

USA BIATHLON OLYMPIC HISTORY

US Olympic History: Biathlon was first contested at the 1960 Winter Olympics for men, with women's biathlon coming onto the Olympic Program in 1992. The United States has never failed to be represented in biathlon at the Olympics, on both the men's and women's side.

Unfortunately, the United States has struggled in this event and has never won an Olympic biathlon medal. The best finish by any American biathlete was a 6th in the 1972 men's relay by the team of Peter Karns, Terry Morse, Dennis Donahue, and Jay Bowerman. Individually the best finish was 9th by Jeremy Teela in the 2010 10 km, with Jay Hakkinen placing 10th in the 2006 20 km.

The women's best finish has been 8th in the 1994 relay by the team of Beth Coats, Joan Smith, Laura Tavares, and Joan Guetschow. The best individual finish by a US woman was 14th by Joan Smith in the 1994 15 km.

Biathlon Olympic Program

Event	Class	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Games
10 kilometres	M						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	10
15 km. mass start	M													x	x	x	3
20 kilometres	M	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15
Relay	M			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	13
Pursuit	M												x	x	x	x	4
7.5 kilometres	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
12.5 km. mass start	F													x	x	x	3
15 kilometres	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Relay	F									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Pursuit	F												x	x	x	x	4
Mixed Relay	X															x	1
Totals	M	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	45
Totals	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	28
Totals	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	All	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	6	6	6	8	10	10	10	74

USA Biathlon Competitors by Year

Year	Site	Men	Women	Both
1960	Squaw Valley	4	---	4
1964	Innsbruck	4	---	4
1968	Grenoble	5	---	5
1972	Sapporo	4	---	4
1976	Innsbruck	5	---	5
1980	Lake Placid	6	---	6
1984	Sarajevo	6	---	6
1988	Calgary	5	---	5
1992	Albertville	5	6	11
1994	Lillehammer	4	5	9
1998	Nagano	4	5	9
2002	Salt Lake City	4	4	8
2006	Torino	4	5	9
2010	Vancouver	5	4	9
Gross Totals		65	29	94
1 Olympic Winter Games		29	13	42
2 Olympic Winter Games		8	8	16
3 Olympic Winter Games		4	0	4
4 Olympic Winter Games		2	0	2
Actual Totals		43	21	64

Most Appearances, USA, Men

4	Lyle Nelson (1976/1980/1984/1988)
4	Jay Hakkinen (1998/2002/2006/2010)
3	Martin Hagen (1976/1980/1984)
3	Josh Thompson (1984/1988/1992)
3	Jeremy Teela (2002/2006/2010)
3	Curt Schreiner (1988/1992/1994)
2	Bill Spencer (1964/1968)
2	Dennis Donahue (1972/1976)
2	Donald Nielsen, Jr. (1980/1984)
2	Bill Carow (1984/1988)
2	Duncan Douglas (1992/1994)
2	Tim Burke (2006/2010)
2	Lowell Bailey (2006/2010)

Most Appearances, USA, Women

2	Beth Coats (1992/1994)
2	Joan Guetschow (1992/1994)
2	Mary Ostergren (1992/1994)
2	Joan Smith (1992/1994)
2	Kristina Sabasteanski (1998/2002)
2	Kara Salmela (1998/2002)
2	Rachel Steer (2002/2006)
2	Lanny Barnes (2006/2010)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Men

20-207	Jay Hakkinen (1998-20 kilometres, *19 July 1977)
20-214	Hakkinen (1998-10 kilometres Sprint, *19 July 1977)
20-217	Hakkinen (1998-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *19 July 1977)
20-281	Glen Eberle (1984-20 kilometres, *6 May 1963)
20-348	Curt Schreiner (1988-20 kilometres, *9 March 1967)
20-351	Schreiner (1988-10 kilometres Sprint, *9 March 1967)
20-354	Schreiner (1988-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 March 1967)
21-126	Martin Hagen (1976-20 kilometres, *3 October 1954)
21-291	Darin Binning (1988-20 kilometres, *5 May 1966)
21-292	Andrew Erickson (1998-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *5 May 1976)
21-297	Binning (1988-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *5 May 1966)
21-354	Wynn Roberts (2010-20 kilometres, *1 March 1988)
21-361	Josh Thompson (1984-10 kilometres Sprint, *18 February 1962)
21-364	Thompson (1984-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *18 February 1962)
23-148	John Ehrensbeck (1968-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *19 September 1944)
23-173	Jon Chaffee (1968-20 kilometres, *22 August 1944)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Men

