

# Western Region National Guard Biathlon Competition




**Casper Mountain  
Casper, WY  
9-15 January 2017**

INVITATION



TO: *State Adjutant Generals*  
*State Chiefs of Staff*  
*State J3s*  
*State Biathlon Coordinators*

**A**s the executive director of the National Guard Biathlon Program and the Adjutant General of the State of Vermont, I have the honor to invite a team representing your state to participate in the **Western Region National Guard Biathlon Competition 2017**, to be held at Casper Mountain, Casper, WY from 9-15 January 2017.

  
**STEVEN A. CRAY**  
**Major General**  
**The Adjutant General**

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Regionals



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he National Guard Biathlon Office has entrusted the organization and execution of the **West Region National Guard Biathlon Competition 2017** to the Wyoming National Guard. Each state team, as well as individual athletes, will be competing for a chance to participate in this year's Chief, National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championship.

Enclosed within this invitation you will find all the necessary administrative and completion information needed for the event. We sincerely hope that your participation will be possible at the Western Region National Guard Biathlon Competition 2017, Casper Mountain, Casper, WY.

Sincerely,

**Kevin K. Elmer**  
**CPT, LG**  
**Biathlon Coordinator**



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## FOREWORD

National Guard Biathlon is funding Soldiers to travel to Casper Mountain, Casper WY, to participate in the 2017 West Region Biathlon competition, 9-15 January 2017. The purpose of this event is to provide biathlon racing / training opportunities for Soldiers in preparation of Chief, National Guard Bureau Championship event. This invitation will include all the administrative data needed to register teams for this event.

## Overall Program

This event is hosted by the Wyoming Army National Guard in conjunction with the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club and will be held at the **Casper Mountain Biathlon range in Casper, WY.**



DATES	ACTIVITIES
9 January 2017	Arrival
10 January 2017	Opening Ceremony, Unofficial Training
11 January 2017	Official Training Day
12 January 2017	Biathlon Sprint Race
13 January 2017	Official Training Day
14 January 2017	Biathlon Pursuit Race, Awards / Closing Ceremony
15 January 2017	Departures

## Qualifications

Each state in the Western Region is invited to bring a full Biathlon teams plus a coach to this event. A team is considered to be 15 athletes and states are highly encouraged to bring male and female team to the event.



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## Restrictions

- ♦ Due to funding, Air Guard participation at this event is only authorized for Soldiers on permissive TDY or a “retirement points only” order. There is also no travel money for ANG Airmen
- ♦ This event is not to be completed in lieu of Annual Training
- ♦ Soldiers attending this event must be in good standing with their unit and the ARNG. Soldiers who are flagged for any reason should not be selected for this event.

## Entry Forms

- ♦ Blank rosters are attached to this invite and are due back completed to the NG Biathlon Staff NLT **11 November 2016**
- ♦ A LOA for orders should be returned to each state J3 Office NLT **18 November 2016**
- ♦ Orders and DTS authorizations are due back to the Biathlon Staff by **23 December 2016**



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## Competition Information:

### RULES:

International Biathlon Union Event and Competition Rules will be in effect for this event, except as specifically modified by the Organizing Committee or Competition Jury. Any modifications to the rules will be discussed at the Team Captains' Meeting(s). The organizing committee reserves the right to modify the parameters of the event based upon local conditions such as weather and trail availability.

### RACES:

The competition will include Sprint, and Pursuit Races.

#### Sprint Competition (Thursday):

Men (21+): 10 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Women (21+): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Men (<21): 10 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Women (<21): 7.5 km, p-s, 150 m penalty loop

