

# Nordic Sports PEI

## IBU Regional Event

### 2025 Eastern Canadian Biathlon Championships and Atlantic Cup # 2

## *INVITATION*

21-23 February 2025



**BIATHLON  
CANADA**



**BROOKVALE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
February 21-23, 2025**

## INVITATION INFORMATION



## **A MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM NORDIC SPORTS PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Dear Biathlon Family,

It is a privilege and a pleasure to welcome you to PEI and the Eastern Canadian Biathlon Championships / Atlantic Cup # 2, and IBU Regional Event. Our organizing committee and the dedicated team of officials are doing their best to be ready to conduct this event. We will do our utmost to ensure that the competitions are safe, fair and conducted in the best possible conditions.

The event will take place February 21-23, 2025 at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park Brookvale Nordic site. It will be a special privilege for us to welcome teams from across Eastern Canada and the United States.

I wish all athletes and teams the best of luck. Aim for your personal best and enjoy all that our rejuvenated venue has to offer.

Sincerely,

*Darlene MacDonald*

President

Nordic Sports Prince Edward Island

### **Sponsors**

Nordic Sports would like to acknowledge the financial contribution of the International Biathlon Union (IBU) as a major sponsor of the Regional Event. Community sponsors include: ADL Dairies, Nordic Marksman, Eddy Group Ltd., Hub Cycle, Sporting Intentions and True Loaf Bakery have all generously donated to Biathlon Events on PEI.

Nordic Sports PEI would also like to acknowledge the support of our partner, the Province of PEI and the staff and management of the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale, who contribute generously towards delivering a top-quality venue for nordic events on PEI.

## **The Host Community**

Brookvale is a small rural community located in central Prince Edward Island Canada. The competition venue lies approximately 25 kilometers West of Charlottetown, the Provincial Capital and a similar distance from Borden-Carleton, the gateway to PEI.

## **The Venue**

The Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale, Biathlon facility is located a short distance (1 km) from the downhill ski site and is the home to both the Cross Country and Biathlon venues. Built prior to hosting the Canada Winter Games in 1991, the range underwent upgrades in 2008, 2010 and most recently completed significant upgrades for the 2023 Canada Games. The facility has a shooting range of 26 mechanical targets and a course layout supporting all the required lengths of trails and varying degrees of difficulty. The average daytime temperatures are expected to vary between minus 15 to 0 degrees C with approximately 30 - 50 centimeters of snow on the ground normally possible at this time of year. Trail maps and stadium diagrams are attached.

## **The Organizers**

Your host, Nordic Sports PEI, has created an organizing committee that will both successfully conduct the event, as well as foster the development of officiating within PEI for the 2023 Canada Games. The Organizing Committee for this event is made up of many senior officials who have worked at various levels of competition across Canada and officiated at the 2023 Canada Games. The key positions for this event are as follows:

Organizing Committee Chair: Paul Giroux  
Competition Chief: Daniel DesRoches  
Competition Secretary: Darlene MacDonald  
Chief of Course: Sara Chappell  
Chief of Range: Bruce Ferguson  
Chief of Timing: Craig Gaddess  
Chief of Stadium: Don Prosser  
Minor Officials and Volunteer Coordinator: Sara Purcell  
Waxing Coordinator: Scott Nixon  
Organizing Committee Advisor: Daniel DesRoches

Technical Delegate (IBU Referee): Stephen Hale

Questions concerning technical matters should be directed to the Competition Chief, Daniel DesRoches at [danieljdesroches@live.ca](mailto:danieljdesroches@live.ca)

For those wishing to volunteer at the event, including those who are travelling to the venue with visiting teams, please contact the Coordinator of Minor Officials and Volunteers, Sara Purcell at [Easterns2025.MinorOfficials@gmail.com](mailto:Easterns2025.MinorOfficials@gmail.com)

## **Rules**

The current IBU Event and Competition Rules will be in effect for the event, except as specifically modified by this invitation and by the current Biathlon Canada Hosting Policies.

## Eligibility

As this event is designated as an IBU Regional event and is also an Atlantic Cup Event, the additional classes within this event are open to members with a current membership from Biathlon Canada Divisions and the United States Biathlon Association.

