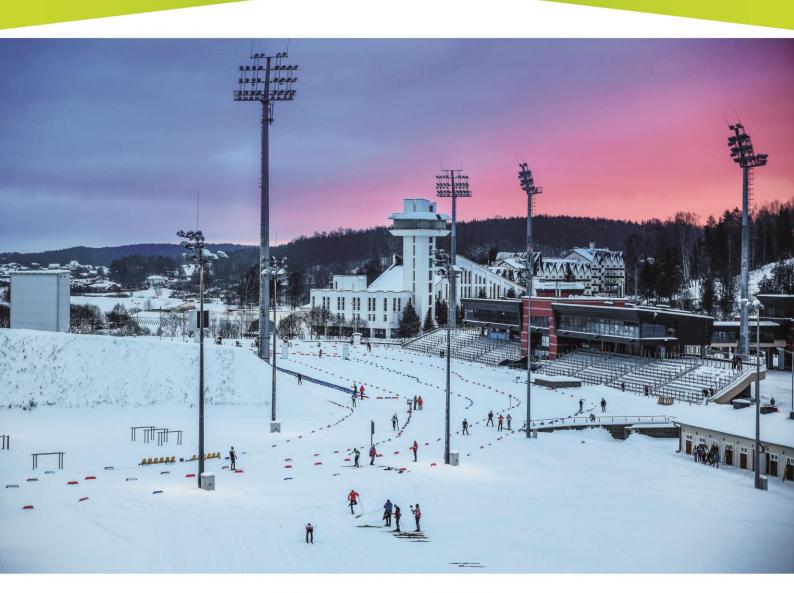


# 02. - 08. MARCH 2020

# INVITATION







#### **A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### A.1 – Venue

Raubichi National Olympic Winter Sports Training Center / Minsk Region Altitude: 202 m above sea level Highest point on Courses: 241 m Lowest point on Courses: 199 m

#### A.2 – OC Contact Information

Address: 18/2 Pobediteley Ave, office 313, Minsk, 220020, Belarus Phone/Fax: +375 17 397 55 27 E-mail: **oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by** Web-site: www.biathlon.by

A.3 – OC Executive Pe	sitions	
OC President:	Aliaksandr Baraulia	
	Deputy Minister of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus	
OC Vice President:	Andrian Tsybulski	
	President of the Biathlon Federation of Belarus	
OC Secretary:	Darya Leosh	
	Secretary General of the Biathlon Federation of Belarus	
A.4 – Competition Co	mmittee	
Chief of Competition:	Yuri Albers (IR)	
Competition Secretary	: Oxana Osintseva (IR)	
Chief of Shooting Ran	ge: Natallia Leshchanka (IR)	
Chief of Courses:	Siarhei Dmukhouski (IR)	

Oleg Kozovoi (IR)

Vadim Melikhov (IR)

Elena Zubrilova (IR)

Liudmila Kalinchyk (IR)

Chief of Stadium:

Chief of Start/Finish:

Chief of Timing:

Chief of Material Control:

A.5 – Logistics	Committee
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Chief of Logistics and Transportation:	Igor Pogorelov
Chief of Accommodation:	Angelina Jesina
Chief of Accreditation:	Mikhail Lazuk

	Chief	of	Media:
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#### Irena Zakurdaeva

Import/Export of Rifles and Ammunition, Visa:

Julia Romanovskaya

#### A.6 – Report upon Arrival

Upon arrival and before moving to the accommodation the team captains shall report directly to the Competition Office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main stadium building.

#### **Competition Office Opening Hours:**

Monday, 2 March 2020	12:00 - 20:00
Tuesday, 3 March 2020	09:00 - 18:00
Wednesday, 4 March 2020	10:00 - 18:00
Thursday, 5 March 2020	10:00 - 18:00
Friday, 6 March 2020	10:00 - 18:00
Saturday, 7 March 2020	10:00 - 18:00
Sunday, 8 March 2020	10:00 - 17:00

#### A.7 – Accreditation

The Accreditation Office is located in Hotel No.2 of Raubichi Sports Complex. Accreditation cards are issued by PLARAS in accordance with IBU Rules for Accreditation.

