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YOUTH INTERNATIONAL CAMP 2026

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1. ABOUT THE CAMP

The IBU Youth International Camp 2026 will take place in Antholz-Anterselva (Italy) from 8 to 14 June 2026. The camp is organised by the International Biathlon Union (IBU) with the support of Olympic Solidarity funding, **and will include both Olympic and Paralympic athletes, coaches and teams. The camp aims to support the development of young biathletes from emerging and developing nations.**

The programme combines practical training sessions, shooting development, educational workshops and cultural exchange. Guided by experienced IBU experts and coaches, the camp aims to strengthen athletes' skills, motivation and international connections, supporting the sustainable future of biathlon worldwide.

ABOUT THE VENUE OLYMPIC LEGACY

The camp will take place at the Antholz-Anterselva Biathlon Centre, one of the most renowned venues in international biathlon and host of the Olympic Winter Games Milano-Cortina 2026. As part of the Olympic legacy programme, participants will have the unique opportunity to train and learn in the same high-performance environment used by the world's best athletes. This setting aims to inspire motivation, ambition and long-term commitment to the sport. **The programme will also create opportunities for exchange and shared learning between Olympic and Paralympic participants.**

2. CAMP OBJECTIVES

- Develop technical and physical biathlon skills in young athletes
- Provide exposure to an Olympic-level training environment
- Support coach education and practical learning opportunities
- Encourage international cooperation and cultural exchange
- Inspire long-term engagement in biathlon

3. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All individuals participating in the IBU Youth International Camp 2026 must be officially affiliated with the invited National Federation and registered in the IBU Scope system.

Athletes must be at least fifteen (15) years old and no older than nineteen (19) years at the time of the camp. **Eligible birth years: 2007 - 2010**

Each National Federation is required to appoint a Responsible Coach who is affiliated with the respective federation. The Responsible Coach will supervise the athletes for the entire duration of the camp and will be accountable for their safety, behaviour, punctuality and compliance with instructions provided by IBU coaches and experts. This includes responsibility during all training activities, in particular rifle handling, shooting and dry-firing sessions. National Federations remain responsible for any incidents involving third parties caused by their athletes.

National Federations are strongly encouraged to send young coaches (preferably under 35 years old) or coaches currently involved in the IBU Coach Education Programme, as the camp can contribute to the completion of their required practical hours.

All participants must have a sufficient level of written and spoken English, as this will be the working language of the camp. Participants may use translation tools; however, the IBU cannot be held responsible for misunderstandings resulting from language barriers.

Before arrival, all participants must complete the mandatory IBU online safety course and sign the IBU Declaration of Obligations. Participants who do not fulfil these requirements will not be permitted to take part in the camp.

4. IBU CONTACTS

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5. IBU COACHES



IBU HEAD COACH LUCA BORMOLINI

Luca Bormolini is a former Italian World Cup biathlete and a fully certified IBU Academy coach, having completed the entire IBU Coach Education pathway. His journey from international athlete to experienced coach reflects a deep passion for developing the next generation of biathlon talent.

After concluding his competitive career, Luca has worked with both emerging biathlon nations and elite World Cup environments, gaining valuable insight into athlete development at every stage of the performance pathway. His coaching philosophy combines high-performance standards with a strong focus on learning, motivation and personal growth.

At the Youth International Camp, Luca will lead the sporting programme, inspiring young athletes to challenge their limits, discover new perspectives and experience the values of international sport in a unique Olympic legacy venue.

IBU INSTRUCTORS

Luca Bormolini will be supported by a dynamic team of IBU instructors and experts from diverse nationalities and professional backgrounds. Together, they will create an inclusive and stimulating learning environment where knowledge is shared, cultural exchange is encouraged, and young athletes are empowered to build confidence, friendships and ambition for their future in biathlon.

6. PROGRAMME

- 6-nights accommodation in Anterselva Valley in 2-bed / 4-bed rooms with full board
- Varied training sessions including
 - RollerSkiing
 - Shooting
 - Strength training
 - Running
- Camp lead by experienced IBU Head Coaches and Coaches
- Team-building and international cultural exchange activities
- Seminars
- Social and team-building activities

6. SCHEDULE TBC

MONDAY, 08 JUNE 2026	
Latest by 17:00	Arrival
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30 – 21:00	Welcome and get to know each other
FROM TUESDAY, 09 JUNE UNTIL SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2026	
08:30 – 11:30	Morning session
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Afternoon session
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner
19:30 – 20:30	Coaches meeting or evening activity
SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2026	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
Whole day	Departure

7. OTHER INFORMATION

LOCATION

Antholz-Anterselva Biathlon Centre

South Tyrol – Italy

EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is required for the varied training sessions:

- **Ammunition** (500 rounds/Athlete)
- **Skating / Classic boots**
- **Skating / Classic Rollerskis**
- **Helmet** (Mandatory)
- **Poles** (+ spares)
- **Running shoes**
- **Biathlon rifle** (small-bore)
- **Equipment gym** (+ Clean shoes)
- **Appropriate clothing for training**
- **Bad weather clothing** (rain jackets etc.)
- **Scope with tripod** (coaches)
- **Clipboard for shooting** (coaches)
- **Rifle tools** (Coaches)

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS

The Responsible Coach may be replaced by another coach who meets the participation requirements no later than two (2) weeks before the start of the camp, subject to approval by the IBU. In exceptional circumstances, the IBU may waive this deadline.

An athlete may be replaced by another athlete of the same gender from the same National Federation no later than two (2) weeks before the start of the camp. Any replacement must fulfil all participation requirements and will be approved by the IBU on a case-by-case basis.

In the event of late cancellation or withdrawal during the camp, the respective National Federation shall cover all costs that would have been incurred if the participant had attended the full duration of the camp.

The IBU reserves the right to withdraw any participant from the camp if there is suspicion of a breach of the IBU Integrity Code.

TRAVEL

Each team is responsible for the organization of the travel to and from the camp location.

Each team is responsible for local transport between accommodation and training venue.

The IBU provides a travel contribution to each participating National Federation as follows:

- **350 € per participant** (Car reasonable)
- **500 € per participant** (Flight required)

VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All participants travelling to Italy must be in possession of a valid passport or recognised travel document.

National Federations are responsible for verifying visa requirements applicable in their respective countries prior to travel. Federations that require an official invitation letter for visa purposes may request this from the IBU or the Organising Committee.

Participants are responsible for checking the official entry requirements to Italy on the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [Official entry requirements for Italy](#)

INSURANCE

It is mandatory to possess both sufficient liability and accident insurance for covering accident, recovery and transport costs, including for Camp-related risks to an adequate extent when participating in any camps, competitions or activities sanctioned or authorized by the IBU.

DATA PROTECTION

By agreeing to participate in the IBU Youth International Camp, participants agree that the IBU may process their Personal Data for promotional purposes of the camp (e.g. publication of photographs on IBU's social media). Participants may waive their consent at any time by reaching out to the designated Contact Person in the IBU (see Section 4).