**Note: All athletes must have in their possession, and be able to show upon request:**

- ***Their Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or Minor's Permit which are firearms licenses as issued by the Government of Canada.***
- ***US athletes must have completed required documentation for entry into Canada with firearms for the purposes of competing in a sporting competition. Please refer to the following link [Non-residents | Royal Canadian Mounted Police \(rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca)***
- ***The requirement for a PAL/Minor's Permit does not apply to those whose rifle is placed on the mat for the competition provided the care and custody of the rifle during and outside of the competition period is facilitated by person holding a PAL or Minors permit.***
- ***no permits are required for the air rifle classes.***

## Classes of Competitors and Types of Competitions

The following competitions will be held for the classes as shown. The start order and sequence will be as noted below unless modified at the team captains meeting. If there are not enough athletes registered in a category (eg. <4), categories may be merged in consultation with coaches at the team captains meeting.

Saturday 22 February – Sprint Competition all classes

Sunday 23 February – Mass Start all classes, less air rifles which will be a second sprint due to sharing of rifles and range setup.

Athletes will compete on the following courses:

- 3.3 Km - Blue
- 3.0 Km - Yellow
- 2.5 Km - Green
- 2.0 Km - Red
- 1.5 Km - Orange
- 1.0 Km - Purple
- 0.8 Km - Black

## **Ski Distance & Shooting Sequences**

<b>IBU Classes</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sprint</b>	<b>Shooting Sequence</b>	<b>Mass Start</b>	<b>Shooting Sequence</b>
Men 22 +	22+	10 km Blue	PS	15 km Yellow	PPSS
Women 22+	22+	7.5 km Green	PS	12.5 km Green	PPSS
Junior Men	19-21	10 km Blue	PS	12.5 km Green	PPSS
Junior Women	19-21	7.5 km Green	PS	10 km Red	PPSS
Youth Men	15-18	7.5 km Green	PS	10 km Red	PPSS
Youth Women	15-18	6 km Red	PS	7.5 km Orange	PPSS

**Note: 150 Meter penalty loop for the above classes in both competitions**

<b>Canadian/ Atlantic Cup Classes</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sprint</b>	<b>Sprint Sequence</b>	<b>Mass Start</b>	<b>Mass Start Sequence</b>
Adult 4 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	17+	7.5 Green	PS	10 km Red	PPSS
Adult 3 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	17+	6 km Red	PS	7.5 km Orange	PPSS
Adult 2 (17-34, 35-49, 50+)	17+	4.5 km Orange	PS	5 km Purple	PPSS
Adult 1 (17-34, 35-49, 50+) no carry	17+	4.5 km Orange	PS	5 km Purple	PPSS
U17 Standing Boys/	15-16	6 km Red	PS	7.5 km Orange	PPSS
U17 Prone Boys	15-16	6 km Red	PP	8 km Red	PPP
U17 Standing Girls	15-16	6 km Red	PS	7.5 km Orange	PPSS
U17 Prone Girls	15-16	6 km Red	PP	8 km Red	PPP
Junior Boys	12-14	4.5 km Orange	PP	6 km Orange	PPP
Junior Girls	12-14	4.5 km Orange	PP	6 km Orange	PPP
Development 1 Mixed Gender	U17	3 km Purple	PP	4 km Purple	PPP
Development 2 Mixed Gender	U17	4.5 km Orange	PP	6 km Orange	PPP

**Note: 75 Meter penalty loop for the above classes in both competitions**

Air Rifle	13 & Under	2.4 or 3 km Black or Purple	PP	2.4 or 3 km Black or Purple	PP
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**Notes: 1. Black loop may be modified to Purple trail based upon conditions (to be determined)  
2. 50 Meter penalty loop for the above class in both sprint competitions. 3) Rack -to- rack for U17 Prone and Standing and Adult 1. Rifles placed on Mat for Junior Boys and Girls and Development 1 and 2. Development 1 may use rifle rest.**