#### **Accreditation Office Opening Hours:**

Tuesday, 3 March 2020	08:00 - 18:00
Wednesday, 4 March 2020	08:00 - 18:00
Thursday, 5 March 2020	08:00 - 16:00
Friday, 6 March 2020	09:00 - 15:00
Saturday, 7 March 2020	08:00 - 15:00
Sunday, 8 March 2020	08:00 - 14:00

#### A.8 – Liability, Insurance

The organizer shall not be held liable for any accidents and damages caused to persons or materials/equipment. By submitting the entry form the respected National Federation confirms that all participants registered are medically fit to compete and possess sufficient health, accident and liability insurance.

#### A.9 – Import and Export of Rifles and Ammunition

The following documents must be presented at the border checkpoint by all athletes and officials carrying rifles and ammunition:

- passport;
- official invitation to the event;

- special permission issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus together with the list of the team members and their rifles and ammunition.

Besides, members of EU national federations must be able to present a European firearms certificate.

# **IMPORTANT:**

1. To get a special permission of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, please submit the completed Application for Import of Rifles and Ammunition **(Annex F2)** at **oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by** by **1 February 2020**. Please specify <u>all</u> rifles of your team members (including the rifles of reserve athletes) in your application.

2. Please **double check** the **quantity and serial numbers** of the **rifles** that you specify in your application. It will not be allowed to import rifles that have not been specified in the application or have wrong serial numbers.

3. If your team will travel and import rifles by **separate groups through different border checkpoints**, please apply for permitting documents for each group separately.

4. The above specified conditions are applied only to the territory of Belarus. For information about transit countries, please address the respective Embassies.

5. Rifles and ammunition can be stored **only in the rifle storage** located in the Team Cabins area. The participants must put their rifles and ammunition to the rifle storage **<u>right upon</u> <u>arrival</u>**.

# A.10 – Radio Equipment

The list of radio electronic facilities and high frequency devices that do not require permitting documents to be imported and used in Belarus is available on

## www.belgie.by/en/minsk2019.

If your team members will carry radio equipment that is not included into this list, please complete applications for import (**Annex F3**) and usage (**Annex F4**) of radio equipment and send them at <u>international@belgie.by</u> by **1 February 2020** (c/c at

**oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by**) to get the relevant permitting documents. **IMPORTANT:** 

1. Please find **samples** of the competed forms in the attachment (**Annexes F3.2 and F4.2**).

2. A **state fee** will be charged for issuing the permitting documents (**per each frequency requested**). Please enclose your **banking details** to your application for issuing the relevant invoice.

3. After settling the invoice and providing the confirmation of payment, you will receive ecopies of the permitting documents.

# A.11 – Import of Medicines

When entering Belarus the teams shall be ready to provide **convincing proofs of the need** for medicines that are imported into the country.

# A.12 – Visa Regulations and Applications

**A.12.1** Visa-free travel regime applies for the citizens of *Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.* 

A.12.2 A short-term visa is required for participants from other countries. Please submit your Application for Visa Invitation (Annex F1) at oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by by <u>1 February</u> <u>2020</u>.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

If your team will **travel by air**, please check paragraph **A.12.3**.

**A.12.3** Foreign citizens of 74 countries listed below can visit Belarus <u>without a visa</u> if they <u>arrive and leave by air via Minsk National Airport</u> (<u>only!</u>). In this case, their stay in Belarus must not exceed <u>30 days</u>.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

The above conditions **do not apply** to the **persons coming to Belarus or leaving Belarus by** air with connection flights in the Russian Federation.

To enter Belarus without visa via Minsk National Airport, foreign citizens should have the following documents:

- a valid ordinary passport. The passport must be **valid at least 90 days** beyond intended date of departure from Belarus;

- a medical insurance policy with coverage for at least 10 000 EUR, **valid in Belarus** during the whole period of stay (can be issued at the airport upon arrival).

These conditions apply to the citizens of the following countries: *Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China\*, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India\*, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macedonia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Great Britain, USA.* 

\* For the citizens of China and India, in addition to the listed documents it is also necessary to have:

- valid multiple entry visa of EU or Schengen states with stamps confirming crossing the border of these states;

- air ticket confirming departure from Minsk National Airport within 30 days from the date of entry.

