



Schools Biathlon 2021 – FAQ's

Competitors

- **How do I register to take part?**

You will need to set up a Sport:80 account so you can register for the event to have your entry included. Head to <https://pentathlongb.sport80.com/> and click create an account and then fill in the details. Once you've created your account you'll be able to click into the events panel on the left hand side of the screen and find the regional Biathlon you want to enter. Click enter and fill out your competing category and then you'll be able to make payment for your entry – your entry won't count until this is done and you've received your confirmation email (you might need to check your junk folder for this).

- **What if my school aren't running a training session and I'm not part of a club?**

There are a couple of options available to you.

SPEAK TO YOUR TEACHER

Some schools / teachers don't know about Schools Biathlon so make sure you let your teacher know you're interested in competing and ask if they would be willing to supervise your times.

GIVE A LOCAL CLUB A TRY

This could be a great opportunity to join a local club and start your journey in our sport. A list of PGB clubs detailed by region can be found [here](#) – if you can't find anything local to you, contact your regional coordinator who might be able to direct you to an opportunity not listed. Alternatively, you could reach out to your local swimming or running/athletics club who might be able to accommodate you.

BYE APPLICATION

If you still aren't able to access an opportunity to set a time, we are accepting a limited number of Bye Applications – where you can submit details of a time you have previously set, along with the reasons why you haven't been able to set a verified time during the qualification window (1st Feb - 30th Apr 2021). Please note, individuals will need to provide evidence/explanation of the reasons why.

Please note: Bye applications will only be accepted from individuals who have entered the event via Sport80 before 31st January 2021.



- **Do I need a membership to compete?**

As the qualification is being done under a training session environment, you will not need PGB membership to enter the qualification process, however if you successfully qualify for the finals in July you will need full PGB membership to enter and compete.

Before setting qualification times, we encourage individuals to ensure they have the correct supervision and insurance cover whilst taking part in any training activities. PGB Membership does provide insurance cover for both training and competing purposes, more information can be found [here](#).

- **Can I enter a time through both my club and my school?**

We know some of our competitors will have opportunities to set times in both their school and club environment, but competitors should only submit one set of verified times. If competitors are setting times at both school and club, we ask that they make their school/club aware and are only submitted via one route. If two times are submitted by accident via two different routes, then the best combined run/swim score will be included on the rankings list.

- **How do I know what distance I need to run and swim?**

Swim and Run distances differ for each age category. A full list of distances can be found on the Pentathlon GB Biathlon page [here](#). We have also formatted the results sheet so that when teachers/clubs complete the age category, it will automatically populate with the distance the competitor will need to complete in both disciplines.

- **How do I know what age category I should be competing in?**

Age categories for the Schools Biathlon are based on birth year – not school year! We've indicated year of birth falls into what age group the Pentathlon GB Biathlon page [here](#).

Please note that athletes are able to compete up an age group. For example, an Under 9 could compete in an Under 10 class, an Under 10 could compete in the Under 11 etc. This could be for Under 8 and Under 9 children who feel they are ready to have a go at the event or if an athlete is seeking a greater challenge.

- **How do I know which regional 'event' I should enter?**

Competitors should enter the 'event' on Sport80 that relates to the region that they live in, and that's indicated on their Sport80 profile. (We know some individuals will train/go to school outside of their region, but ask that you enter the event associated with your Sport80 profile as this helps us from an administration perspective). You can double check which region you fall into [here](#).



Teachers/coaches

- **We don't have access to a 25m or 50m pool – what can we do for pupils/club members that want to record a time?**

We know access to facilities is difficult at the moment. In the first instance we would encourage you / your competitors to seek an alternative training option within which to set the time (e.g. a local swim / PGB club) or see if a local leisure centre or school has any availability to hire out a lane for your pupils to set their time in.

If pool access is still a challenge, then we recommend your competitors enter via the Bye Application process – and use the run time you have been able to set. Please note, there will only be a limited number accepted via the Bye Application, so where possible competitors should do what they can to set a verified time via the remote qualification process.

Please note: Bye applications will only be accepted from individuals who have entered the event via Sport80 before 31st January 2021.

- **We don't have access to a running track – how can we record a run time?**

You can still support your competitors to complete a verified run time. Whilst completing the run on a track is the preferred surface, the [Modern Biathlon rules](#) state that the run can be completed on a different surface (e.g. grass) as long as the route is flat and is free of sharp turns. Please check the rules for further details.

- **Does our school/club need to have a Pentathlon membership to record results?**

For this particular Championship, schools do not need to be affiliated i.e. have valid Pentathlon GB Schools Membership to be represented and have children compete under their school's name. To find out more about affiliating as a member of Pentathlon GB and to take out club or school membership please have a look at our [Memberships page](#).