39-016	Lyle Nelson (1988-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 February 1949)
39-013	Nelson (1988-10 kilometres Sprint, *9 February 1949)
36-348	Jon Engen (1994-20 kilometres, *9 March 1957)
36-343	Engen (1994-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 March 1957)
35-007	Nelson (1984-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 February 1949)
35-001	Nelson (1984-20 kilometres, *9 February 1949)
34-348	Jon Engen (1992-20 kilometres, *9 March 1957)
34-344	ngen (1992-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 March 1957)
33-090	Jeremy Teela (2010-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *28 November 1976)
33-085	Teela (2010-15 kilometres Mass Start, *28 November 1976)
33-080	Teela (2010-12.5 kilometres Pursuit, *28 November 1976)
33-078	Teela (2010-10 kilometres Sprint, *28 November 1976)

32-222 Jay Hakkinen (2010-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *19 July 1977)
 32-214 Hakkinen (2010-20 kilometres, *19 July 1977)
 32-212 Hakkinen (2010-12.5 kilometres Pursuit, *19 July 1977)
 32-210 Hakkinen (2010-10 kilometres Sprint, *19 July 1977)
 32-122 Donald Nielsen, Jr. (1984-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *18 October 1951)
 32-119 Nielsen, Jr. (1984-10 kilometres Sprint, *18 October 1951)
 31-236 Bill Spencer (1968-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *23 June 1936)
 31-233 Spencer (1968-20 kilometres, *23 June 1936)
 31-174 Dennis Donahue (1976-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *22 August 1944)
 31-045 Johnny Ruger (1980-20 kilometres, *1 January 1949)
 31-012 Nelson (1980-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *9 February 1949)
 31-009 Nelson (1980-10 kilometres Sprint, *9 February 1949)
 30-092 Erich Wilbrecht (1992-10 kilometres Sprint, *12 November 1961)

Youngest Competitor, USA, Women

22-107 Laura Spector (2010-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *30 October 1987)
 22-112 Spector (2010-15 kilometres, *30 October 1987)
 22-117 Spector (2010-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *30 October 1987)
 23-293 Tracy Barnes (2006-15 kilometres, *26 April 1982)
 23-293 Lanny Barnes (2006-15 kilometres, *26 April 1982)
 23-296 Barnes (2006-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *26 April 1982)
 23-303 Barnes (2006-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *26 April 1982)
 23-303 Barnes (2006-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *26 April 1982)
 23-334 Carolyn Treacy (2006-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *19 March 1982)
 23-341 Treacy (2006-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *19 March 1982)
 23-358 Andrea Nahrgang (2002-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *20 February 1978)
 23-361 Nahrgang (2002-10 kilometres Pursuit, *20 February 1978)
 23-363 Nahrgang (2002-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *20 February 1978)
 24-017 Rachel Steer (2002-15 kilometres, *25 January 1978)
 24-019 Steer (2002-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *25 January 1978)
 24-022 Steer (2002-10 kilometres Pursuit, *25 January 1978)
 24-024 Steer (2002-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *25 January 1978)
 24-231 Joan Smith (1992-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *25 June 1967)
 24-234 Smith (1992-3 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *25 June 1967)
 24-239 Smith (1992-15 kilometres, *25 June 1967)
 24-352 Ntala Skinner (1998-15 kilometres, *22 February 1973)
 24-362 Skinner (1998-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *22 February 1973)
 25-129 Sara Studebaker (2010-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *7 October 1984)
 25-132 Studebaker (2010-10 kilometres Pursuit, *7 October 1984)
 25-134 Studebaker (2010-15 kilometres, *7 October 1984)
 25-139 Studebaker (2010-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *7 October 1984)
 25-158 Joan Guetschow (1992-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *6 September 1966)