#### **B. LOGISTICS**

#### **B.1 – Travel Route**

*By air:* Minsk National Airport (25 min driving to Raubichi)

By rail:

Minsk Central Railway Station (40 min driving to Raubichi)

By car:

To get to Minsk, choose E30/M1 route if crossing the border from Poland and E28/M7 route if crossing the border from Lithuania.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

1. To ensure the border crossing procedure is quick and smooth we kindly ask you to send the completed **Form for Border Crossing by Car** (**Annex F6**) at **oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by** by <u>**17 February 2020**</u>. 2. If your team will travel by car, they may need **Belarusian visa**. Please check article A.12 for more information.

3. For using some Belarusian roads, foreign citizens shall pay **toll**. The main roads that lead to Minsk are **toll roads**. You shall have a special on-board unit in your car to pay toll without stopping at toll plazas. Such unit can be purchased at BelToll Customer Service Points that are usually located at border checkpoints. The detailed map of the toll roads and Customer Service Points is presented at <u>www.beltoll.by</u>. Please note that in case of violation of the toll collection procedure the authorized Transport Inspection has the right to impose a fine in the amount of up to 260 EUR.

# **B.2 – Transportation**

**Airport/Railway Station** ↔ **Hotel transportation** for the teams staying at the official hotels will be arranged by OC free of charge.

For **Airport/Railway Station** ↔ **Hotel transportation** reservation please send the completed Transportation Form (**Annex F7**) at **oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by** by <u>**17**</u> **February 2020**.

**Daily Hotel** ↔ **Venue transportation** for the teams staying at Slavyanskaya Hotel will be arranged by OC free of charge.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Transportation will be guaranteed **only** for the teams that have made reservation of the official hotels through OC.

#### **B.3 – Accommodation Reservation**

Accommodation for the participating teams will be arranged by OC. The <u>deadline for</u> <u>reservation</u> is <u>1 February 2020</u>. Please note that any adjustments or cancellations made after <u>17 February 2020</u>, as well as no-shows, will be charged for in full.

For accommodation reservation please send the completed Accommodation Form (**Annex F5**) at **oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by**.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

For security and administrative reasons, all participating teams (athletes, officials and accompanying persons) are recommended to stay at the official hotels recommended by OC (please see article B.3).

#### **B.3 – Accommodation Costs**

Category B – Slavyanskaya Hotel (located in Minsk, 30 min driving to Raubichi) Single room – 90€ Double room – 80€

Category C – Raubichi Hotel No.2 / Cottages Single room – 70€ Double room – 60€

The prices are specified per person per day (full board).

Payment for accommodation shall be made via OC.

Please enclose your **banking details** to your booking application. After receiving your booking request and banking details, OC will issue an invoice. It is recommended to pay for

accommodation <u>in advance via bank transfer</u> by settling the invoice. In this case the payment is made in EUR. Any commission fees shall be paid additionally. Payment can also be made by card in Raubichi on 4-6 March 2020 (detailed information and schedule will be presented in the Team Guide). In this case the payment is made in BYN. Please mind the **difference in currency exchange rates**.

#### No cash payment for accommodation is accepted.

#### **C. COMPETITION INFORMATION**

#### C.1 – Competition Rules

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with IBU Event and Competition Rules in the current version.

#### C.2 – IBU Sport Technical Officials

Race Director IBU Cup	Kristjan Oja / IBU
Technical Delegate	Ulrika Öberg / SWE
IBU Referee Material Control	Janis Berzins / LAT
IBU Referee Course	Martin Stricker / ITA
IBU Referee Shooting Range	Olga Nazarova / BLR
IBU Referee Start/Finish	Maksim Voropai / BLR

#### C.3 – Target System

The shooting range is equipped with 30 Kurvinen electro mechanical targets.

#### C.4 – Preliminary material control

The Preliminary Control Room is located in the Team Cabins area. Rifles and clothing will be checked. Team leaders are requested to contact IBU Referee Janis Berzins for a team time appointment.

