



Dear Biathlon Community,

While our friends in the eastern US have been enjoying a winter for the ages, it's no secret that the west has been struggling. As such, we want to provide an update to the conditions and plan for U.S. Biathlon Senior Nationals and Spring Festival scheduled for Soldier Hollow, March 26-29.

Spring Nationals is a time to bring our community together to celebrate athletes retiring and the close of the season. For these reasons, we still hope to hold races, even if it means smaller loops or other necessary adjustments. The unfortunate reality we face is that despite herculean snowmaking efforts by the staff at Soldier Hollow, the change in weather pattern for the next ten days means there will be significant loss of snow on the trails. We're hopeful that the large amounts of snow the venue crew has stockpiled will prove to be enough to support us racing in a few weeks.

In order to make the best choice, USBA and Soldier Hollow venue staff will meet Monday morning, March 16 to make a final call on whether or not we can safely hold races. In the event we need to cancel, Soldier Hollow will fully refund registrations. We regret being in the position of possibly canceling Nationals, but mother nature has not made this season easy for western biathletes! Thank you for your understanding, and we will be in touch next week.

Best,
U.S. Biathlon & Soldier Hollow