Northern Cup



Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club hosts Teck Northern Cup #1 and #2

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The cold temperatures were no match for the warm hearts at the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre as the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club hosted Teck Northern Cup #1 & #2 and a Team Sprint exhibition race in Smithers this past weekend. Just under 100 racers gathered in the sunny stadium and cheered as temperatures warmed up enough for all the races to go as planned.

Athletes ranging in ages from 5 – 68 years lined up at the start gate waiting for the chance to chase down the racer in front of them. Visiting clubs in attendance included the Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club (Terrace), Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club (Housten), Omineca Ski Club (Burns Lake), Nechako Nordics Cross Country Ski Club (Vanderhoof), Mackenzie Nordic Ski Club (Mackenzie) and Cariboo Ski Touring Club (Quesnel).





Saturday morning was an Interval Start 'free technique' race, followed by the afternoon exhibition event - all supported by an incredible team of volunteers and officials. Saturday's afternoon Team Sprint was a highlight of the weekend, bringing mixed teams of two together and kindling new friendships as skiers worked together over the twists and turns of an exciting sprint course and tag zone. 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 brought the excitement of a Mass Start classic technique event. For the second year in a row there was the thrill for spectators watching the last meters of the race as the U18 boys battled it out with coach Ryan Chapman towards the finish line.

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: <u>https://zone4.ca/event/2025/RYqlpj/</u>

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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 25,000 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. For more information on Cross Country BC, please visit <u>www.crosscountrybc.ca</u>.

Teck 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 for the future.