#### **Preliminary Material Control Opening Hours:**

3 March 202010:00 - 16:004 March 202010:00 - 16:00All other days on request.

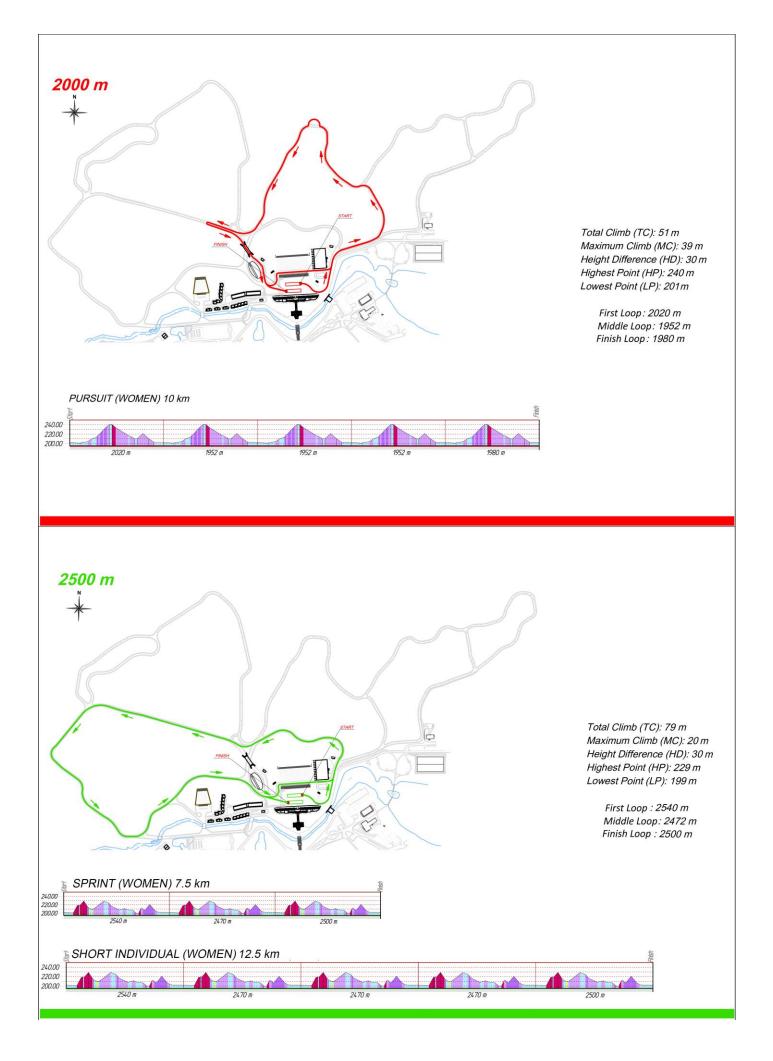
#### C.6 – Event Program

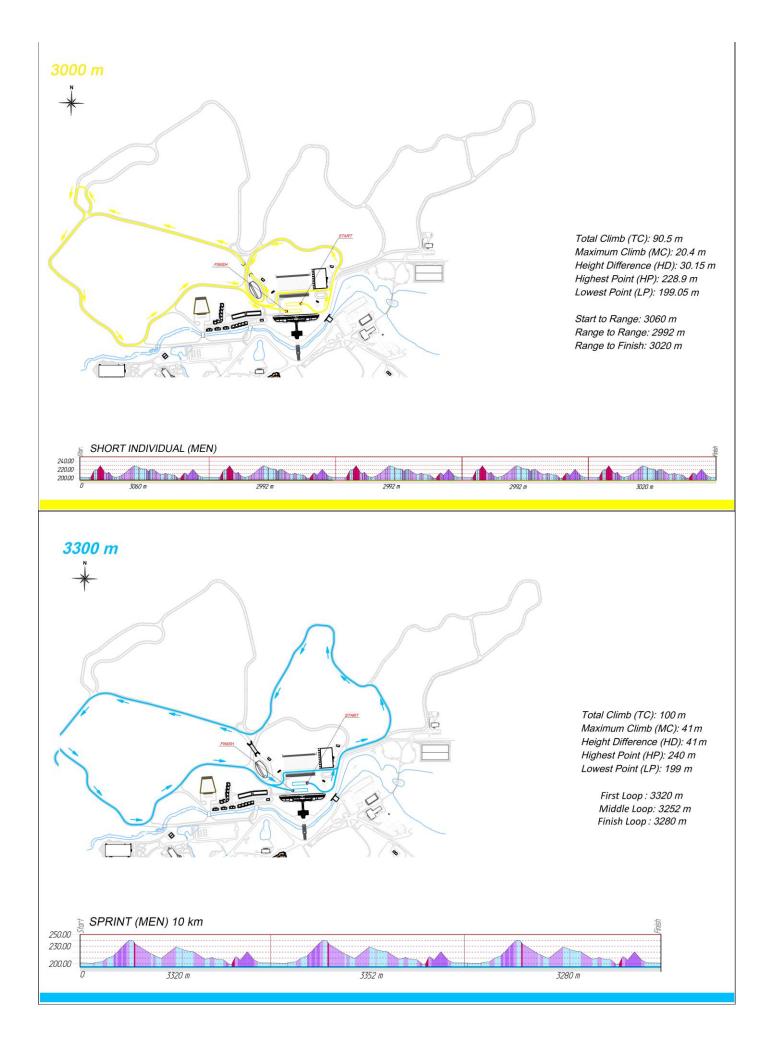
C.6 – Event Date	Trainings	Zeroing	Competitions	Other Events
		Arrival		
02.03.2020 Monday	15:00 – 17:00 <b>Training</b> Men/Women (skiing only)			
03.03.2020 Tuesday	11:00 – 13:00 <b>Training</b> <i>Women</i> 14:00 – 16:00 <b>Training</b> <i>Men</i>			17:00 <b>Team Captains</b> <b>Meeting</b> Information on all competitions
04.03.2020 Wednesday	11:00 – 13:00 <b>Official Training</b> <i>Women</i>			17:00 <b>Draw for Short</b> <b>Individual</b> (Timing Room)
05.03.2020 Thursday		11:00 – 11:50 14:00 – 14:50	12:00 Short Individual Women 15:00 Short Individual Men	
06.03.2020 Friday	11:00 – 13:00 <b>Official Training</b> <i>Women</i> 14:00 – 16:00 <b>Official Training</b> <i>Men</i>			17:00 <b>Draw for Sprint</b> (Timing Room)

