The Leeds Biathloppet - 2026

The Brownlee Centre 20th & 21st June 26

INVITATION

Dear athletes,

It is with great pleasure that the BBU invites you to the second Biathloppet of the 2026 BBU Laser Race Series. Laser Rifles gives us the opportunity to introduce the sport of biathlon to a new group of athletes in a safe and engaging environment. The event will include biathlon running and roller-skiing races, as well as sprint and distance Nordic roller-skiing races, with athletes able to participate in one or all disciplines according to their personal goals and sporting background, with results contributing to the BBU Laser Race Series. This invitation outlines the key points of the event, for the full rules of the Laser Race Series please visit our website – www.britishbiathlon.com

A1. VENUE

The Brownlee Centre - https://sport.leeds.ac.uk/the-brownlee-centre/

A2. ADDRESS

Bodington Ave, Adel
Leeds, LS16 8NA

A3. ORGANISATION

The British Biathlon Union will be the event organisers

A4. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chief of competition	Carl Carrier
Competition Secretary	Elizabeth Winfield

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A5. LOGISTICS

There is plenty of car parking at the Brownlee Centre and there is free entry to the café and changing rooms.

A6. TRAVEL

Individuals can travel directly to the Brownlee Centre using the above address.
The nearest train station is Horsforth Station, 3 miles away.
The nearest bus stop is the Lawnswood Cemetery stop on the 24, 25, 26, PH2, X84 bus lines, ½ a mile away.

A7. AIRPORTS

Leeds Bradford Airport is only 5 miles away.

A8. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

Any competitor with BBU membership - https://www.britishbiathlon.com/product/bbu-full-member/ - will have the appropriate insurance cover for this event, for those who are not BBU members and do not have the appropriate liability insurance through membership of their Home Nations governing body, an additional £3 will be added to your entry fee.

A9. RACE ENTRY

Where possible, are to be made via the website as well as registrations on the day by cash or card. By entering online you also have an increased chance of being able to use roller-skis and boots from our limited pool of equipment.

A10. RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

Rifles - The Eco Aims laser rifles will be used for this competition. These rifles are eye safe and can be used by left and right-handed firers. The rifles will have slight variations in sizing to try and accommodate body size.
Targets - The Eco Aims targets will be used and will be set to biathlon stand for prone and stand shooting for
all races to offset the lack of precise zeroing and set at a distance of 10 meters from the firing point.

A11. LASER SERIES LEAGUE

This year, a Bambini, U17 & Masters age categories will be introduced. The Laser Series league is based on an athlete's two best running and two best skiing results from the three Biathloppets. There will also be a separate OPEN category in the running biathlon only where age and gender will be offset to identify the best performance of the day and the winner will be awarded the coveted Biathlon Boss cap.

A12. WHATSAPP GROUP

A special WhatsApp group has been set up which will provide specific information for this stage of the series including updates, start lists and results…

2026 Leeds Biathloppet
WhatsApp group

Please use this QR code to join the group.

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B1. PROGRAMME

Day	Time	Event	Details	Note
1	09.00	Cycling centre opens for competitors to use track (certain sections will be closed for coaching novices during the morning)		
	12.15	Nordic Sprint Free Technique Prologue starts	800m loop for all athletes	BBU King's Court Sprint format Every athlete finishing the Prologue will get to start at least 1 heat race Category results are based on Heat placings. Where heat places are the same, the better prologue time will be used to rank results.
	13.00	Sprint Heats start		
	14.45	Prize giving		
	15.00	Shooting training	Anyone who is interested in biathlon is welcome to have some coached training by our British coaches/athletes for free	
	16.00	Range open for zeroing	Competitors are allowed to try shooting from any rifle.	All rifles will have been zeroed by a single BBU coach
	16.30	Biathlon Roller-ski race starts	Bambini/Children – 3 x 1.2k U17/U19 – 3 x 1.65k U21-Masters – 3 x 2.5k	Children shoot prone, prone
	18.30	Prize giving		
	19.00	Day 1 finishes	Centre closes	
2	09.00	Cycling centre opens to competitors		Running course open for recce
	10.00	Nordic Distance Free Technique race starts	Bambini/Children – 1.65kms U17/U19 – 4.95kms U21-Masters – 9.9k	1 loop 3 loops 6 loops
	11.30	Prize giving		
	11.45	Shooting training	Anyone who is interested in biathlon is welcome to have some coached training by our British coaches/athletes for free	
	12.30	Range open for zeroing	Competitors are allowed to try shooting from any rifle.	All rifles will have been zeroed by a single BBU coach
	13.00	Biathlon Running race starts	3 x 1km course with 2 visits to the range with penalty loops	Children shoot prone, prone
	15.00	Prize giving		
	15.15	Biathloppet finishes		

