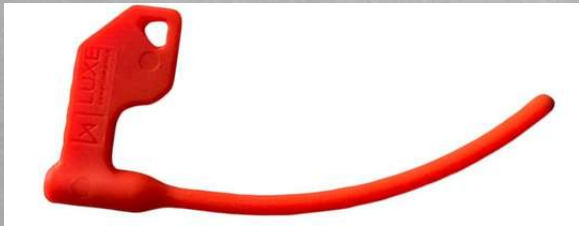- **<u>Safety Marker (Rule 8.5.1.1) – ie. Rifle Safety Indictor (RSI)</u>** - This will be the biggest learning curve for everyone.

- This applies to all levels of events & **training**. The easiest way to look at this is the only time when a marker should not be present is during active "biathlon-ing" – ie. zeroing & competition.

- The marker needs to be in place upon arrival at the venue and prior to departing. It must be present at equipment control and as you leave control.

- It needs to remain in place until the competitor heads to the range to begin zeroing. If the rifle is not ready to be used (sitting on a warmup rack), the marker needs to be in place.

- While zeroing, the rifles can be left on a rack without the marker but it must be replaced as soon as the competitor is done zeroing. It then stays in place until **removed by a start official** in the start lineup.

- As soon as the athlete clears the finish safety check, the marker needs to be replaced and is not to be removed from this point forward (excepting any random finish trigger weight checks).

- Any violation of this rule will be referred to the competition jury for discussion. Technically, a disqualification should result but warnings will be considered.

- Team rifles follow the same policy but must have the marker in place until/if it is needed (USBA Clarification - 12/22/2025).

- NY club races – recommend having a supply of weed string trimmer line available. This is a quick solution to anyone who arrives without a marker.

Example

- Driving to venue – RSI In

- Carrying rifle from vehicle to range and dropping on the rack – RSI In

- Waiting for zero to open – RSI In (regardless if rifle is on rack or competitors back)

- Zero open – RSI Out, removed by competitor

- Zero open – rifle on rack while skiing a warmup loop before shooting – RSI Out

- Zero open but done zeroing – RSI In

- Zero open, done zeroing but skiing around waiting for start – RSI In

- Zero closed – RSI In

- Waiting for start – RSI In

- Lining up for start – RSI In until removed by start official

- Racing – RSI Out

- Finish – Retrieve RSI and put in place. RSI In from this point forward