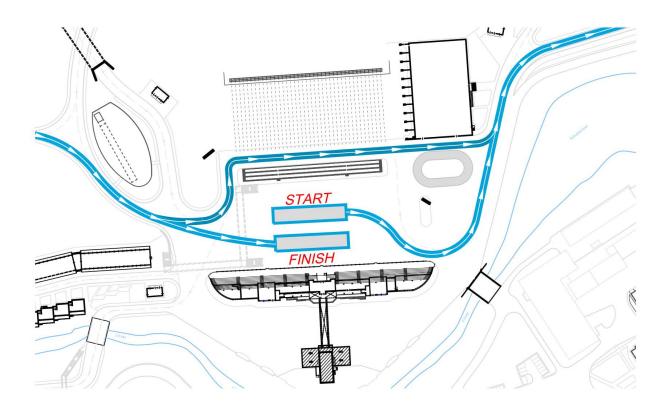
07.03.2020 Saturday	11:00 – 11:50	12:00 <b>Sprint</b> Women		
	14:00 – 14:50	15:00 <b>Sprint</b> <i>Men</i>		
	11:15 – 11:45	Pursuit		
08.03.2020 Sunday	13:15 – 13:45	Women 14:00 <b>Pursuit</b> Men	Season Closing Party All teams are invited	
09.03.2020 Monday		Departure		

# C.5 – Competition Courses and Stadium

Please see below the maps of the courses and stadium.







#### **D. MEDIA**

#### D.1 – Media Center

The **Media Center** is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main stadium building.

**Chief of Media**: Irena Zakurdaeva **Chief of Photo:** Dzianis Kastsiuchenka E-mail: oc.biathlon.belarus@yandex.by

#### **D.3 – Press Conferences**

After each competition a press conference will be held at the Media Center.

#### **E. ENTRY DEADLINES**

- Registration by Numbers (online) no later than 1 February 2020
- Registration by Names (online) no later than 17 February 2020
- Application for Visa Invitation (Annex F1) no later than **1 February 2020**
- Application for Import of Rifles and Ammunition (Annex F2) no later than 1 February 2020
- Application for Using Radio Frequencies (Annexes F3&F4 → <u>international@belgie.by</u>) no later than **1 February 2020**
- Application for Accommodation (Annex F5) no later than 1 February 2020 (adjustments and cancellations without sanctions – until 17 February 2020)
- Border Crossing by Car Form (Annex 6) no later than 17 February 2020

• Application for Transportation (Annex F7) – no later than **17 February 2020**