#### Pursuit Competition (Saturday):

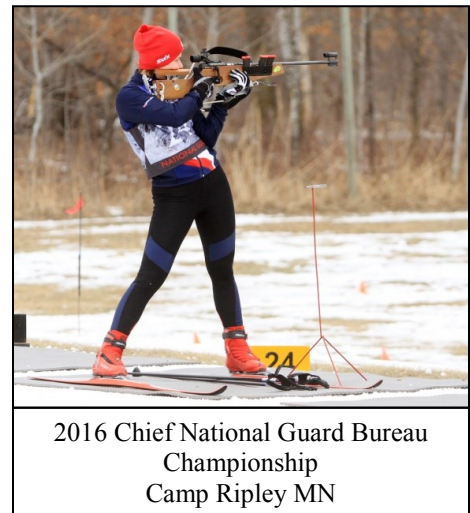
The Pursuit race will be conducted with a 15 second interval start, with starting order determined by the Sprint competition results. Athletes who did not take part in the Sprint will be drawn randomly to determine starting order after the last qualified competitor in a given class.

Men (21+): 12.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop

Women (21+): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Men (<21): 12.5 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop

Junior Women (<21): 10 km, ppss, 150 m penalty loop



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Championship  
Camp Ripley MN

### Team Captains Meeting

There will be two Team Captains' Meetings scheduled for this competition, one prior to each race. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Items to be covered at the meeting include modifications to the rules, election of jury, and start order draw for the Sprint competition. Representation at the Team Captains' meetings is mandatory unless pre-coordinated with Chief of Competition. If excused from meeting, plan on picking up bibs in the morning and receiving brief on any relevant information. Bibs and start lists for the races will be available the morning of the race.



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## Administrative Information:

### Training

The range and trails will be open to registered competitors and coaches during the following times:

#### Unofficial Training:

Tuesday, 10 January: 0800-1200, 1300-1600

#### Official Training:

Wednesday, 11 January: 0800-1200, 1300-1600

Friday, 13 January: 0800-1200, 1300-1600



### Awards

The following awards or recognition will be made:

#### Sprint Race:

Gold, silver, and bronze medals to the top three finishers of the ; Men, Women, Junior Men, and Junior Women

#### Pursuit Race:

Gold, silver, and bronze medals to the top three finishers of the Men, Women, Junior Men, and Junior Women

#### Team Trophies:

First, second, and third place (based on combined results of the Sprint and Pursuit Races) for Men, Women, Junior Men, and Junior Women

### Ski, Waxing, and Rifle Clinics:

The National Guard Biathlon coaches/trainers will be available to offer ski, waxing and rifle clinics during the week. Dates/times TBD based upon team captain coordination with the NG Biathlon coaches.

### Opening Ceremonies:

Opening ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, 10 January. Uniform for opening ceremonies is ACU/OCP. Participants not in attendance or out of uniform will not be allowed to race and will be sent back to HOR, unless previously excused by NG Biathlon Coordinator or Chief of Competition.

### Closing Ceremonies

Closing ceremonies will be held on Saturday, 14 January. Uniform for closing ceremonies is ACU/OCP. Ceremony will include award presentation and recognition of Novice athletes. Soldiers will not be authorized to depart prior to closing ceremonies.



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## Logistical Information:

### Dress Codes and Standards of Conduct:

Due to the nature of the sport, civilian attire (state issued training clothing) is acceptable and authorized for training, racing, and non-duty hours. All individuals will adhere to military grooming standards, i.e. hair length, clean-shaven, authorized jewelry. All National Guard athletes are expected to reflect a positive image of themselves, their team, and the National Guard. Team members will abide by military codes of conduct and standards.

### Lodging and Dining:

Soldiers participating in this event will be housed in a block of rooms at a local hotel and paid for by the National Guard Biathlon Office. Meals will be provided by the hotel and a catered lunch provided on the mountain. Soldiers will be expected to maintain a clean and well kept room.

### Transportation:

Shuttles will be provided to and from Casper Airport. Renting vehicles is strictly prohibited unless express permission is obtained from the NG Biathlon office. Use of GSA transportation is authorized and preferred for states within reasonable commuting distance.

### Air National Guard Participation:

Unfortunately ANG funds are not authorized to be used in support of Biathlon events at this time. ANG Airmen may participate in the event but will need to do so in a permissive TDY (AGR/ADOS) or "points no pay" order (MDAY). There is no money authorized for travel but Airmen may ride in a GSA vehicle to the event.

