



Press Release

Telemark Nordic Centre Race Courses Certified to Top Competition Standards

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West Kelowna, BC — Telemark Nordic Club in West Kelowna, BC has successfully completed a year-long project to upgrade the club's cross-country ski race courses and has been awarded Federation International de Ski (FIS) certification. This means that the club meets international race standards and will be able to attract high level races and elite cross-country ski athletes from around the world to the Okanagan.

The new certification will begin paying off February 8-10, 2019 when Telemark hosts the [Western Canadian Championships](#). They anticipate welcoming over 500 of the most competitive cross-country skiers along with their coaches and support teams from across Canada and western United States.

Elite international athletes who have never raced at Telemark will be confident that the race courses are comparable to the World Cup courses they usually race on because FIS has certified that Telemark's race courses are fast, challenging, and safe.

Mike Norton, FIS Homologation Inspector for Cross Country Canada, was impressed with the new race courses at Telemark, adding "The 5.0 km race course is one of the best and most challenging courses in the country."

James Williams and Tim Mayer, long-time Telemark Club members and Masters racers themselves, are responsible for most of the work on the project. According to James, "We are really pleased with how everything turned out. The athletes are going to love these courses. It is not just about racing, though. Our day-to-day recreational skiers also benefit from the course upgrades."

For more information visit westerns2019.ca or contact the Event Chair Barry Allen 250-575-6163. Subscribe to the Westerns 2019 mail list at <http://westerns2019.ca/contact-us/> for the latest updates.

About Cross-Country Ski de Fond Canada (CCC)

CCC is the governing body of cross-country skiing in Canada, which is the nation's optimal winter sport and recreational activity with more than one million Canadians participating annually. Its 60,000 members include athletes, coaches, officials and skiers of all ages and abilities, including those on Canada's National Ski Teams and Para-Nordic Ski Teams. With the support of its valued corporate partners – Haywood Securities Inc., AltaGas, Mackenzie Investments, Swix and Lanctôt Sports– along with the Government of Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Paralympic Committee, Own the Podium and B2Ten, CCC develops Olympic, Paralympic and world champions. For more information on CCC, please visit us at www.cccski.com.

About Telemark Nordic Club

Discover cross country skiing and snowshoeing at Telemark Nordic Club. With over 50 km of professionally groomed cross country ski trails for skate and classic skiing, there is terrain for both beginner and experienced skiers. Several of the trails are lit for night skiing. Additionally, there are over 60 km of stunning snowshoe trails through quiet, pristine ponderosa and cedar forests with breath-taking views across the Okanagan Valley.