## Event Schedule

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Fri 21 Feb	0900-1200	Site preparation	Stadium
	1300-1400	Arrival of Teams	Stadium
	1400-1600	Official training	Stadium
	1600-1700	Wax Protocol Drop Off	Biathlon PEI Wax Trailer
	1700	Team Captains Meeting, Election of the Jury, Draw for 22 Feb Competitions	Brookvale Nordic Lodge
Sat 22 Feb	0730-1700	Competition Office open Bib pick-up by team before zero	Competition Office
	0830	Wax Protocol Pick Up	Biathlon PEI Wax Trailer
	0845	Equipment check opens for All Classes	Stadium
	0900-0945	Zero – All Classes	Range
	1000	Sprint Competition – All Classes	Stadium
		Flower Ceremony following competition	Stadium
	1330-1500	Official Training	Stadium & Range
	1430-1530	Wax Protocol Drop Off	Biathlon PEI Wax Trailer
	1500	Team Captains Meeting for 23 Feb Competitions	Brookvale Nordic Lodge
Sun 23 Feb	0730	Competition Office open Bib pick-by teams before zero	Competition Office
	0830	Wax Protocol Pick UP	Biathlon PEI Wax Trailer
	0845	Equipment check opens- All classes	Range
	0900-0945	Zero – all classes	Range
	1000	Mass Start Competition in waves	Stadium
	1100	Sprint Start Competition – Air Rifles	Stadium
		Awards Presentations & Departures	Stadium

**NOTE: The competition timings and configurations are subject to change depending on participation numbers for the various classes of competitors.**

### **Unofficial Training**

The facility, course and range can be used for unofficial training at times outside the site preparation and competition schedule published above. Any training outside the published schedule will be subject to the normal trail/range fees as established by the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale. Visiting teams wishing to use the range outside of official training times will need to contact the Chief of Competition (see organizers for contact info) a minimum of a week in advance for arrangements to be made to allow for range access.

### **Competition Office**

There will be a competition office/information desk in the Technical Building located in the stadium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **Registrations**

All registration will take place in Zone 4 [Eastern Canadian Biathlon Championships](#) and must be completed by 12 February, 2025. Coaches are asked to Register on Zone 4 also at no charge for competitions only charge will be banquet. Questions concerning event registration can be sent to the competition secretary Darlene MacDonald [darlenemacdonald9@gmail.com](mailto:darlenemacdonald9@gmail.com).

### **IBU Membercenter Registration**

Athletes competing at an IBU Regional Event in an IBU class (Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Youth Men, Youth Women) must be registered as athletes in the IBU Membercenter.

This requirement only applies to athletes who are competing in the IBU classes. Athlete registration in the IBU Membercenter will be completed by the athlete's national federation. In the Zone4 registration for this event, athletes will be asked to confirm what national federation they are a member of, and whether they are already registered in the IBU Membercenter. If they are not yet registered in the IBU Membercenter, For Canadian athletes, Biathlon Canada will register them by providing their name, date of birth, and gender to the IBU. Athletes who are members of US Biathlon or other national federation should contact their national federation to complete the registration in the IBU Membercenter if they are not already registered.

### **Fees**

Classes	1 Competition	2 Competitions
Air Rifle & Junior Boys & Girls	\$35	\$55
All other classes	\$50	\$90

## Entries

Entries for the draw for 22 February competitions must be submitted to the Competition Office not later than 1500 hrs, Friday, February 21, 2025 on the entry forms available at the competition office. If the arrival of the team is too late, entries will be made, and drawn, based on the registrations by name. Entries for 23 February Competitions are to be made following completion of the 22 February Competition. Details and timings will be announced at the first coaches meeting.

## Trail and Range Fees

Trail fees payable to the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park for **unofficial training** (training outside of 21-23 February dates) are as follows:

**Adult:** \$12.52 per day per person plus tax

**Student:** \$10.00 per day per person plus tax

**Senior (60+):** \$10.00 per day per person plus tax

A range fee of 5.00 per range user who are not members of the Nordic Sports PEI .22 Caliber program for unofficial training will be charged. This is payable to Nordic Sports PEI.

Trail fees are payable at the Rental Site located in the lower level of the Nordic Lodge with range fees payable at the Competition Office when it is open during the event period.

