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Date: October 26, 2009
To: Divisions
From: Joanne Thomson, Executive Director
Re: Insurance 2009-2010

Dear Divisions,

You Divisional membership for 2009-2010 includes costs towards the liability insurance for your members, clubs, directors and officers as well as covering all sanctioned biathlon activities and events in your Division which have been submitted to the national office.

It has come to my attention that there are Divisions and clubs who are running biathlon demo day type events without collecting the Day Membership from participants (e.g. school groups, demos at festivals etc). There is a need for us to remain diligent on making sure the proper procedures are in place and I have checked with our insurance agent about the situation where a club may want to run a biathlon demo event where participants get one chance to try shooting the air rifle or rifle in hopes that they get hooked on the sport. It is understood that it is a lot of "paperwork" and "expense" to sign everyone up for a day membership in order to take 5 shots on a rifle but the Biathlon Canada member and the participant have not been covered for this sort of activity under our insurance policy.

I have now added to our policy for this year, a premium to cover our **regular members** who are running and organizing this type of low level participatory event (e.g. "demo days" or "try biathlon" opportunities associated with school groups, community festivals, where people come by to see what biathlon is about). It does not however, cover the **participant** who is trying out the sport; it only covers the coach/official/supervisor who is operating the demonstration booth. If school groups or other potential participants are concerned about liability coverage, they are encouraged to take out a proper Biathlon Canada membership.

This coverage does not extend to include summer camps that you might run or recruiting events for the Biathlon Bears and SPDP programs which require the purchase of a Biathlon Canada "Day" or "Regular" membership. This extra coverage is only valid for an event where participants line up, take 5-10 shots, and go home.

As a reminder, if you have not yet submitted to the national office, your list of planned activities and events for the season, please do so right away to ensure that your organizing committees, coaches and officials are properly insured under the auspices of our policy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the national office by email or phone.

Yours in Sport,

Joanne Thomson
Executive Director, Biathlon Canada