



NSW biathlon

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Laser Biathlon Safety Regulations and Code of Conduct

The use of laser rifle equipment in NSW is exempt from firearms regulations for the purposes of biathlon and modern pentathlon. Any use of laser equipment must comply with and be used under NSW Firearms Regulations. NSW Biathlon, as the recognised peak body for biathlon in NSW, is a permitted user of laser biathlon equipment systems in NSW. Registration of events and attendees ensures compliance with NSW Firearms regulations

- 1) While laser (electronic) biathlon systems do not use real firearm based components, the education of safe firearm handling practices is a high priority for NSW Biathlon.
- 2) All supervising users of laser (electronic) biathlon equipment are required to be members of NSW Biathlon and authorised as users.
- 3) All authorised supervising users of laser (electronic) biathlon systems are required to attend a safety awareness and usage induction session and be entered onto the NSW Biathlon Authorised Supervisors Register.
- 4) Juniors (U18) and new comers can participate and use laser (electronic) biathlon equipment, but only under the supervision of NSW Biathlon authorised Supervisors. Supervisors can include coaches, trainers, supervisors or officials. Un-authorised use of the laser electronic biathlon system is not condoned.
- 5) In addition to the standard safety regulations, all laser (electronic) system users are required to adhere to the NSW Biathlon Code of Conduct for Laser Biathlon Systems. This is to ensure neither unsafe or inappropriate use of the laser (electronic) biathlon equipment takes place as well as developing a respect for the sport, its competitors, spectators and the general public.
- 6) Laser (electronic) systems users are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining a good reputation for the sport of Biathlon.

Code of Conduct

1. Laser (electronic) target rifles shall at all times be treated as if they are real firearms and therefore the application of all ethical and safety requirements required for real firearms is mandatory.
2. Authorised users/supervisors, members and event participants registered with NSW Biathlon are permitted to carry and or use the electronic biathlon systems in the Kosciusko National Park or other locations registered with NSW Biathlon.
3. The transport of electronic target rifles to and from the Perisher Valley Biathlon Ranger or other approved locations shall be done in a safe and discreet manner at all times.
 - i) Laser electronic target rifles, where possible, will be enclosed in a cover, a bag or a container during transport.
 - ii) Laser electronic target rifles must be stored as per NSW Firearms Registry Exemptions – Laser Target Shooting Devices – Biathlons and Pentathlons Safe Storage requirements.
 - iii) At all times during transportation and storage, the magazine of the electronic target rifle will be removed and stored in a separate and secure location to ensure no unauthorised use of the equipment can take place and that the electronic target rifle is disabled.
4. Laser electronic target rifles shall only be used in public areas which have been approved by NSW Biathlon.
5. Any inappropriate or antisocial behaviour whilst in possession of a laser electronic target rifle can result in termination of approved usage of the laser rifle system.
6. The use of non-prescribed drugs or alcohol during NSW Biathlon training sessions or events is prohibited.



Definitions

Electronic Biathlon System : a system comprising of an electronic target rifle and an electronic target used in a Biathlon training session or event.

Laser Electronic Target Rifle : An approved laser based electronic rifle containing no components of a firearm as defined by the NSW Firearms Act.

NSW Biathlon : NSW Biathlon Association.

Biathlon Event : is an event consisting of either training, demonstrating, coaching or competing in the sport of laser biathlon in the presence of NSW Biathlon authorised supervisors, coaches or officials.

KNP : Kosciuszko National Park.

NSW Firearms Registry Exemptions – Laser Target Shooting Devices – Biathlons and Pentathlons Safe Storage requirements: is the document outlining the use, supervision of use and storage of laser electronic target rifles. A copy of this document is available on the NSW Biathlon website.