen Firing Range need to read, understand, and follow all rules outlined in the Civilian Usage Agreement. A copy of this agreement will be provided at race registration.

**CANCELLATION:** In the event that a race must be cancelled due to weather, conflict with Guard usage of the facilities, or other reason, a notice will be posted on the EABC website.

**PARTICIPATION:** To participate, athletes must be a member of the Ethan Allen Biathlon Club (EABC) or pay for a one-race membership. All participants must fill out a Vermont Army National Guard Liability Release form prior to using the facilities.

**COMPETITION CLASSES:** The following classifications are for both male and female.

**Boy/Girl** (13 - 16 years of age) – Competitors will not carry a rifle and will shoot only from the prone position at offhand targets. Competitors may shoot either with or without the aid of a cuff. These athletes should be encouraged to practice shooting standing, but in a competition they will only be permitted to shoot prone unless supervised by a coach.

**Youth/Junior** (17 – 20 years of age) - Competitors must carry a rifle and shoot from both the prone and offhand positions at regulation targets.

**Senior** (21 - 39 years of age) - Competitors must carry a rifle and shoot from both the prone and offhand positions at regulation targets.

**Master** (40+years of age as of December 31, 2008) – Competitors must carry a rifle and shoot from both the prone and offhand positions at regulation targets.

**Novice** Participants who do not carry a rifle must shoot from designated shooting positions where a range official will provide assistance and ensure that all safety procedures are followed. Any violation of these procedures will lead to immediate disqualification and removal from the race. If the designated shooting positions are occupied, a timer will be started and the participant will have to wait for one of the designated positions.

**SCORING:** The following point system will be used for the end of series rankings: For each event, a first place gives 50 points, a 2nd place 46 pts, a 3rd place 43 pts, a 4th place 40 pts, a fifth place 37 pts, a 6th place 34 pts, then further decreasing by two pts down to the 15th place (16 pts), then linearly decreasing by one point down to the 30th place. Equal placings (ties) give an equal number of points. The sum of all points for the season gives the biathlete's total series score.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented following the last race of the season. Awards will be given to all first, second, and third place finishers in each competition class, age group, and gender based upon points totals from all races in the series.