

Östersund, May 2026

Letter of Support for Sweden's Candidature to Host the IBU World Championships 2031

To the International Biathlon Union,

On behalf of Region Jämtland Härjedalen, we are pleased to express our strong and unequivocal support for the Swedish Biathlon Federation's candidature to host the IBU World Championships 2031 in Östersund, Sweden.

Jämtland Härjedalen is a region with a deep-rooted winter sports tradition and a long-standing commitment to biathlon. Östersund has established itself as one of the world's leading venues for biathlon, with modern facilities, a knowledgeable local organisation, and a strong culture of volunteer engagement. The region has repeatedly demonstrated its capacity to successfully host international events at the highest level.

From a regional perspective, hosting the IBU World Championships 2031 would create significant and lasting value. The event would strengthen our efforts to promote public health and active lifestyles, inspire participation in sport among children and young people, and contribute to regional attractiveness and sustainable growth. Major sporting events such as this generate positive impacts across society, including tourism, business development and international visibility.

Region Jämtland Härjedalen is committed to supporting the necessary conditions for a successful championship. This includes well-functioning healthcare services and a robust and resilient infrastructure. As the regional public transport authority, we will take clear responsibility for delivering efficient, reliable and sustainable public transport solutions during the event, with reinforced capacity and well-developed logistics to ensure smooth and climate-efficient mobility for athletes, teams, officials and spectators alike.

We are confident that, together with strong local, regional and national partners, Östersund will deliver an outstanding IBU World Championships in 2031, characterised by high quality, innovation and a memorable experience for athletes, teams and spectators.

Region Jämtland Härjedalen fully supports Sweden's candidature and looks forward to continued cooperation with the International Biathlon Union.

Yours sincerely,

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