

## **11. EVENT & COMPETITION PENALTIES AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

Penalties and/or disciplinary measures are reprimands, start prohibitions, time penalties, disqualifications, suspension and fines.

Such penalties and/or disciplinary measures can be imposed upon officials, staff, athletes and/or member federations and will be imposed in case of culpable actions (i.e. actions taken willfully or negligently) for:

- violation of the principles of fair play and unsportsmanlike conduct, especially for breaches of the IBU Event and Competition Rules;
- endangering or impairing the reputation of the IBU within the framework of events and competitions;
- violations of the IBU Advertising Rules.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these IBU Event and Competition Rules or elsewhere, the Head of the Biathlon Integrity Unit may decide at any time (either on the proposal of another IBU Official or of his/her own accord) that a breach of the IBU Event and Competition Rules or the IBU Advertising Rules is sufficiently serious that it should be dealt with not (or not only) under the IBU Event and Competition Rules or the IBU Advertising Rules, but rather (or also) as a breach of Article B.9 of the IBU Integrity Code.

### **11.1 Reprimands**

A reprimand will be imposed in the case of:

- a. jeopardizing or defaming the honor or reputation of the IBU in a very minor way;
- b. insulting the IBU, its organs, its members, the organs of its members or their affiliates and relatives;
- c. violations of rules for which there is no penalty or for which there is not an expressly stated, more severe penalty.

### **11.2 Start Prohibition**

Athletes or teams will be prohibited from starting for:

1. violation of the eligibility and qualification requirements of the IBU Event and Competition Rules;
2. appearing for start with materials, equipment, clothing or advertising not in compliance with the IBU Event and Competition Rules or Annex A (the IBU Material Catalogue) to those Rules, or with the IBU Advertising Rules;
3. appearing for start with the wrong start number, or no start number/thigh number, due to a mistake made by the athletes or their teams;
4. violating the rules regarding official training, zeroing, warm-up and/or ski testing or safety regulations.

The prohibition applies for the competition in which the violation occurred, or the next competition, as applicable.

The responsible IBU Referee is to impose start prohibitions according to Art. 11.2 b and c.

### **11.3 Time Penalties and Disqualification**

#### **11.3.1 Thirty-Second Penalty**

A thirty-second penalty will be imposed if:

- a. an athlete competes in a pursuit and starts up to max. three seconds before the officially assigned start time;
- b. starting outside the start window in the Sprint, Individual or Super Sprint Qualification competitions without returning to the start acc. to Art. 6.4.7.1;
- c. breaching the rules listed in Art. 8.2.1 at Mass Start, Sprint and Individual with group start, Super Sprint Final, Pursuit and/or Relay competitions;

Exception: there will be no penalty for athletes shooting from a wrong lane if this mistake is initiated by another competitor or official.

- d. having shot from a wrong shooting position, wrong shooting sequence and/or wrong position in the shooting lane.

#### **11.3.2 One-Minute Penalty**

A time penalty of one minute will be imposed on athletes or teams for:

- a. not giving way at the first request by an overtaking competitor;
- b. committing a very minor violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.

#### **11.3.3 Two-Minute Penalty**

A time penalty of two minutes will be imposed on athletes or teams for:

- a) every penalty loop, resulting from shot penalties, not done by an athlete immediately after each prone or standing shoot;
- b) every round not fired if athletes recommence skiing before they have fired all five shots in Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start or Super Sprint competitions, or all eight shots in a Relay competition, having not hit all targets;
- c) starting without a tag at the relays hand-over. Both athletes need to be in the hand-over zone acc. to Art. 6.4.4 and Art. 9.2.4. Otherwise it is no start at all;
- d) committing a minor violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.

