



Nordic skiing: the biathlon

Biathlon is a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting. This year women make their Olympic biathlon debut with races of 15km, 7.5km and a 3 x 7.5km relay. Men compete at 20km, 10km and a 4 x 7.5km relay

Shooting stages alternate between 5 shots standing and 5 shots prone

Stock cut-away to save weight

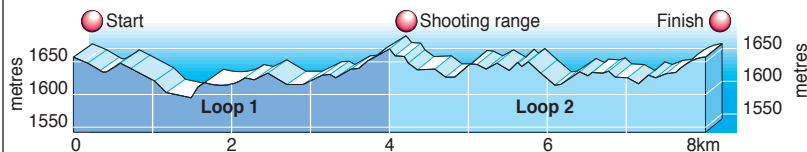
The penalty for missing a target can be either time added or an extra 150 metres to ski in the penalty loop

Target rifle (.22 calibre)

Barrel shaved to save weight

Four magazines (5 rounds each)

Snow cover for front sight



**Current
Olympic
Champions**

10km **Frank-Peter Röttsch** (GDR) 25:08.1
20km **Frank-Peter Röttsch** (GDR) 56:33.3
Biathlon relay **Soviet Union** 1 h 22:30.0

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