## Facilities

The Mark Arendz Nordic venue has accessible washrooms in the Main Lodge and wax cabins. Porta Johns will be available in the stadium area. The main floor of the Nordic Lodge and Timing Building (stadium) will serve as volunteer welcome and coordination centers.

## Waxing Rooms

Three waxing rooms will be provided to visiting teams in the new wax building. Access to waxing rooms will be made available through the Competition Office. A park-imposed fee of \$25 per day will be in effect for teams using the wax rooms. A refundable \$50 key deposit will be required.

## Waxing Protocol

Biathlon Canada & the Eastern Canadian Championship Organizing Committee will be executing a universal wax protocol for all athletes. Skis should be clean and free of wax when they are submitted for wax protocol before the published drop-off time and location. The fluoro ban described in the Canadian Hosting Policy will be in effect for this event. The Organizing Committees appointed Wax Protocol Coordinator and a coach from each division will need to be available to prepare skis for competition days.

All athletes must submit one pair of skis to the Biathlon PEI wax cabin (trailer) at the venue during the times indicated in the event schedule. The Waxing Coordinator will make note of the athlete's name and skis, ensure the athlete's skis are waxed and available in the start pen as



they proceed to the start. Athletes and coaches will be permitted to use the team assigned wax cabins and wax forms for training & competition days.

It is recognized that some athletes have limited ski selection so athletes may pick up skis prior to zero and retain throughout the competition.

## **Accommodation and Meals**

There are a number of restaurants, food & grocery services, hotels and Bed and Breakfast options in the local, Summerside and Charlottetown areas. Participants are to arrange their own accommodations. Rifle storage will be in the team accommodations and is a responsibility of the teams.

## **Race Day Lunches**

For this event we have solicited the support of the onsite vendor Bits, Bikes & Brews to make available pre-ordered items on a daily basis.

A lunch meal at a cost of \$18.00 is available with the following options:

- 1 veggie or meat chili with biscuit (the biscuit is not GF) OR veg or meat sandwich
- 1 cinnamon roll (not GF) or, 1 apple, or 1 banana, or energy bar (GF)
- 1 cold drink (Gataorade, Bubly, Pop Shoppe sodas)
- for an additional \$2 choose coffee or hot chocolate.

Individual pre-paid orders will be available on Zone4 at time of registration and available for pick up each day at the Bits Bikes & Brews location at the Nordic Venue (off the upper parking lot).

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and other light snacks are also available to enjoy anytime on their deck.

It is also anticipated that the Downhill lodge cafeteria will also be open on competition days for additional hot and cold food options. This is located a short 3-minute drive from the Nordic Venue.

**Note:** *For those choosing to bring their own lunches, please note that on-site hot food preparation is no longer possible in the lodge following the recent upgrades and the removal of the kitchen area. Potable water & a microwave are available within the lodge from the washrooms and water bottle filling station.*

## **Banquet**

A group reservation at [Top of the Park](#) restaurant at 58 Kensington Rd, Charlottetown has been made for all ages of officials, coaches, athletes and supporters to attend. A buffet is offered at \$29.99 +HST and gratuity. Registrants will be asked to indicate their participation at the dinner during the Zone4 registration process.

The organizing committee has booked a private lounge adjacent to the restaurant for those wanting to attend the banquet, but not have a meal. Refreshments from the bar will be

available. All are encouraged to join in the social event with teammates and event participants after the dinner.

### **Awards Presentations**

Awards will be presented for all classes. The awards ceremony will be presented within the stadium using standard IBU protocols. Awards for First, Second, and Third will be presented in each category, where there are sufficient competitors (4 or more) in the class.

