



BIATHLON EAST AUSTRALIA

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Laser Biathlon Safety Regulations and Code of Conduct

The use of biathlon laser rifle equipment in NSW/VIC/ACT/QLD is exempt from firearms regulations for the purposes of biathlon and modern pentathlon. Any use of laser equipment must comply with and be used in accordance with the Firearms Regulations of the state of operation. NSW Biathlon, Biathlon ACT, QLD Biathlon are authorised users of laser biathlon equipment in the States of Australia. Registration of events and attendees ensures compliance with State 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 Biathlon East Australia and its member Associations and Clubs.
- 2) Instructors and coaches using laser (electronic) biathlon equipment owned by Biathlon East Australia member Associations and Clubs are required to adhere to these safety regulations and code of conduct.
- 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 Biathlon East Australia Biathlon Authorised Supervisors Register.
- 4) Juniors (U18) and new comers can participate and use laser (electronic) biathlon equipment, under the supervision of Biathlon East Australia authorised Supervisors. Supervisors can include coaches, instructors, 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 Biathlon East Australia 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 Biathlon East Australia are permitted to carry and or use the electronic biathlon systems in the Kosciusko National Park, Falls Creek Resort, Mt Hotham Resort or other locations where laser systems are used by Biathlon East Australia, from time to time.
3. The transport of electronic target rifles to and from the Perisher Valley Biathlon Range, Mt Hotham Whiskey Flat or other approved locations shall be done in a safe and discreet manner at all times.
 - i) Laser electronic target rifles, will be enclosed in a cover, case, bag or a container during transport.
 - ii) Laser electronic target rifles must be stored as required by regulations in each State for Laser Target or Sporting Shooting Devices.
 - 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 Biathlon East Australia.
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 Biathlon East Australia 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 Firearms Regulation in the State of use.

Biathlon Event : is an event consisting of either training, instructing, coaching or competing in the sport of laser biathlon in the presence of Biathlon East Australia's authorised supervisors, coaches, instructors or officials.

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 in NSW. A copy of this document is available on the Biathlon East Australia website.

Victorian Firearms Registry – General Exemption to Possess Laser Tag and Other Laser Sport Devices: is the is the document outlining the use, supervision of use and storage of laser electronic target rifles in Victoria. A copy of this document is available on the Biathlon East Australia website.

