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***Chief of Competitions Announced for 2024 World Para Nordic Events***

**March 3 – 17, 2024** two WORLDS will come together in Prince George, BC at the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club.

Today, the Local Organizing Committee announced that John Aalberg will take on the role of Chief of Competitions for the **2024 Para Biathlon World Championships** and **2024 Para Nordic World Cup Finals**.

"We are absolutely delighted to welcome John Aalberg as our Chief of Competition for our two world events happening in March of 2024. John is one of the best in the world for organizing and officiating top level Nordic events and it's an honour to welcome him to our team in Prince George to work alongside and inspire our local officials and next generation", announced Kevin Pettersen, Chair of the local organizing committee.

The role of the Chief of Competition is vast and encompasses responsibilities in pre-planning, execution during, and evaluation and debrief post Competition.

John Aalberg has long experience in designing, managing, organising and operating large international Nordic sport-venues and events. He has led the design, development and operations of two Olympic- and Paralympic Nordic (Cross-Country and Biathlon) venues in the USA and Canada in 2002 and 2010, led the final venue design and operational organization at the Nordic World Championship in Oslo 2011 and the Junior World Championship in Whistler 2023 as well as built or directed several World Cup event committees in USA; Canada and Norway.

He has been a key advisor for design and operations at the Nordic venues for the 2014, 2018 and 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and was the designer of the Nordic Combined courses at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Games and the Cross-Country venue and courses for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games. He has designed multiple Cross-Country and Biathlon stadiums and ski/roller ski courses in many countries, and has coordinated and directed over 100 World Cup, Olympic and World Championship competition events in three countries.



"I have been so fortunate to work throughout the world designing, managing, organizing and operating large international Nordic Sport-venues and events. During my time as a jury member for the 2019 WPNSC I was extremely impressed by the level of competition that was delivered in Prince George, the incredible venue and the team that was behind it and I am looking forward to playing more of an integral role," said Aalberg.

Caledonia Nordic Ski Club is focused on hosting many more international events in the future. The 2024 World championships will mark the second time world championship events have been hosted at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club.

"John is very familiar with our club, our facility and our people, having served as a jury member for the 2019 World Para Nordic Ski Championships held in Prince George. We are so looking forward to working with John to bring the magic in 2024; helping us build on our reputation as a Centre of Excellence for Para sports in the years to come." added Pettersen.

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