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HIGH PROFILE CROSS COUNTRY SKI EVENT COMING TO WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK IN MID DECEMBER!



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Top ranked cross country skiers from across Canada will converge on Whistler in December to compete for coveted spots to attend the World Junior Championships in Lahti, Finland in January 2019. On **December 12-16**, Callaghan Valley Cross Country (CVXC) will host the Haywood NorAM **World Junior/U 23 Trials** at Whistler Olympic Park.

“The venue offers a lot of spectator viewing, and the AltaGas sprints on Thursday are always very exciting to watch, there are races every 4 minutes and the athletes can be seen on most of the course from the stadium,” said Sherryl Yeager, Chief of Race. *“We have extended the race field down to the midget age group, so there will be racing all day. The mass starts on Sunday will also be fun to watch, as the athletes loop through the stadium.”*

Athletes from the Sea to Sky corridor have already been putting in lots of training on the Callaghan Gold snow (snow stored from last season). CVXC is optimistic that Whistler Olympic Park will be under a good blanket of snow by mid December.

The days will be action packed; races will unfold as follows:

Thursday, December 13: Individual Sprints Classic Technique

Friday, December 14: Training Day

Saturday, December 15: Classic Technique, Interval Start

Sunday, December 16: Free Technique, Mass Start

“Hosting events like this is part of the Olympic legacy plan. There will be lots of racers putting it all on the line to make it to Finland. We have a talented pool of athletes right here in the Sea to Sky Corridor so it will be very exciting to watch,” said Yeager.

Volunteers are needed in order to pull off a great event. Please email volunteer@callaghanxcski.ca if you can spare some time between December 12 - 16. No previous experience is necessary; there are many different roles to fill. There will be a lot of fun buzz surrounding the event.

More details can be found in the race notice:

http://callaghanxcski.ca/files/4815/4265/1209/2018_Haywood_NorAm_WJr_U23_Trials_Race_Notice.pdf

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