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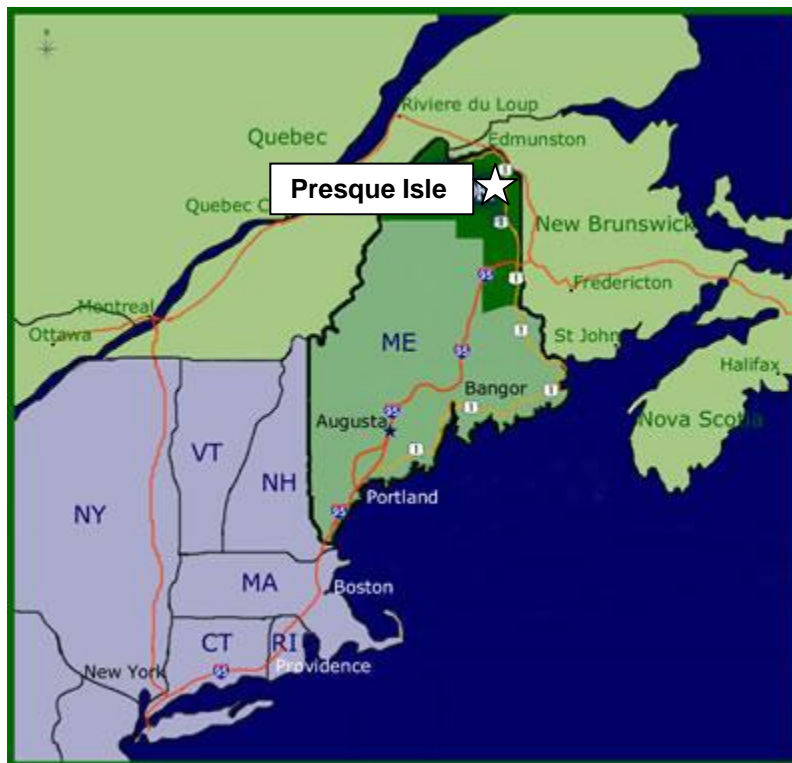
~Nordic Heritage Sport Club ~

~Maine Winter Sports Center~

~United States Biathlon Association~



A. General Information



Presque Isle

QUICK FACTS:

- Presque Isle Population: 9,511 (2010 census)
- Altitude 165m
- Tourist information:

www.discovernorthernmaine.com

www.centralroostookchamber.com

A. 1 Venue

The Nordic Heritage Center is one of the top Nordic facilities in the United States. It is operated by the Nordic Heritage Ski Club, a non-profit corporation, which hosts local, national and international cross country and biathlon competitions, as well as many community development programs.

- ❖ The Nordic Heritage Center hosts Biathlon and Cross Country events on the 12 km of trails designed by John Morton. There are 3 km of lit trail for night skiing.
- ❖ The Stadium is located 267 meters above sea level.

- ❖ There is a lighted roller ski/biathlon training loop.
- ❖ The range has 30 lanes with HoRa 2000 E targets
- ❖ The center has a lodge and 26 room permanent waxing facility

A. 2 Organizing Committee

Please send all documents to:

Attn: Max Saenger
 Nordic Heritage Center
 P.O. Box 4015
 Presque Isle, ME 04769
 USA
 Fax: 001 877-355-6399
 Email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com

A. 3 Points of Contact

Event Director:

Jane Towle – (mobile) 001 (207) 551-6617

Event Manager:

Steve Towle – (mobile) 001 (207) 227-6908

Biathlon Sport Manager:

Max Saenger- (mobile) 001 (207) 484 8179

max@saengeroutdoorsports.com

Chief of Competition

Jeff Dubis

Competition Secretary

Robert White

Chief of Range

Tim Vernon

Chief of Timing

Greg Smith

Chief of Course

Dave Cambridge

Chief of Stadium

Dave Belyea

A. 4 Where to Report after Arrival

Upon arrival in Presque Isle, teams should go directly to their hotel. On the first day after arrival, teams should report to the Accreditation Office to confirm their participation numbers and receive accreditation.

A. 5 Accreditation

The accreditation office is located in the Campus Center at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) until 27.2.2014 and at the Nordic Heritage Center starting 28.2.2014.

