

Northern Cup



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Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club hosts Teck Northern Cup #1 and #2 and BC Winter Games Trials (Zone 7)

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(Smithers, BC)



An abundance of snow and incredible volunteers brought almost 100 racers from Northern BC to Smithers on December 30th and 31st for the Teck Northern Cup 1 & 2 and BC Winter Games Trials (Zone 7, Northwest).

Saturday was a day of sticky klister skis for the 92 racers and countless wax techs participating in the interval start classic technique race. Athletes ranging in ages from 5 – 65 years, from Terrace to Prince George, lined up at the start gate waiting for the chance to chase down the racer in front of them. Saturday's race was also a qualifying race for young athletes hoping to make the Zone 7 cross country ski team for the BC Winter Games that will be held in Quesnel from February 22-25, 2024. While healthy competition was apparent on the course, the camaraderie at the finish line, the amazing meal shared together in the day lodge, and the cheers at the awards ceremony were a true sign of a successful race day.





Sunday morning's cold temperatures and masterful waxing brought on a very speedy free technique mass start race. A highlight in the start was when the lead pack of male skiers happened to be passing through the stadium lap lane at the same moment that the female skiers were setting off from the start gates. It was like salmon in a river all meeting at a convergence, crossing paths and racing for the home stretch. And a dramatic finish caught the attention of all those in the stadium when a pack of U16 racers battled for the lead while coach and racer Ryan Chapman nipped at their heels.

An enormous thank you to all the sponsors, volunteer coaches, waxing techs, race committee and event volunteers for making this Teck Northern cup #1 and #2 happen. Our gratitude to Teck Resources Limited for sponsoring this event.

Race results are posted on Zone 4:
<https://zone4.ca/event/2023/1ZwxRr/>

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Cross Country BC (CCBC), the provincial sport governing body for cross country skiing in British Columbia, is a not-for-profit, club-based organization of more than 27,000 members. CCBC offers programs and services to support the continuous development of cross country skiing for all ages and abilities, from introductory experiences to international excellence.

Teck Resources Limited is the title sponsor of CCBC's Skier Development Program, thereby supporting excellence in sport and providing youth with experiences that will help them prepare for the future. For more information on Cross Country BC, please visit www.crosscountrybc.ca.



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