Oldest Competitor, USA, Women

38-175 Sarah Konrad (2006-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *26 August 1967)
 38-172 Konrad (2006-15 kilometres, *26 August 1967)
 35-271 Deborah Nordyke (1998-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *20 May 1962)
 33-090 Mary Ostergren (1994-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *25 November 1960)
 32-323 Kristina Sabasteanski (2002-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *1 April 1969)
 32-316 Sabasteanski (2002-15 kilometres, *1 April 1969)
 32-120 Nancy Bell-Johnstone (1992-15 kilometres, *22 October 1959)
 32-115 Bell-Johnstone (1992-3 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *22 October 1959)
 32-112 ell-Johnstone (1992-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *22 October 1959)
 32-089 Patrice Anderson (1992-15 kilometres, *22 November 1959)
 31-080 Mary Ostergren (1992-3 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *25 November 1960)
 31-077 Ostergren (1992-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *25 November 1960)

29-304 Stacey Wooley (1998-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *21 April 1968)
29-300 Wooley (1998-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *21 April 1968)
29-294 Wooley (1998-15 kilometres, *21 April 1968)
29-247 Kara Salmela (2002-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *16 June 1972)
29-245 Salmela (2002-10 kilometres Pursuit, *16 June 1972)
29-242 Salmela (2002-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *16 June 1972)
29-240 Salmela (2002-15 kilometres, *16 June 1972)
28-324 Sabasteanski (1998-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *1 April 1969)
28-320 Sabasteanski (1998-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *1 April 1969)
28-077 Haley Johnson (2010-4 x 6 kilometres Relay, *8 December 1981)
28-075 Laura Tavares (1994-4 x 7.5 kilometres Relay, *12 December 1965)
28-072 Johnson (2010-15 kilometres, *8 December 1981)
28-068 Tavares (1994-15 kilometres, *12 December 1965)
28-067 Johnson (2010-7.5 kilometres Sprint, *8 December 1981)

BIATHLON – THE EVENTS / USA

Men

10 kilometres

Best Finish

9th Jeremy Teela (2010)

Youngest Competitor, USA

20-214 Jay Hakkinen (1998, *19 July 1977)

Oldest Competitor, USA

39-013 Lyle Nelson (1988, *9 February 1949)

Pursuit

Best Finish

13th Jay Hakkinen (2002)

Youngest Competitor, USA

24-015 Tim Burke (2006, *3 February 1982)

Oldest Competitor, USA

33-080 Jeremy Teela (2010, *28 November 1976)

15 kilometres

Best Finish

13th Jay Hakkinen (2006)

Youngest Competitor, USA

28-018 Tim Burke (2010, *3 February 1982)

Oldest Competitor, USA

33-085 Jeremy Teela (2010, *28 November 1976)

20 kilometres

Best Finish

10th Jay Hakkinen (2006)

Youngest Competitor, USA

20-207 Jay Hakkinen (1998, *19 July 1977)

Oldest Competitor, USA

36-348 Jon Engen (1994, *9 March 1957)

Relay

Best Finish

6th USA Team (1972) (Peter Karns, Terry Morse, Dennis Donahue, Jay Bowerman)

Youngest Competitor, USA

20-217 Jay Hakkinen (1998, *19 July 1977)

Oldest Competitor, USA

39-016 Lyle Nelson (1988, *9 February 1949)

Women

7.5 kilometres

Best Finish

21st Joan Smith (1992)

Youngest Competitor, USA

22-107 Laura Spector (2010, *30 October 1987)

Oldest Competitor, USA

38-175 Sarah Konrad (2006, *26 August 1967)

Pursuit

Best Finish

39th Rachel Steer (2006)

Youngest Competitor, USA

23-361 Andrea Nahrgang (2002, *20 February 1978)

Oldest Competitor, USA

29-245 Kara Salmela (2002, *16 June 1972)

12.5 kilometres

The USA has never had an entrant in this event (first held in 2006).

15 kilometres

Best Finish

14th Joan Smith (1994)

Youngest Competitor, USA

22-112 Laura Spector (2010, *30 October 1987)

Oldest Competitor, USA

38-172 Sarah Konrad (2006, *26 August 1967)

Relay

Best Finish

8th USA Team (1994) (Beth Coats, Joan Smith, Laura Tavares, Joan Guetschow)

Youngest Competitor, USA

22-117 Laura Spector (2010, *30 October 1987)

Oldest Competitor, USA

32-323 Kristina Sabasteanski (2002, *1 April 1969)

Mixed**2 x 6 kilometres & 2 x 7.5 kilometres Relay**

This event has never been held before at the Winter Olympics.