A. 6 Liability/Insurance

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damages done to persons or material/equipment. All participants must be covered by a sufficient health, accident and liability insurance. By submitting the entry by name the National Federation confirms that all persons entered are covered by such insurance (in accordance with 1.5.2 b IBU rules).

A. 7 Application/ Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition for All Nations

- ❖ All persons bringing firearms or ammunition into the United States for sporting purposes must first obtain an approved "ATF Form 6NIA" (5330.3D) Application and Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens," from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).
- ❖ Forms are available at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/download/atf-f-5330-3d.pdf> A copy of the form will be included with invitation in September 2013, as well as a completed sample. This application is FREE. Please complete applications for all possible and potential Team athletes. This will help to prevent any problems when entering the country. Each application certification statement in question 15 must be signed by the athlete or owner of the rifle.
- ❖ Send a copy of your completed forms to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-877-355-6399 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
- ❖ OC Biathlon Presque Isle will verify that your forms are filled out correctly and we will send them to the US Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Radio Communication Equipment:

The United States Federal Communications Commission requires that all radio equipment be operated with a Special Temporary Authority certification for the period of the event. This process takes an especially long time because the venue is so close to Canada that both the US and Canada must verify each frequency requested. The fee for each operating frequency requested is € 55.

Please supply the information **Registration of Radio Frequency (Annex B)** for each frequency requested by **16.12.13**. The OC Presque Isle will compile the information and submit a single request for a Special Temporary Authority to the U. S. Federal Communications Commission.

A. 8 Passport and Visa and Regulations

Passport Requirements

- ❖ To enter the United States ALL PERSONS will need:
 - A machine-readable passport – or e-passport (with digital photograph) valid for six months past your expected stay in the U.S. **CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LTU must have electronic passports with an integrated chip.**
 - See important information about additional [digital photograph and e-passport requirements](#) for Visa Waiver Program travelers.

Visa Requirement

- ❖ Some nations will be able to use the **Visa Waiver Program** with an approved **ESTA** application.
- ❖ Other nations must obtain a **visa** through a **U.S. Embassy** to enter the U.S.
- ❖ **Nations using Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and ESTA to enter the U.S.**

AUT, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GRE, GER, HUN, ITA, JPN, LAT, LIE, LTU, NED, NOR, NZL, SLO, SVK, SWE

- ❖ **Nations requiring a Visa from a U. S. Embassy to enter the U.S.**

ARG, BLR, BIH, BUL, CHN, CRO, KAZ, KOR, MDA, MKD, POL, ROU, RUS, SRB, UKR

Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and ESTA

You will need:

- A machine-readable passport – or e-passport (with digital photograph) valid for six months past your expected stay in the U.S. **CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LTU must have electronic passports with an integrated chip.**
 - See important information about additional [digital photograph and e-passport requirements](#) for Visa Waiver Program travelers.
 - Approved ESTA application – (valid for two years or until passport expiration)
 - Letter of invitation by name from US Biathlon
- ❖ Fill out the **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** for Visa Application form included with the invitation in September 2013. Include a photocopy of the passport for each person applying for a visa. Send **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-877-355-6399 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com by **16.12.13.**
 - ❖ You must obtain an ESTA application through the [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>
 - ❖ When you have your ESTA you may apply for Visa Waiver at the U. S. border when you arrive.

- ❖ The purpose of your stay in the US must be for business or tourism and must be less than 90 days.
- ❖ If arriving by air or sea, you must travel on an approved carrier (See the [approved carriers list](#)) and have a return trip ticket to any foreign destination

Visa from a U. S. Embassy to enter U. S.

To find a US Embassy near you go to:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/embassy/embassy_4825.html

Procedure:

- ❖ Contact the US Embassy closest to you for an interview as soon as possible.
- ❖ An interview at the embassy consular section is required for visa applicants. The following are specific requirements which must be met by applicants to qualify for a visitor visa under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The consular officer at the embassy or consulate will ask you questions about these topics to determine whether you qualify for the visa. The invitation letter by name will answer these questions.
 - The purpose of your trip must be to enter the U.S. for business, pleasure, or medical treatment
 - You must plan to remain for a specific, limited period of time
 - You must have evidence of funds to cover expenses in the United States
 - You must have evidence of compelling social and economic ties abroad
 - You have a residence outside the U.S. as well as other binding ties that will insure you return abroad at the end of your visit.
- ❖ Fill out the **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** for Visa Application form included with the invitation in September 2013. Include a photocopy of the passport for each person applying for a visa. Send **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-877-355- 6399 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com by **16.12.13.**
- ❖ OC Biathlon Presque Isle will send you an invitation letter by name from US Biathlon which you need for your interview and to apply for your visa.
- ❖ Complete the **Online Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, Form DS-160.** http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_4230.html
 - Helpful Information for DS-160**
 - The online form will “time out” approximately 20 minutes after the application has been idle. So “save” at regular intervals.
 - You may upload your photo. Please refer to the [Guidelines for Photographs - for Online Visa Applications](#) for detailed guidance for using a digital camera, and requirements for scanned images.
 - Save your application before you submit it either to a local/computer files.
 - Click “save application to file” button to permanently save your application, then click the “save” button on the file download window.

- You can create a group application. On the “thank you” page you will see an option to create a group application. When you select this option, certain information from your application, such as destination, will automatically be imported to and displayed on a new application. You will need to complete an application for each team member.
 - Submit Visa Forms with photos for all athletes and team staff as a group (if possible or in two groups) with your invitation by name from US Biathlon. The cost per visa is normally \$130-140 but it can be more for some nations. There are very high EXTRA fees for getting a visa quickly – as much as \$300 per visa.
 - Print the confirmation page and bring the confirmation page to the interview.
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- ❖ You must have a valid passport for travel to the United States and with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the United States (unless [country-specific agreements](#) provide exemptions). If more than one person is included in the passport, each person desiring a visa must make an application.
 - ❖ You must provide one (1) 5cm x 5cm photograph. See the required photo format explained in [Nonimmigrant Photograph Requirements](#).
 - ❖ **Nonimmigrant visa application processing fee** - For current fees for Department of State government services select [Fees](#). You will need to provide a receipt showing the visa application processing fee has been paid, when you come for your visa interview.
 - ❖ **Visa issuance fee** – Additionally, if the visa is issued, there will be an additional visa issuance reciprocity fee, if applicable. Please consult the [Visa Reciprocity Tables](#) to find out if you must pay a visa issuance reciprocity fee and what the fee amount is.
 - ❖ It is important that you refer to the Embassy Consular Section web site to determine visa processing timeframes and instructions, learn about interview scheduling, and find out if there are any additional documents required. Learn more by contacting the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#).

THE OC BIATHLON PRESQUE ISLE AND THE US BIATHLON ASSOCIATION WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO HELP YOU GET YOUR VISA – BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE AND ALLOW ENOUGH TIME.

A. 9 Nordic Heritage Center Meteorological Data

There is a full service National Weather Service Center (NOAA) located about 10 km from the venue. The weather forecast can be checked by calling the Caribou weather office (NOAA) at (207)492-0170 via internet at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/car/>.

Date	Average	Average	Average
Day.Month	Max Temp Degrees C	Min Temp Degrees C	Ground Snow Centimeters
28.2	-1	-12.2	53.0
29.2	-0.5	-12.2	52.3
1.3	-0.5	-12.2	53.0
2.3	-0.5	-12.2	53.4.
3.3	-0.5	-11.6	52.8.
4.3	0	-11.6	52.3
5.3	0	-11.6	53.2
6.3	0	-11.6	52.6
7.3	0.5	-11.1	52.4

B. LOGISTICS

B. 1 Transportation

Arrivals

The Official arrival day is Tuesday, February 25, 2014. If there are many teams arriving on the same day an equipment transport truck will take all team equipment directly from Boston and Bangor to the wax cabins in Presque Isle. The OC Presque Isle is happy to welcome teams who wish to arrive before February 25, 2014. If teams wish to early they must contact the OC Presque Isle who will help with transportation and accommodation arrangements. Before February 25, 2014 teams will be responsible for their own costs for hotels and transport.

Cargo direct from Europe to Presque Isle- Conceptum has agreed to arrange cargo service to Presque Isle for teams. Conceptum also can arrange team plane tickets. Contact: CONCEPTUM SPORT LOGISTICS IBU@CONCEPTUM-LOGISTICS.DE

Plan A: Boston- Presque Isle

The only air service to Presque Isle is directly from Boston on Penair. There are currently 3 daily flights from Boston, Massachusetts to Presque Isle, Maine on PenAir. You can contact PenAir at 011- (800)-448-4226 or website www.penair.com. Air travel time is 1.5 hours. Presque Isle Airport is located only 4 km from the hotels. Bus transportation from the Presque Isle airport to teams' hotel and shuttle transport to the stadium will be provided starting on February 25, 2014.

