

Canadian Masters
Pre - Winter update
November 2023

The current snow news.

Snow is currently falling at higher elevations in the west with some members skiing in Canmore, Alberta on frozen thunder. In BC Whistler reports wet conditions and Sovereign Lake is opening November 10th and Silverstar Mountain is currently snowing while Nickel Plate XC ski club in the south Okanagan had groomed skate courses. Whitehorse Yukon reports skiing on a terrain loop on natural snow. In the Atlantic region Labrador City, Labrador reports packed trails at the site of the 2024 Canadian Masters Championships at Menihek Nordic Club. Snow is finally accumulating after unusually warm weather throughout most of Canada. The good news is recent forecasts seem to be indicating colder weather for the entire country so fingers crossed your area gets snow soon.

Vuokatti Finland - Masters World Cup, February 2023 - This is the final call for skiers interested in booking accommodations in Vuokatti as we are finalizing our accommodations for this epic Finnish ski region. I will have to release the remaining rooms, apartments/ chalets by November 15th so please contact me asap if you would like to join the team - email Mike at canadianmastersxcski@gmail.com

There are two very exciting add-ons right after the Vuokatti Masters World Cup. A three day tour of three different ski areas with bus transportation to each area all organized by JD Downing President World Masters Association. JD will recommend accommodation which you will need to book privately. The other ad-on is the Estonia World Loppet - Tartu 2024 which occurs on the weekend of final Masters World Cup distance races. I can direct you to the correct information if interested.

Check out the Vuokatti MWC link if you want more information – <https://mwc2024.com>
FYI - The Finland World Loppet is approximately one week after the Vuokatti World Cup

Canadian Masters Ski Association annual membership - It is time to renew or sign up on Zone4 for your annual membership so our regions can continue their great work on behalf of Masters. Your modest fees go directly to support emerging masters programs in your region and ensure we have a voice at the International table for World Masters. Programs such as Ontario's point race series, training days, Alberta's new website for everything Masters, New Brunswick's first masters ski sessions, BC/Yukon support for new loppet series and getting our National Director to annual AGM/Pre MWC meetings. Our dedicated volunteer Directors are working hard to

increase resources and programming for master skiers right across Canada. Please consider renewing your memberships even if you cannot join us in Vuokatti, Finland.

Future Masters World Cups *“these bucket list MWC events are going to be awesome!”*

2025 - Klosters Switzerland - March 2025 (combine Engadin World Loppet) quiet town in Swiss Alps in close proximity to Davos, St Moritz and the Engadine valley.

2026 - Sappada, Italy - January 29 - February 6, 2026 (Winter Olympics - Milan/Cortina)
A beautiful village in the Northern Italian Alps only hours away from venues for the 2026 Winter Olympics ... Wow! Plans are underway to add on Olympic events after the Masters World Cup.

2027 - Tromsø Norway - Plans are underway for the Northern Norwegian city to host the World Masters cup in this beautiful coastal city on their historic ski courses. More details fall 2024.

Canadian Masters National Championships March 2024

Menihek Nordic Ski Club, Labrador City, Newfoundland & Labrador

The Menihek Nordic Ski Club (MNSC) is very proud to host the Canadian Masters Cross-Country Ski Championship held from March 20th to 23rd, 2024. Every skier who registers will have a chance to win an Apple watch (valued at \$800). Please be advised that flights and accommodations book up quickly. Book early to guarantee your flight and accommodations. Registration is open on Zone4. See you this March at Nationals.

Canadian Masters Social to kick off new season - Everyone Invited - SilverStar Mountain resort - Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, 5 pm until 7pm - Optional dinner afterwards. Presentation by National Team coach, Eric De Nys and prizes for answering skill testing questions. Welcome to all Masters who are skiing early snow at Sovereign Lake and Silverstar Mountain resort! 100 + km of daily groomed trails will be awesome for early skiing. See you on the mountain.

Fluro products - FIS ban is official but what does that mean for masters throughout Canada?

The recent Fluro wax ban for FIS events has created a bit of an ethical dilemma throughout the nordic world. Do I still use fluros waxes because they are still the fastest waxes?

Fluro products are still available although limited and at our recent WMA meetings WMA Directors representing many countries believe these products will still be used in events without bans and/or expensive testing equipment. Our own WMA Directors agreed there is no practical way our World Masters Organizing committees can enforce this ban at this point. Here in my area local BC nordic clubs have a Provincial wide policy that bans fluoro products for skate and classic loppets and Tech Cups. So easy to go with an honour system and not use for these events. However what about International or larger events? How do we ensure a level playing field? Send your opinions and thoughts to canadianmastersxcski@google.com. Let me know if I can post your comments on our Canadian Masters website.

Canadian Masters Clothing 2023-2024

Interested in getting Canadian Masters Clothing- Thank you to our Alberta Director Gary for taking on the Jakroo clothing this season. Updated materials for one piece race suit and new lighter warm up jackets, Arendal are highlights for this season. The Jakroo team store for our clothing will open on November 18th and close on December 8th (FYI - Can only have on-line open for 21 days).

Canadian Masters Ski Toques and Headbands



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Back by popular demand, we have reordered our amazing and stylish Canadian Masters toques and headbands from Sauce Activewear. They should be ready by mid-December.

The Toque is the Swift Toque, we have the following available:

Size Small / Medium	with white tassel	7
Size Medium	with no tassel	3
Size Medium/Large	with red pompom	12

All Toques are **\$35 CAD including tax**, plus extra for Canada Post (if you need to have shipped)

The Headband is the Ventilator headband, we have the following available:

One size (fits all)	with Canada pattern	12
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Headbands are **\$33 CAD including tax**, plus extra for Canada Post (if you need to have shipped).

To order, please contact wendy@blackfeather.com . Please include your size and snail mail address. Payment should be made by e-transfer to canadianmastersxcski@gmail.com