### **Health and Safety and Procedures**

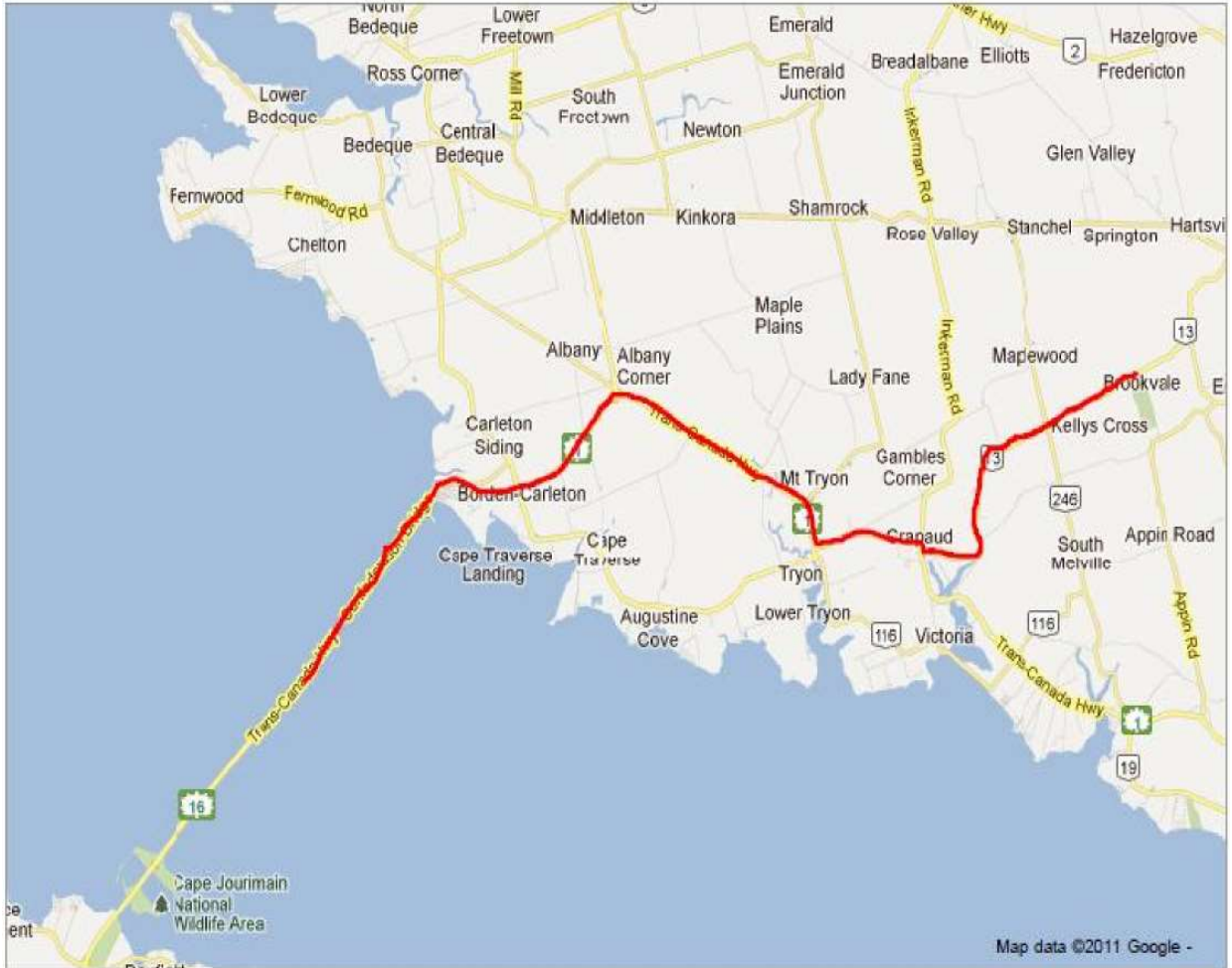
This event will be conducted in a manner to ensure the safety of all participants. The competitions will be supported by Canadian Ski Patrol members. All participants are to be mindful of their own health and should an athlete, team staff member or competition volunteer feel unwell they should take adequate precautions to limit interactions with others.

### **Parking and Stadium Access**

Recent site improvements for Canada Games have altered stadium access from previous years. Teams will park in the upper parking lot and access the Stadium via a pedestrian trail originating behind the new wax buildings. The trail heads east before switching back into the stadium. There will also be a groomed ski trail originating from the wax cabin that will allow athlete access to the stadium.