If there are many teams arriving on the same day the OC Presque Isle can arrange an equipment truck for skis and rifles. Upon exiting U.S. Customs in Boston, OC Presque Isle staff will meet Teams and direct them to the location of the equipment truck. Teams must place all equipment on the truck. The equipment will be delivered to the wax cabins in the stadium by the early the next morning.

Plan B: Bangor- Presque Isle

Bangor International Airport is located 256 km south of Presque Isle, ME. Bus travel time to Presque Isle is 3.0 hours. The cost for the bus from Bangor to Presque Isle is € 100 per person round trip. If many teams arrive on the same day an equipment truck for equipment will be provided for skis and rifles.

OC Presque Isle staff will meet Teams and direct them to the location of the busses and the equipment truck. Teams must place all equipment on the truck before getting on the bus to Presque Isle. The equipment will be delivered to the wax cabins in the stadium by early morning on the next day.

Driving Distances and Times from Airports to Stadium Presque Isle

Presque Isle, Maine, USA (PQI)	20 minutes
Bangor, Maine, USA (BGR)	3.0 hours
Boston, Massachusetts, USA (BOS)	8 hours
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (YQB)	4.5 hours
Montreal, Quebec, Canada (YUL)	7 hours

Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada 3 hours

The OC will provide daily transportation shuttles from Presque Isle Hotels to the Nordic Heritage Center stadium and return. Teams may organize their own transportation by contacting local rental companies listed here.

Rental Vehicles Contacts

Company	Presque Isle/ Airport	Toll free Worldwide	Website
Ace	Presque Isle Airport		www.acerentacar.com/landing/lp_pqit01.aspx
Budget	78 Houlton Rd, Presque isle	207-764- 6837	www.budget.com
Avis	Presque Isle Airport	207-768- 6761	www.avis.com
Freeman	9 Caribou Rd Presque Isle	207-764- 5506	
U Save	30 North St Presque Isle	207-764- 3019	www.usave.com

Drivers License Requirements

Non-resident drivers who hold a valid driver's license from their home country may drive in Maine with their out-of-state driver's license.

B. 2 Accommodation

Accommodation reservations for Presque Isle are to be sent using the **ENTRY BY NUMBERS** form on the IBU online registration no later than 25.12.13.

Teams will be financially responsible for hotel rooms booked on the IBU online registration by name form due on 11.2.14 .

****The price is offered only for teams. All prices listed are in Euros**

Category A	Location	3 Pers.	2 Pers.	1 Pers.	Time to Stadium	Notes
Hampton Inn	768 Main St. Presque Isle, ME 04769	No	Less than € 90	Yes	11 min	New Business Hotel
Category B						
Northeastland Hotel	436 Main St Presque Isle, ME 04769	No	Per IBU rules, less than € 80	Yes	12 min	Located in the center of town
Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center	116 Main St Presque Isle, ME 04769	Yes	Per IBU rules, less than € 80	Yes	15 min	Large rooms, swimming pool
Category C						
Budget Traveler Motor Lodge	71 Main St Presque Isle, ME 04769	No	Less than €60	Yes	15 min	Meals at Presque Isle Inn and Convention Ctr.

Accommodation reservations must be paid to the Organizing Committee for the period booked for all members of the team.

Payment: The OC accepts US dollars and Euros, as well as Visa and Mastercard credit cards only. Payment is due by 4.3.14 in the Logistics Office at the Nordic Heritage Center. Failure to make payment on time will result in teams' athletes not starting in the next day's competition.

