

Notice to IPC Biathlon Teams and Athletes

IPC .22Cal Rifle Shooting Test

Where – Vuokatti, December 2016

When – during competition rest day – **to be confirmed**

Purpose – To evaluate and receive feedback from athletes, coaching staffs, nations and officials on the question of .22Cal rifles usage by IPC Biathlon.

NOT A RACE! – This is not race but a simple evaluation process similar to the electronic rifle test conducted a year earlier.

Plan – Depending on number of athletes and nations participating with the general outline will be -

1. Fit rifles to athletes
2. Zero – On paper
3. Test firing at metal targets and ski a small loop to get heart rate up and simulate completion mode.
4. Number of shootings – To be determined at Team Information Meeting.
5. Next group etc...

IPC will provide the rifles “Anschutz Fortner” and team will need to purchase ammunition.

- Ammunition cost will be €20 per box of 50 bullets.
- Athletes may use their own .22Cal rifles and ammunition if they wish.

Range rules and other considerations to be finalized at Team Information Meeting on the day before the test. (Coaches will be able to provide whatever assistance to athletes as needed)

In order to arrange rifles, each Nation is asked to please confirm the number of athletes who will participate in the .22Cal Test by November 15 by email to Biathlon IR Joe Bajan: jbajan@ee-sys.com

Also indicate if your athletes are using their own rifles or require use of IPC provided rifles.

It is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that all nations and athletes participate to provide proper feedback data.

Any comments or suggestions with respect to the organisation of this event are welcome and may be directed to ipcnordicskiing@paralympic.org, Joe Bajan, or any STC member.