### 11.3.4 Disqualification

Athletes or teams will be disqualified for:

- a) breaching the rules listed in Art. 11.2 a–d;
- b) violating Article 1.5 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules “Eligibility Rules for Competitors and Team Staff”;
- c) receiving prohibited assistance as defined in the IBU Event and Competition Rules from a member of their team staff or non-competing athletes from their team;
- d) avoiding start or finish inspections;
- e) taking part in a competition with a rifle not correctly marked (IBU control sticker);
- f) modifying equipment, rifle or clothing that has been inspected and marked at start inspection, in a prohibited way;
- g) participation in a competition with a start number or start number sequence color that has not been assigned to them on the competition start list, regardless of whether this is deliberate or due to a mistake made by them or by their team;
- h) deviating from the marked trail, or skiing a wrong trail, or skiing the course loops in a wrong sequence or in the wrong direction (exception: see Art. 7.1.3);
- i) using means of propulsion other than skis, poles and their own muscular force;
- j) not carrying their rifle while skiing during the competition, and for not carrying their rifle on the course, when it is not damaged, with the barrel pointing up;
- k) hindering another competitor on the course or at the shooting range by serious obstruction;
- l) exchanging a ski during the competition if the ski or binding is not broken;
- m) accepting unauthorized assistance from any person when repairing equipment, or receiving assistance other than authorized;
- n) for applying any substances during a competition intended to change the glide performance of their skis;
- o) firing more than five rounds in any shooting bout of Individual, Sprint, Pursuit, Mass Start and Super Sprint competitions or more than eight rounds in Relay competitions;
- p) using a second magazine instead of hand-loading lost rounds, replacement rounds for misfires, or spare rounds individually;
- q) violating any shooting safety regulations as defined in Article 8.5 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules;
- r) exchanging their rifle for another rifle, after starting, in any other location than the shooting range;
- s) starting more than three seconds earlier than the assigned start time in a Pursuit competition
- t) failing to stop competing in the competition after being lapped in the WC/WCH/IBU Cup/OECH/ OWG Relay, Pursuit, Mass Start or Super Sprint Final;
- u) committing a serious violation of the principles of fair play or the requirements of sportsmanship.

### 11.4 Penalties for Rule Violations in the Finish Corridors

For rule violations in the finish corridors as described in ECR 3.5.1.2, the following penalties may be

applied as decided by the Jury:

- a. reprimand;

- b. adjustment of ranks for those affected by the violation; c. time penalty: 30 seconds, 1 minute, or 2 minutes;
- d. disqualification.

## **11.5 Suspension**

**11.5.1** If, after the end of a competition protest deadline, an athlete is found guilty of having grossly violated the IBU Rules, the Competition Jury of the competition concerned may suspend that athlete from the next competition. In the event of a particularly gross violation, that suspension may be extended under the IBU Integrity Code to more than one competition and up to a maximum of all competitions within the next two trimesters. Such suspension would apply to all IBU events and IOC Events within this time frame. A preliminary suspension may be imposed with immediate effect by the Biathlon Integrity Unit (BIU).

**11.5.2** An athlete who has participated in an international biathlon event that has not been authorized by the IBU may be suspended for one or more IBU competitions by the IBU Executive Board.

**11.5.3** An athlete who violated Annex A Art. 1.3 may be suspended for one or more IBU competitions by the IBU Executive Board.

**11.5.4** An NF whose athletes have violated Annex A Art. 1.3 multiple times may be suspended for one or more IBU competitions under the IBU Integrity Code. This might be applied for all athletes of such NF in the respective IBU Event series. A preliminary suspension may be imposed with immediate effect by the Biathlon Integrity Unit (BIU).

## **11.6 Fines**

**11.6.1** Fines up to €1000 may be imposed by the Competition Jury on those who violate the IBU Event and Competition Rules and/or their member federations or those jeopardizing/defaming the honor or reputation of the IBU in a minor way.

**11.6.2** Fines up to € 30,000 may be imposed by the IBU Executive Board on those who seriously violate the IBU Rules or decisions of the organs or other competent bodies of the IBU, and/or their member federations or on those who jeopardize or damage the reputation of the IBU in a serious way.

**11.6.3** Fines from €30,000 to €100,000 may be imposed under the IBU Integrity Code on those who very seriously violate the IBU Rules or decisions of the organs or other competent bodies of the IBU, and/ or their member federations or on those who jeopardize or damage the reputation of the IBU in a very serious way.

## **11.7 Validity**

Except for suspension and monetary fines, the above penalties and disciplinary measures may only be imposed before the publication of the final results