B. 3 Location of Facilities

Office	Location	Open
Accreditation Office	Nordic Heritage Center	08:00-20:00
Competition Office	Nordic Heritage Center	07:00-17:00
Logistics Office	Nordic Heritage Center	09:00- 15:00
Team Captain's Meetings	Crow's Nest, Presque Isle	See schedule
Internet for Teams	Nordic Heritage Center, Hotels	

C. COMPETITION INFORMATION

C.1 Preliminary Event Program

PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE				
DATE	COMPETITIONS	TRAINING/ ZEROING	MEETINGS/DRAWS	OTHER ACTIVITIES
Tuesday 25.2.2014				Arrivals
Wednesday 26.2.2014		Training YW/ JW 09:00-11:30 Training YM/ JM 11:45-14:00	Team Captains Meeting 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	Equipment trucks at wax cabins 06:00
Thursday 27.2.2014		Official Training YW/ JW 09:00-11:30 Official Training YM/ JM 11:45-14:00	Team Captains Meeting Sprint Draw-YW, YM 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	Opening Ceremony 19:30 Gentile Hall University of Maine Presque Isle
Friday 28.2.2014	Sprint Competition 10:00- Youth Women Sprint Competition 12:30- Youth Men	Zeroing YW 09:00-9:50 Zeroing YM 11:30-12:20 Training JW/ JM 14:00-16:00	Sprint Draw-JW, JM 16:00 Stadium Nordic Heritage Center	Medal Ceremony in Stadium
Saturday 1.3.2014	Sprint Competition 10:00- Junior Women Sprint Competition 12:30- Junior Men	Zeroing JW 09:00-9:50 Zeroing JM 11:30-12:20 Training YW/ YM 14:00-16:00		Medal Ceremony in Stadium
Sunday 2.3.2014	Pursuit Competition 10:00- Youth Women Pursuit Competition 11:00- Junior Women Pursuit Competition 13:30- Youth Men Pursuit Competition 14:30- Junior Men	Zeroing YW- 08:45- 09:15 JW- 09:20- 09:50 Zeroing YM- 12:15- 12:45 JM- 12:50- 13:20		Medal Ceremony in Stadium 20:00- 23:00 Athletes Party at Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center

Monday 3.3.2014		Official Training YW/ JW 09:00-11:30 Official Training YM/ JM 12:00-14:30	Team Captains Meeting Individual Draw- YW, YM 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	20:00- 22:00 Reception for Team leaders and coaches Hyperfax Snowmobile Showroom
Tuesday 4.3.2014	Individual Competition 10:00- Youth Women Individual Competition 13:00- Youth Men	Zeroing YW 09:00-9:50 Zeroing YM 12:00-12:50 Official Training JW/ JM 15:00-16:30	Individual Draw-JW, JM 16:30 Stadium Nordic Heritage Center	Medal Ceremony in Stadium
Wednesday 5.3.2014	Individual Competition 10:00- Junior Women Individual Competition 13:00- Junior Men	Zeroing JW 09:00-9:50 Zeroing JM 12:00-12:50 Official Training YW/ YM 15:00-16:30	Team Captains Meeting Relay 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	19:00 Medals at Aroostook Centre Mall
Thursday 6.3.2014	Relay Competition 10:00- Youth Women Relay Competition 12:30- Youth Men	Zeroing YW 09:00-9:45 Zeroing YM 11:30-12:15 Official Training JW/ JM 14:00-16:00		Medal Ceremony at Closing Gala
Friday 7.3.2014	Relay Competition 10:00- Junior Women Relay Competition 12:30- Junior Men	Zeroing JW 09:00-9:45 Zeroing JM 11:30-12:15		18:00 Closing Gala Event for all Medal Ceremony for Relay Competitions
Saturday 8.3.2014				Departures

C.2 Competition Regulations

The competition will follow the current IBU Event and Competition Rules.

C. 3 Shooting Range

The range has 30 HoRa 2000 E targets

C. 4 Course and Stadium

The detailed maps of the course and stadium will be available on www.biathlon-presqueisle.com.

C. 5 Timing and Results

Provided by Siwidata

C. 6 Ceremonies

As stated in the event program

C. 7 Waxing Facility and Wax Test Area

Wax cabins are located close to the stadium. Keys will be distributed by the Competition Office. A deposit of €40 per team is required for the key.

D REPORTING DEADLINES

D.1 Entries/Form Completion

Request Invitation Letter by Name Annex A	16.12.13	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
Registration of Radio Frequency Annex B	16.12.13	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
ATF 6NIA Rifle Permits Annex C	16.12.13	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
Registration by Number	25.12.13	www.biathlonworld.com
Registration by Name	11.02.14	www.biathlonworld.com