B2. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the applicable International Biathlon Union (IBU) rules for biathlon races and the International Ski Federation (FIS) rules for Nordic races.

B3. AGE GROUPS FOR CLASSES OF COMPETITORS

There will be various classes of competitors for the biathlon & Nordic races, with male and female fields plus an 'Open' class to recognise the best biathlon performances of the Biathloppet.

Age Categories – all races	
BAMBINI	2017 or later
CHILDREN	2012-2016
U17	2010-2011
U19	2008-2009
U21	2006-2007
SENIOR	2005 or earlier
MASTERS	1986 or earlier
OPEN	Adjusted for age & gender
PARA	Sitting & Standing

Race Fees		
Single race pass	U18/Student	£12:50
	Adult	£20
Day pass	U18/Student	£20
	Adult	£30
Weekend pass	U18/Student	£30
	Adult	£50
Race insurance	Per pass	£3

B4. EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

Equipment

Helmet[1], glasses[2], skate roller-skis[3], poles, boots.

There will be a small number of skate roller-skis to loan out for the race if required but prior notice must be given.

No arm cuff for the rifles will be required as rifles will be shot from a resting box in the prone position.

Clothing

Depending on the weather, running-style clothing is appropriate for all races, but beginners are advised to cover as much skin as possible for roller-ski races.

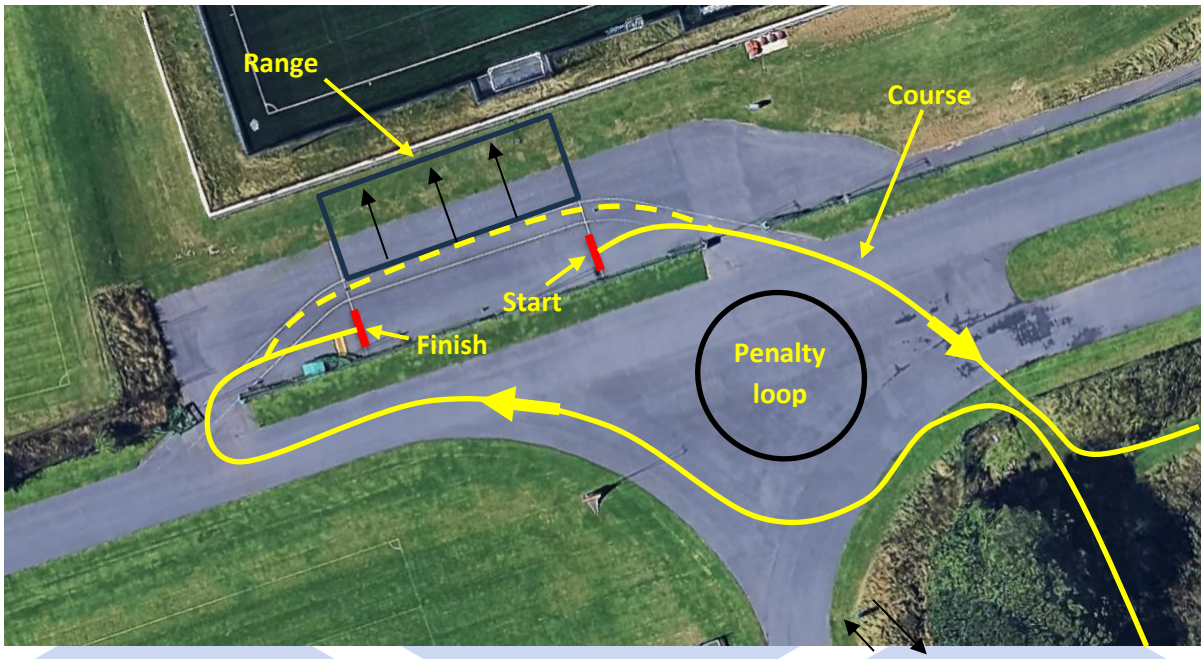
[1] Compulsory for roller-ski races and training periods

