

## **St. Lawrence Valley Snowshoe Biathlon 2017 Official Rules**

1. Participants must wear or carry the appropriate style of snowshoes for their race division. Race officials will decide on Saturday morning whether people must wear snowshoes or carry them. Once a decision is made one way or the other the decision will be in place for both days of the event.
2. Traditional flintlock and percussion rifles and smoothbore firearms with open sights may participate in the biathlon's primitive divisions. Primitive participants must use wooden snowshoes.
3. In-Line rifles with open sights or scopes may participate in the In-Line division. In-Line participants may use wooden or modern snowshoes.
4. Primitive and In-Line participants will be scored separately.
5. ***Participants must stay on the designated biathlon trail.***
6. Participants younger than 16 years of age will be required to run the course with a parent or responsible adult.
7. ***Participants shall not carry loaded firearms on the course and must load their firearm from the bag in the presence of the race official.***
8. Participants must call their shots (for instance – “shooting at the target on the far left”).
9. Hits shall be recorded on the scoring form with a “X” for a hit and “o” for a miss. Misfires or ignition failures count as a miss.
10. All shooting will be done off-hand unaided by shooting sticks, slings or other external aids.
11. Paper cartridges and loading blocks are acceptable. Plastic speed loaders are not permitted.
12. The axe throw is optional, but a hit will reduce the running time by 5 minutes.
13. Race official's rulings on questions regarding the rules are final.
14. ***People under the influence of, or abusing alcohol and illegal narcotics shall not be permitted to participate in the event.***