*The former steep access trail is no-longer in service and is not to be used.*

# Driving Directions to Brookvale

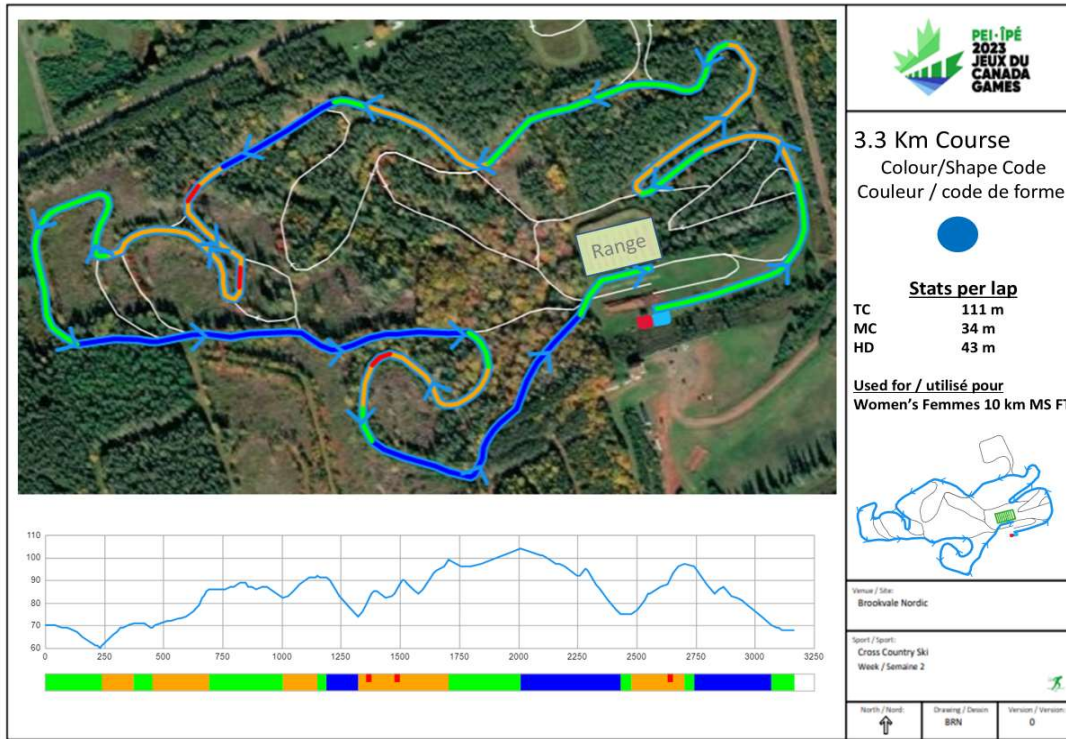


**Stadium Layout**

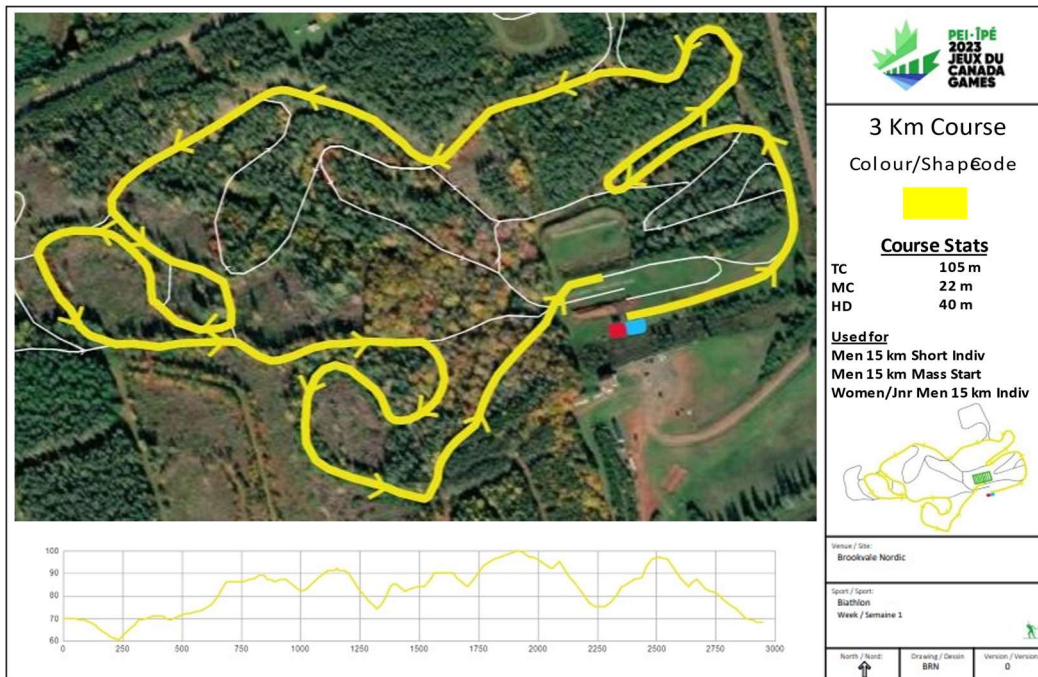