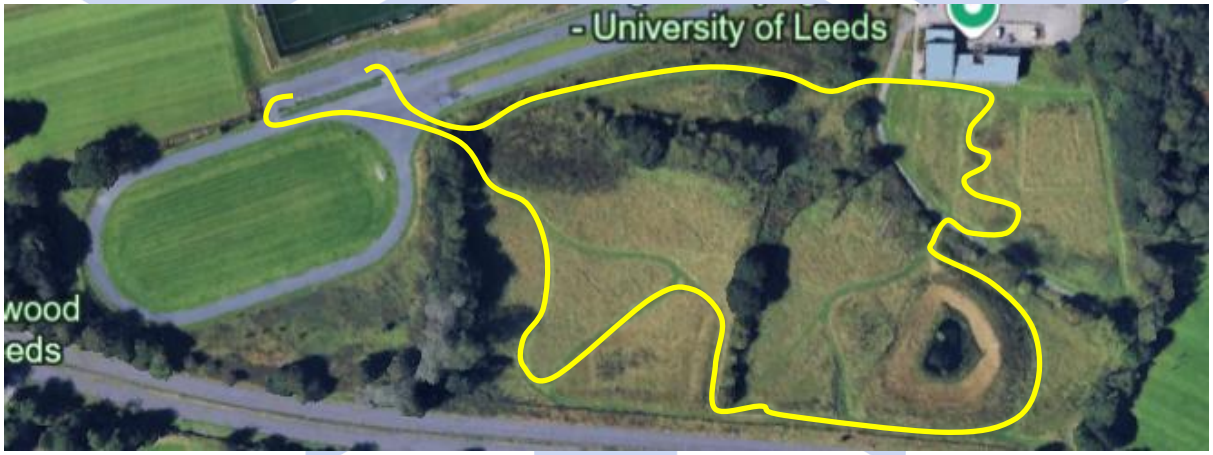
[2] Compulsory for roller-ski races and training periods unless weather conditions hinder visibility

[3] Wheels, Skate - no faster US6/#2, Classic - no faster than #2 wheels, only rubber training wheels permitted.

