



UIPM 2016 BIATHLE / TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sarasota, FL, USA

INVITATION LETTER

Dear Friends,

The UIPM – Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne, together with the USA Pentathlon – USAP, has the pleasure to invite a delegation of your country to participate in **UIPM 2016 Biathle / Triathle World Championships** that will be held in Sarasota, Florida (USA) from the 21st to the 23rd of October 2016 according to the following programme:

PROGRAMME (all times to be confirmed)

19 Oct	Arrival of Delegations		
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	All day	Training on competitions course	Nathan Benderson Park
20 Oct	09:00-18:00	Accreditation	LOC Office
	17:30	Technical Meeting (for Relays)	Nathan Benderson Park
	18:30	Pasta Party	Nathan Benderson Park
	Biathle/ Triathle Mixed Relay Competition Day		
	09:00	Race briefing: Triathle Mixed Relay competition	Nathan Benderson Park
21 Oct	09:30	Start of the 1 st round	Nathan Benderson Park
	TBD	Start of first round Biathle Mixed Relay	Nathan Benderson Park
	TBD	Technical Meeting (for Triathle)	Nathan Benderson Park
	Triathle Competition Day		
	09:00	Race briefing for the morning session	Nathan Benderson Park
	09:30	Start of the 1 st round of the morning session *	Nathan Benderson Park
22 Oct	13:00	Opening Ceremony	Nathan Benderson Park
	14:00	Race brief for the afternoon session	Nathan Benderson Park
	14:30	Start of the 1 st round of the afternoon session	Nathan Benderson Park
	TBD	Technical Meeting (for Biathle)	Nathan Benderson Park
	Biathle Competition Day		
	09:00	Race briefing for the morning session	Nathan Benderson Park
	09:30	Start of the 1 st round of the morning session **	Nathan Benderson Park
23 Oct	14:00	Race brief for the afternoon session	Nathan Benderson Park
	14:30	Start of the 1 st round of the afternoon session	Nathan Benderson Park
	20:00	Closing Ceremony and Closing Party	Nathan Benderson Park
		Award Ceremony	
24 Oct	Departure of Delegations		

** In Triathlon competitions there will be a 15 min warm-up period before each change of course.*

*** In Biathlon competitions there will be no additional time allowed for warm up.*

****Awards ceremonies will be organised in between competitions.*

Competition Rules

The competitions will be carried out according to the [UIPM Biathlon Rules](#) and [UIPM Triathlon Rules](#) (for the complete rules, click on the highlighted event).

Running Surface: sandy beach, grass, and pavement

Swimming: fresh water lake

Shooting: 24+2 reserve positions using laser hit-miss targets

Notes:

- 1) There will be qualification rounds depending on the number of registered participants in each age category. If qualification rounds are required, they will happen in the morning and the finals at the end of the day.
- 2) For Youth E, the shooting distance will be 3 meters (with authorization to shoot using both hands). For Youth D, C and Masters C, the shooting distance will be 5 meters.
- 3) Delegations are allowed to enter with an unlimited number of athletes.

for Open division and Biathlon and Triathlon for All division, please check the 2016 Biathlon-Triathlon Competition Guideline at www.UIPMworld.org

Competition Venues

The competitions are scheduled to occur at Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, Florida, USA.

Competition Clothing for the Elite Division

For Biathlon and Triathlon Elite UIPM Division competitions, athletes should wear a swimsuit or tight-fitting one-piece body suit capable of being worn for each segment of the competition.

Due to the format of the races, athletes are required to compete wearing clothes that are tight fitting, yet comfortable during the race. Women should wear one or two piece suits appropriate for the entire race (swim suit or sports bra). We ask that male competitors wear a tight fitting shirt “bolero” (Lycra t-shirt) to be worn during the race. All athletes must have their national identification (3 letter country code, i.e. USA) on their swimsuit.

Accommodation

Hotel room booking information can be found at <http://www.bitri.org>. Additional official hotels will be added as needed.

Deadline for booking accommodation through the LOC is **9 September 2016**.

Transport

Based on your Flight details the LOC will provide transportation from/to Sarasota International Airport (included in accommodation cost to official hotels). Delegations arriving at Tampa International Airport or Orlando International Airport will need to get their own transportation to Sarasota. The LOC will work to get participants a discount.

Notes:

Tampa International Airport – 50 min by bus to Sarasota

Orlando International Airport – 1 hour 30 minutes by bus to Sarasota

Deadlines

Delegations are kindly reminded that the UIPM Online registration system is obligatory.

It is reminded that all athletes registered in the Elite division must have a UIPM ID number in order to be registered, therefore if your athletes do not already have an ID number, then the first step is to add them to the database through your NF portal.

The online system will be open from **22 July 2016**. All information must be submitted, including flight information, pistol serial numbers, accommodation bookings, etc. by **9 September**. Any changes after this must be sent by email to the organiser and UIPM.

Financial Conditions

The accommodation package cost for each official hotel for delegations (athletes, coaches, officials, supporters) varies and can be found at <http://www.bitri.org>. The accommodation package includes ground transportation between the Sarasota International Airport and the official hotels, ground transportation from the official hotels to official competition events and activities, hotel room accommodation, breakfast in your official hotel and the pasta dinner. No other meals are included.

Registrations

Elite Division registrations must be done via NF Portal.

Open Division and Biathlon-Triathlon for all registrations must be done via the link accessible on the UIPM website homepage at www.uipmworld.org.

Payment for the registrations must be done when registering, it can be done by PayPal payment or bank transfer (in the NF Portal for Elite division, in the link for Open and Biathlon-Triathlon for All divisions).

ELITE DIVISION ENTRY FEES INCLUDING PASTA PARTY FOR ATHLETES

Biathlon	90 US Dollars
Triathlon	90 US Dollars
Biathlon & Triathlon	130 US Dollars
Single Mixed Relay	90 US Dollars (per Team)
Any 2 Events (Including relays)	130 US Dollars
Any 3 Events (Including relays)	170 US Dollars
Any 4 Events (Including relays)	210 US Dollars
Closing Dinner	35 US Dollars

For competitors, entry fee includes Accreditation and Closing Dinner.

Closing Dinner Fee is for Coaches/Officials/Friends/Guests/Family members and can be paid via the online payment tool in the NF Portal.

Insurance

According UIPM Rules all members of the attending Delegations must insure themselves by a sufficient health, accident and liability insurance. The organizers will not accept any responsibility financial or otherwise for loss, injury or illness of any Delegation member. By submitting the competition entry, the National Federation confirms that all persons named on the entry are covered by such insurance.

Laser Pistols

Firearms Licenses are not legal requirement when bringing air and CO2 pistols (cylinders for the laser pistols) to the United States for competition purposes. However, please note the pistol model and serial number clearly in your Entry Form.

VISAS & Vaccinations

prior travelling to the event. The organizers cannot accept responsibility for arranging visas but will be happy to supply a letter of invitation to those National Federations requesting one. If you need further information about visas or vaccinations please contact your nearest Embassy or Consulate.

General Information

- All athletes are kindly requested to wear their official Delegation uniform at the competitions.
- **Weather conditions:** subtropical climate, the average temperature in October is +30C day, +20C night.
- **Voltage:** 110v.
- **Official Sarasota tourist web page:** <http://www.visitsarasota.org/>

LOC Contact Details

Please contact directly the LOC for information regarding the competition or for any local questions you may have.

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We look forward to seeing you in Sarasota, Florida, USA for the 2016 UIPM Biathlon and Triathlon World Championships.

Best regards,



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