# Course Maps

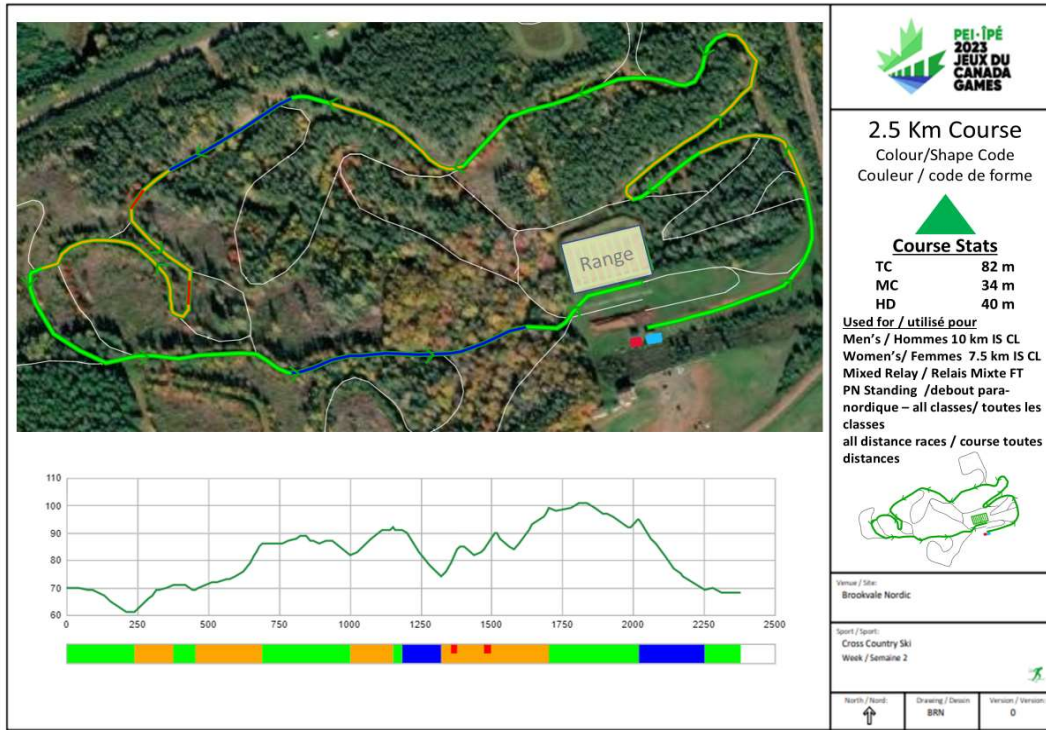
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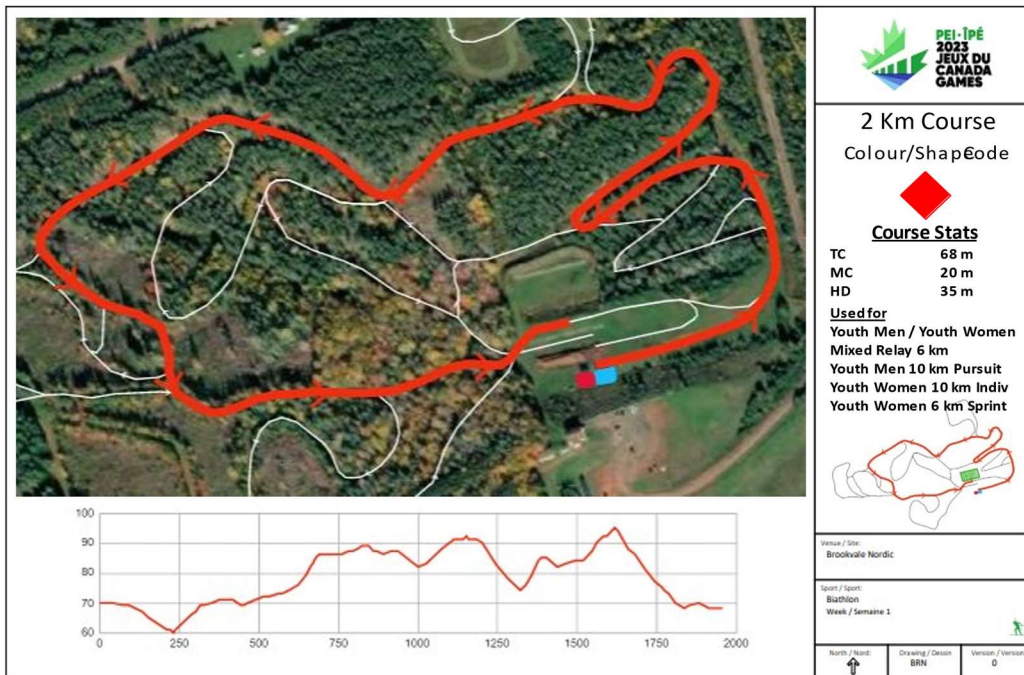
