

## Over 1,500 Participants ready for the 2020 BC Winter Games

The Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games kicks off in less than one month and over 1,000 of BC's best emerging athletes have registered and are ready to be part of this celebration of sport and community which runs February 20-23.



The over 1,000 athletes are from every corner of the province and have trained to earn a place to represent their Zone at the Games. Competing in 15 different sports, the athletes are an average of 14 years old and for most, this will be their first experience at a multi-sport Games. Special Olympics athletes will compete in speed skating and figure skating and athletes with a disability will compete in skiing-cross country and basketball-wheelchair.

These athletes will be supported by over 300 coaches and over 190 officials who have earned their certification in order to provide the best knowledge and expertise to the athletes and the competition.

“Fort St. John, known for its northern spirit and energetic sport community, is ready to welcome the province,” said Alison Noble, President and CEO of the BC Games Society. “Athletes, coaches, and officials will have the opportunity to compete at quality sport facilities throughout the community and experience all that these multi-sport Games have to offer.”

Volunteers in Fort St. John have been preparing for the past 18 months to host the Games. There will be over 1600 volunteers working to ensure the participants have an exceptional competition and a first-rate experience with Opening and Closing Ceremonies, special events, and wonderful hospitality.

“We are excited to be hosting the Games and hope that everyone has a great time in their competitions, as well as in Fort St. John,” said Darren Snider, President of the Fort St. John 2020 BC Winter Games. “Our hope is that all participants and visitors to Fort St. John leave having had an unparalleled experience, with new friends and with a new understanding of our northern City.”

On race days, live results for Cross Country Skiing can be found on Zone4 – [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to view a video for the 2020 BC Winter Games.

### CROSS COUNTRY BC WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING ATHLETES WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING FOR CROSS COUNTRY SKIING:

#### ATHLETES:

##### Zone 1 – Kootenays

Maya Abraham	Raleigh Tarte	Sadie Demars	Adam Heale	Virginia Denchuk	Kaelum Smith
Sofia Maturo	Lenni Stich	Carly Nickurak	Emmylou Grieve	Marek Krampf	Wes Robinson-Shaw

##### ZONE 2 – Thompson/Okanagan

Ruby Serrouya	Finn Redman	Sofie Steinruck	Nathan Achtem	Sophie van Oort	Joe Kitamura
Meya Musseau	Maeve Macleod	Micah Jacob	Alessia Galvagno	Evan Edwards	Jonathan Breugem
Nyssa Thomas	Justin Siever	Jacob Miller	Frankie Ayotte	Taylor Parker	Kaden Baum
Hilary Vukadinovic					

**ZONES 3/4/5 – Lower Mainland/Coast**

Kyle Kopic            Eamon Wilson      Sadie Sawatzky      Oliver Kvick           Tyler Thuma           Madeleine Pollock  
Marin Lowe           Dustin Hay           Jasper Fleming       Juliet Pulfrey          Ryan Goodwin        Talon Pascal

**ZONE 6 – Vancouver Island**

Carly Ram            Madelaine Galik    Sarah Roberts        Vivianne Lemay      Joaquim MacPhail-McGrady  
Rory Bratrud        Noah Doeschner-Fretts

**ZONE 7 – North West**

Ava Wimbush        Catherine de Gisi   Ari Rath Jenne        Chloe Williston      Darah Gillis          Scott Clarke-Doering  
Zéphyr Dumais      Nicholas Schley    Gianna Vandenberg   Madison Macdonald

**ZONE 8 – Cariboo – North East**

Anika Wallin        Stella Jarnagin     Odin Witso            Connel Foster        Mya Blackburn        Liam Williamson  
Lukas Nolli         Garnet Ditto        Cale McConkey

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Zone 2

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Donna Flatman – Para-Nordic

Zone 3/4/5

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Andrea Hays & Greg Goodwin – Zone 5

Zone 6

Marika Galik & Jim Bratrud

Zone 7

Patrick Williston & Melanie Dumont

Zone 8

Cory Williamson & Beverly Rooke

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Kyle Hawes – Zone 2

Jeremy Baum – Para-Nordic – Zone 2

Rachelle van Zanten – Zone 7

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Karen Warner – Zone 8

Bill Warner – Zone 8