B5. STADIUM AND COURSE PLANS

Biathlon Running Race – 3 x 1km with 50m penalty loop





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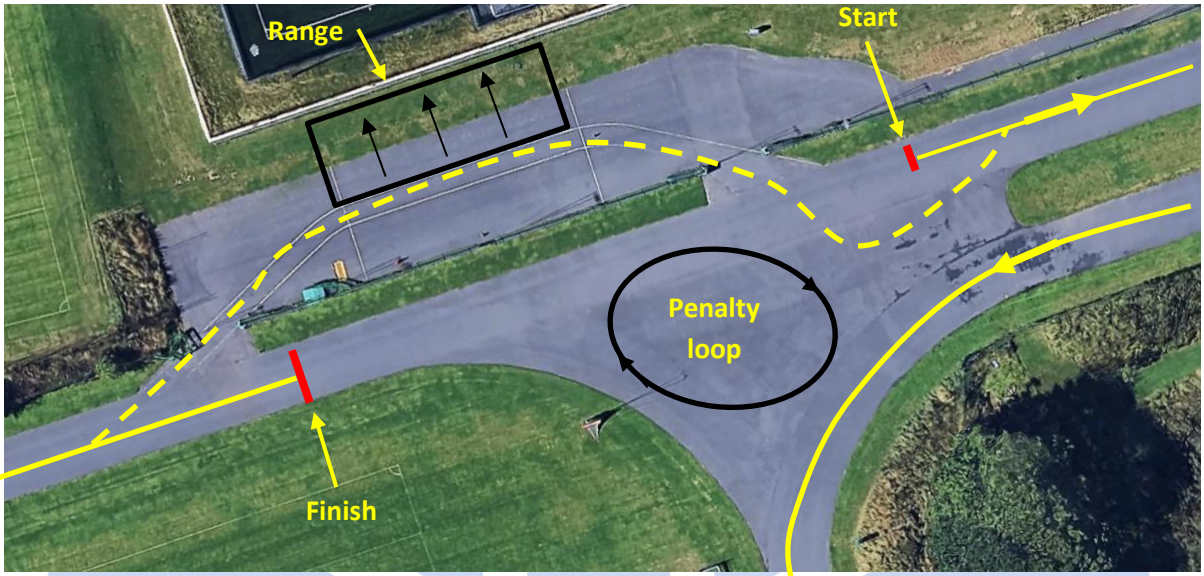
Biathlon Roller-ski Race - 3 x 1.2kms (yellow loop) with penalty loop



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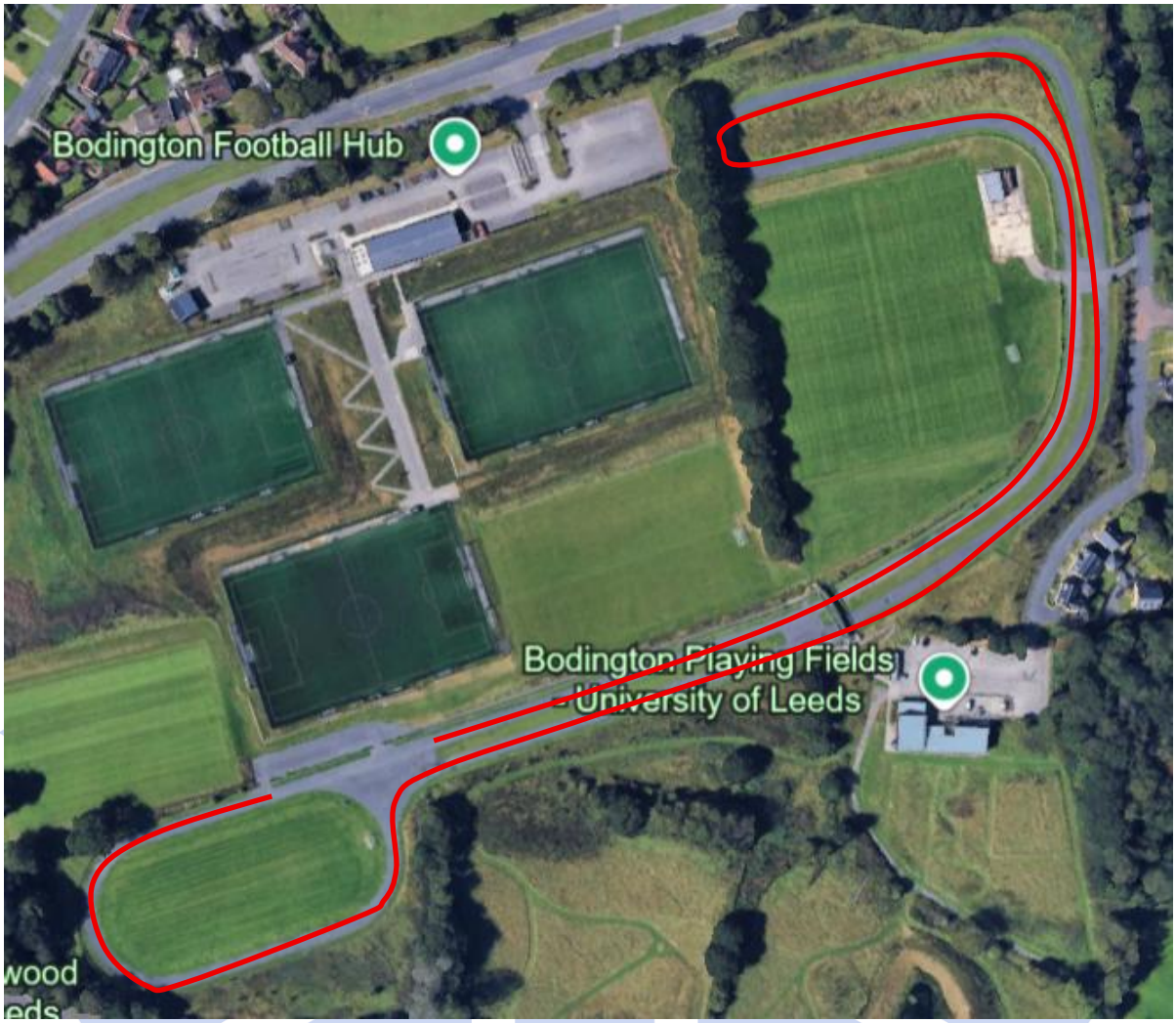
Biathlon Roller-ski Race - 3 x 1.65kms (red loop) with penalty loop