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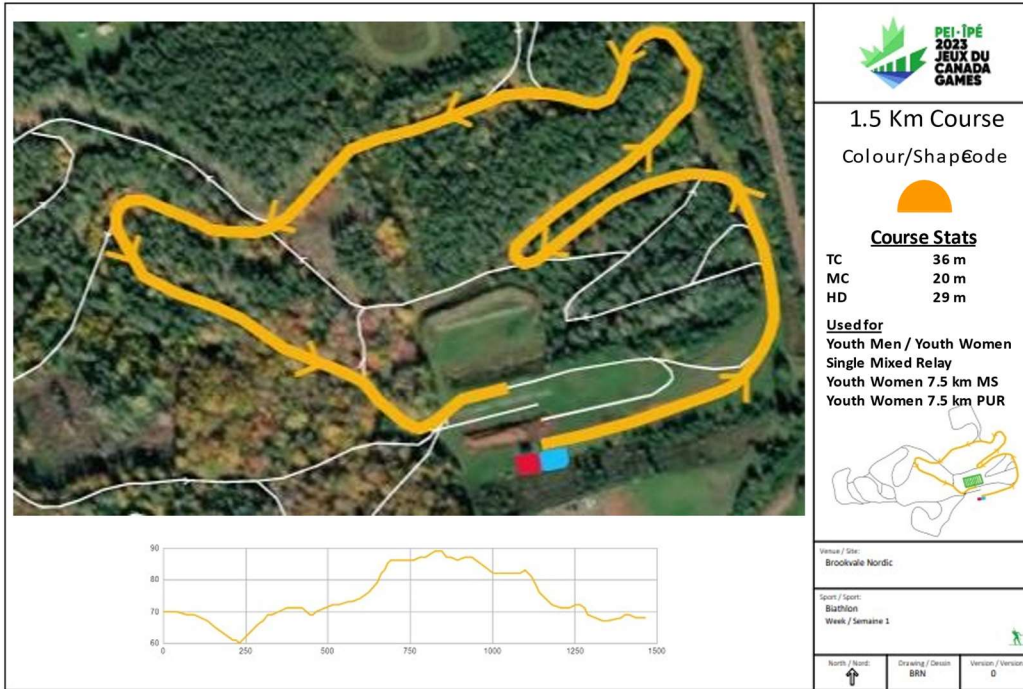
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## Red 2.0



## Orange 1.5



## Purple 1.0



# Black 0.8

