



Australian Biathlon Association (ABA) Rifle Hire Agreement - 2011

To the hiring Biathlete:

The ABA has procured Izhmash biathlon rifles to be able to provide high quality training equipment to any current, new or aspiring biathlete. This has been achieved through careful funds management and is one of many ways ensuring the proficient growth and continuation of biathlon within Australia.

In accordance with the guidelines agreed upon by the ABA Executive Committee and in consultation with the ABA Equipment Officer, the hire of these ABA rifles has been set at the following rates: -

1. **\$350 capped per winter season**, IE: 1 April 2011 to 1 October 2011 or,
2. **\$100 per 2 week period.**
3. **\$350 bond deposit** - payable for either hire periods

These costs will be effective for the 2011 season and remain effective until further advised. The nominated bond deposit can be made payable via cheque or EFT deposit held in trust by the ABA Treasurer. Please record all EFT transaction receipts and mark the deposit with "Hire+Surname" on the internet bank page.

Hire rifles can be collected from and later returned to Doug McConville at: - Rays Ski Hire Myrtleford 0357 21306 (please phone prior). Your current firearm licence must be produced at the time of pickup of any rifle.

Terms & Conditions

In accepting responsibility for the hire of an Australian Biathlon Association rifle and its accessories I hereby agree to the following conditions:-

1. **The rifle must be checked and confirmed it is unloaded upon collection and return to the temporary or final storage location.** The rifle must also be cleared of all ammunition at the cessation of each training event.
2. The firearm must be operated in accordance with any and all Victorian Police legislation and typical good common sense habits depicting the safe and correct use of firearms. Always treat the firearm as if it were loaded, never point the barrel at anyone or anything other than the intended biathlon target etc.
3. The rifle must not be used for any other purpose other than training and competing in the sport of biathlon. EG: It must not be used for hunting or "plinking" or any illegal activity.
4. The rifle must be stored in accordance with the storage regulations as listed by the Victorian Police Firearms Laws and in accordance with the conditions of issue of your shooters licence.
5. The rifle and its accessories as listed below must be maintained by the hirer in the same condition as issued on the day of pick-up and must be cleaned and lightly oiled after each use.
6. Should the rifle and its accessories suffer damage, theft, loss or be confiscated whilst in possession of the hirer, the hirer will meet all costs of repairs required to return the rifle and its accessories to its previous state, or replaced at current market value. If any of the above incidents do occur, the hirer must report it to an ABA committee member the within 7 days.
7. The hirer must ensure the rifle is present at all biathlon competition and training days as designated by the ABA or other times deemed necessary by the ABA, during such times the onus of responsibility will be passed to the ABA committee.
8. The rifle must not be sub-loaned to any other person by the hirer.
9. The rifle must not be taken out of Australia without prior approval in writing by the ABA.
10. One Calendar Ski Season will commence on the 1st day of April for the year of hire and terminate on 1st of October the same year of hire.
11. On termination of any hire period the hirer must make all reasonable attempts to return the rifle to the Equipment Officer no later than 2 days after the final day of hire.
12. The ABA agrees to refund all deposit monies upon safe and satisfactory return of any hire rifle once all the above criteria are met. Refunds will be made in the same manner as they were presented.
13. Failure to comply with these conditions may cause the immediate forfeiture of the rifle and its use back to the ABA committee with hire monies forfeited.

Scratch & Dent Policy – (To be read and agreed in addition to the above Terms & Conditions)

The ABA understands that during the course of training and transport equipment can at times be subject to some degree of wear & tear in the form of minor scratches, dents and abrasions.

Each rifle will be checked upon return for any of the above, in addition to the inclusion of a complete inventory of accessories as listed on each rifle check list and presented to the hirer prior to hand-over. Where scratch and dents occur and cover an area on the rifle greater than a 2cm square, or have resulted in part or complete failure of the rifle or one of its parts, the ABA may decide to deduct or retain any part or all of the bond monies to cover repairs or replacement costs.

The cost of insurance to cover casual hire of a firearm far exceeds the resources of many minority sport federations including the ABA. The ABA implicitly entrusts anyone who hires equipment to take the greatest care and to act in a responsible manor at all times to ensure the longest hire time and enjoyment to all current and future participants of biathlon.

The ABA Executive Board may at its sole discretion, elect to ban any hirer permanently or temporarily if they fail to meet any of the above criteria in addition to any current legislation relating to the operation, transport and storage of firearms. Soft carry cases are not to be used for transport of rifles in cars. Only hard cover cases provided with the rifles are to be used.

I hereby agree to the above Terms and Conditions for hire of the following ABA rifle: -

Hirer's Name.....

Address.....

Contact Phone Numbers

Shooters Licence No..... Expiry.....

Signature Date.....

Rifle Make.....

Rifle Model.....

Rifle Serial Number.....

Rifle Case Number.....

Amount being paid:

1a) \$350.00 for one current ski season or 1b) \$100 per 2 week period

PLUS

2) \$350 bond (applicable for either hire period)

TOTAL BEING PAID: \$

Circle Form of Payment: - Cheque / EFT (preferred method)

Bendigo Bank

A/c Name: Australian/Victorian Biathlon Assoc

A/c Number: 1211 14466

BSB: 633 108

Please make all cheques payable to Australian Biathlon Association

Please forward to:-

ABA Treasurer

PO Box 8765

Armadale VIC 3143

Or scan and email to: treasurer-aba@netspace.net.au