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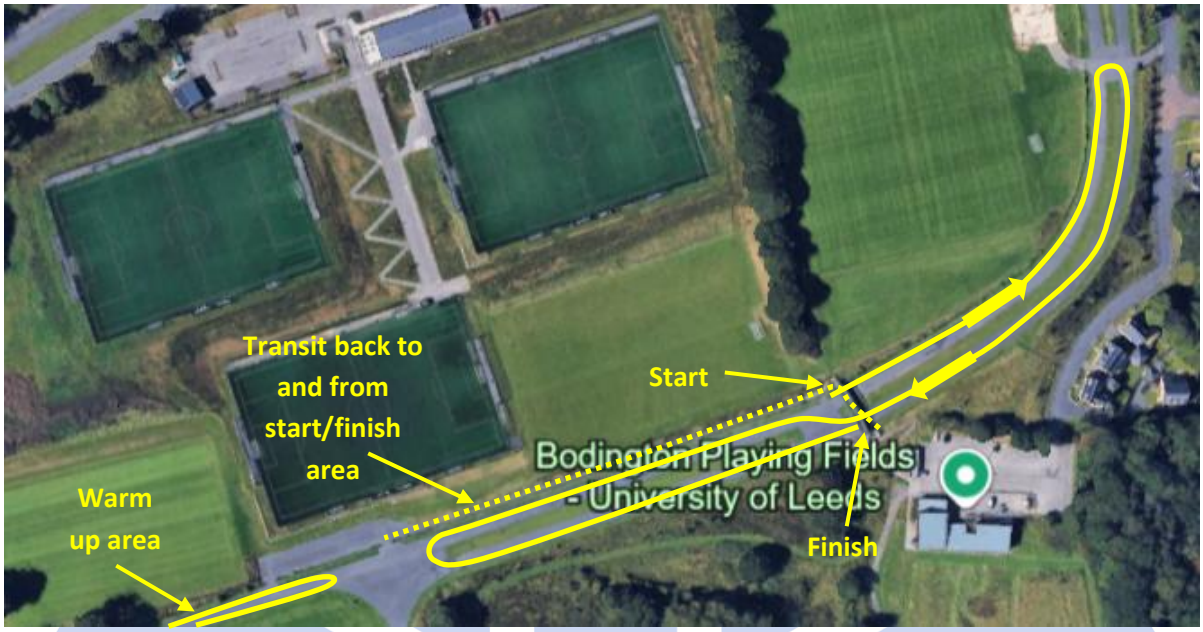
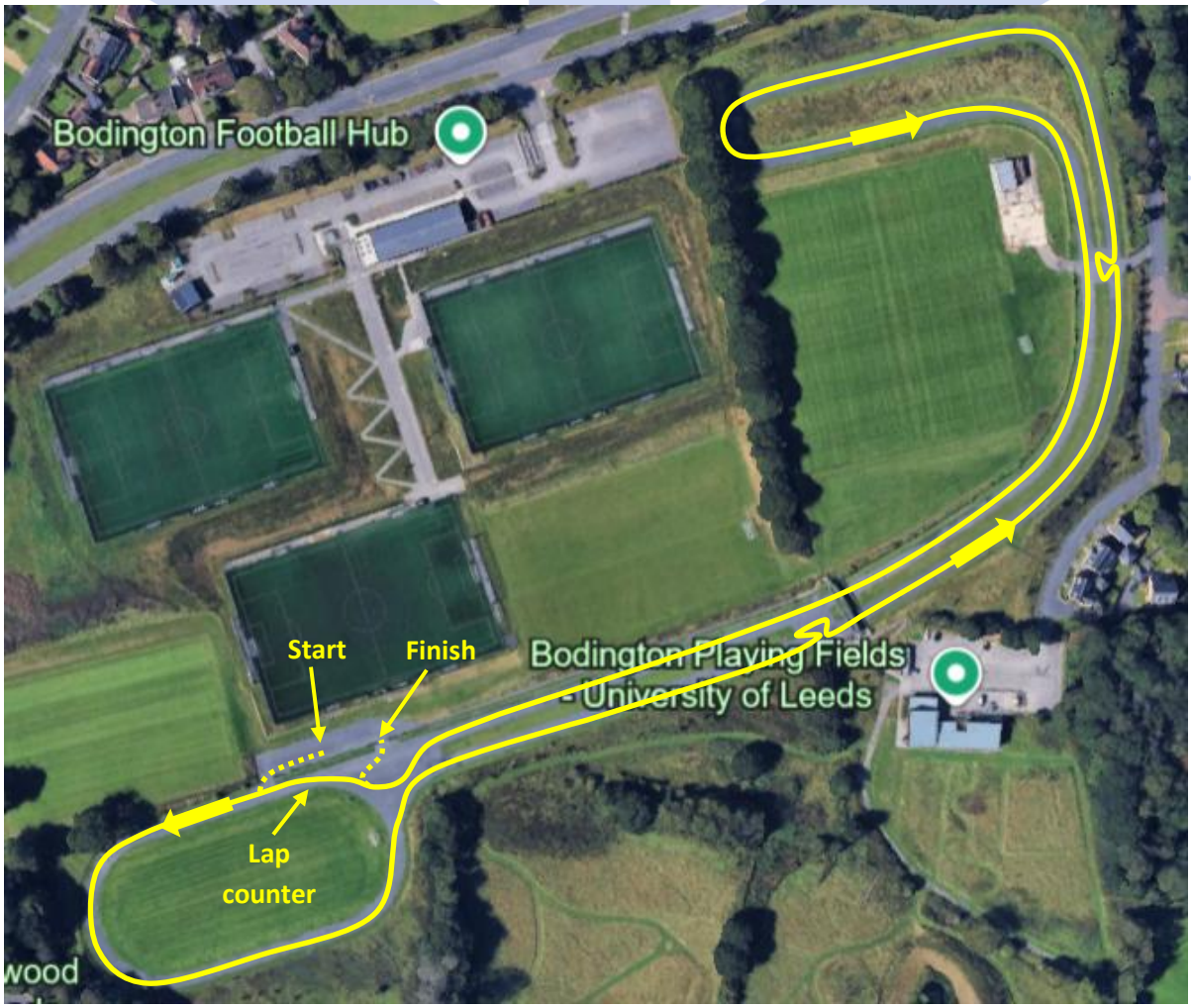
Biathlon Roller-ski Race - 3 x 2.5kms (black loop) penalty loop

Nordic Skate Sprint Race – 800m



Nordic Skate Race – 1.65km loop