

RACE NOTICE

Coast Outdoors P'ayakentsut Cross Country Ski Event

Saturday, February 28, 2026

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RACE LOCATION: Whistler Olympic Park, Callaghan Valley, Whistler, BC.

Whistler Olympic Park, the site of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games, is located 16 kilometers southwest of Whistler, 50 kilometers north of Squamish and 115 kilometers north of Vancouver in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. Access to the event site is on fully-paved roads and there is on-site parking. Carpooling is encouraged. Full location information: www.whistlerolympicpark.com.

Snow tires (not all-season) or chains are required north of Squamish in winter conditions. You may be turned around at Alice Lake if there is heavy snow and you do not have winter tires.

HOST CLUB: Callaghan Valley Cross Country

Coast Outdoors' P'ayakentsut is organized by Callaghan Valley Cross Country with the active support of members of the following ski clubs:

- Nordic Racers – Vancouver <https://www.nordicracers.ca>
- Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club www.hollyburnxc.ca
- Whistler Nordic Ski Club www.whistlernordics.com
- Spud Valley Nordic Club <https://spudvalleynordics.wordpress.com>
- Sea to Sky Nordics <http://seatoskynordics.ca>

RULES: The Payak is a Popular Competition as set out at section 380 of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR). Popular Cross-Country Competitions are open to all Cross-Country competitors, licensed and non-licensed, without limitation on competition distance or format.

START TIME: 10:00 am. Loppet starts in waves – 50K, 25K, 15K, approx. 20 minutes apart and the Payak Mini starts at 12:45 pm. Sit ski 10 K starts at 10:45 am (check the schedule on next page and at <http://www.payak.ca/race-day-schedule/>)



RACE OFFICIALS:

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Chief of Timing:	Katja Ananyeva	
Chief of Course:	Theresa Oswald	
Chief of Stadium:	Michael Lim	

LICENSE: \$3 SMDL license is required by Nordiq Canada

INSURANCE: Event insurance is provided through Nordiq Canada. All racers must purchase a \$3 same day license to participate. Skiers are provided a day pass to Whistler Olympic Park. Skiers should be familiar with the terms and conditions of the Whistler Olympic Park day pass/seasons pass.

ENTRY: Skiers must register and pay online on Zone4

Fees increase at midnight on December 31, 2025 and again on February 14, 2026. See registration fee amounts in the table below.

Change Fees: \$10 to January 31, 2026 at midnight, after that \$20 - plus any increase in posted price for category.

NO CHANGES ALLOWED after February 25, 2026.

Entry fees will be refunded, minus service fees, if the organizers cancel the event.

ENTRY DEADLINE: February 25, 2026: midnight PST. Absolutely no late entries accepted!

WAXING POLICY: We follow the CCBC waxing policy regarding the use of fluorocarbons. This is a self-governed policy on the use of fluorinated glide and kick wax. Click <https://www.crosscountrybc.ca/ccbc-wax-protocol-0> to see the policy in detail and list of approved waxes.

Masters Ranking List: Payak is proud to be participating in the Masters Ranking List initiative offered by Nordiq Canada. You must purchase a membership in the Canadian Masters Cross Country Ski Association and a Nordiq Canada U20+ racing license to participate in this program. Click here <https://nordiqcanada.ca/canadian-masters-ranking-list/> for more information.

CATEGORIES: Please note that age categories are age as of **December 31, 2025**.



Event	Description	Approximate Distance	Age Categories	Start Time	Awards	Registration Fee*
Payak 50	Loppet (free)	50 Km	Open	10:00 am	Top 6 male Top 6 female	Pre \$100 Early \$115 Full \$150
Payak 25	Loppet (free)	25 Km	Open	10:20 am	Top 6 male Top 6 female	Pre \$85 Early \$100 Full \$135
Payak 15	Loppet (free)	15 Km	Open	10:40 am	Top 6 male Top 6 female	Pre \$55 Early \$70 Full \$105
Payak Youth 15	Loppet (free)	15 Km	13-17	10:40 am	13-15 and 16-17 Top 3 Male Top 3 Female	Pre \$45 Early \$60 Full \$95
Payak Sit Ski	Loppet (free)	10 Km	Open	10:45 am	Overall male and female	Pre \$35 Early \$50 Full \$85
Payak Kids Mini	Loppet (free)	5 km	5-12	12:45 pm	Cookie medal	Pre \$15 Early \$20 Full \$35
Payak Kids Mini Escort	Loppet (free)	5 Km	Parents/ Guardians	12:45 pm	n/a	Pre \$40 Early \$50 Full \$65

Pre-registration until midnight December 31, 2025.

Para-Nordic Standing receive \$20 discount.

Early Bird until midnight February 14, 2026.

* Skiers will only be timed for the event & distance for which they have registered. If that distance is not completed, the skier will be marked Did Not Finish (DNF). Start times are subject to change & will be listed in the start list.

All loppet skiers are eligible for draw prizes.

◆ PRIZING – Overall Male & Female: 50 km

1st \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300

Overall Male & Female: 25 km

1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

- TRAIL PASSES:** Included in race entry fee.
- COURSE MAPS:** See: www.payak.ca/course for course maps and profiles. Courses subject to change.
- SNOW & WEATHER:** See: <https://www.whistlerolympicpark.com/conditions>
- BIB PICK UP - SAT** Bibs and transponders can be picked up on February 28 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Technical Building, next to the Stadium area. Bibs will be available for Payak Mini starting at 11 until 12:30. Payak Mini entrants will not be timed.
- START LISTS:** We recommend that you check the confirmation list for this event to be sure you have registered correctly. Start lists will be available from the Race Office on the day of the event and posted online on Zone4 on Friday, February 27.
- FOOD / WATER:** For races of 15 km or more, there will be feed stations. Please see course maps. There will be a feed station in the stadium area, as well as on course.
- CUT-OFF TIME:** All skiers not reaching the 25 km point (stadium lap) in the 50 km event within 2.5 hours (12:30 pm) will not be allowed to continue.
- RESULTS:** Unofficial results will be posted outside the Race Office after the race. Unofficial live results are available on Zone4. Results are not final until reviewed by the race jury.
- AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the venue at the conclusion of the races.
- DRIVING TIMES:**
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| Whistler to WOP | 30 minutes |
| Squamish to WOP | 60 minutes |
| Vancouver to WOP | 120 minutes |
- These times are estimates only and may change due to weather and road or traffic conditions. Please allow at least 15 minutes to be processed through the entry gate.
- PARKING:** Please park in the designated lots as directed upon arrival. Parking is limited. Carpool if possible!
- FACILITIES:** For general venue facilities, see: www.whistlersportlegacies.com

ACCOMMODATION:

Squamish Lodging

EXECUTIVE SUITES GARIBALDI SPRINGS RESORT (Preferred Accommodation in Squamish) (Please ask for the 'Payak 2026' rate when booking)

- www.executivesuitesaribaldi.com

Whistler Lodging

ATHLETE'S VILLAGE: Whistler Athlete's Center Lodge (Preferred accommodation in Whistler – advise you are doing the Payak.)

- 1-604-964-0041
- lodge@whistlersportlegacies.com

HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL: Whistler Canadian Hostel:

- 1-866-762-4122
- www.hihostels.ca/westerncanada/331/Hi-Whistler.hostel

Squamish Adventure Centre in Squamish

- www.squamishhostel.com
- 1-604-892-9240

Use discount code Payak10 for 10% off rates

TOURIST INFO:

www.whistlerchamber.com
www.tourismwhistler.com
www.squamishchamber.com
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