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One Month to Go! Canada's top Cross-Country skiers will descend on Prince George to battle for a final spots on World Championship teams.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.—The countdown is on!

In just one month, many of the nation's top cross-country ski athletes will charge into Prince George to compete for coveted spots on one of Nordiq Canada's 2023 World Championship teams.

The 2023 Nordiq Canada Selection Trials and Nordiq Cup (COC) are set to take place in Prince George, January 18-21, 2023, at the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to bring our ski community together in Prince George, British Columbia for one of the most prestigious events on our domestic racing calendar," said Julie Beaulieu, Sport Development Director, Nordiq Canada.

Canada's best will battle for their chance to represent Canada at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Slovenia. The nation's next generation of Nordic stars will also be in peak form while competing in sprint and mass start races in the classic-ski technique, along with an interval start skate-ski race for their opportunity to shine on home snow at the FIS World Junior/U23 Nordiq Ski Championships at Whistler Olympic Park, January 27 – February 5, 2023.

"This group of athletes represent the future of our sport and are extremely driven to achieve the personal performance goals which include representing Canada at the World Championships, so the competition level promises to be extremely high," added Beaulieu. "Our hope in bringing these talented athletes to British Columbia is to not only provide the perfect staging ground for our U23 and junior skiers prior to competing at the World Championships in Whistler, but it will also help foster Olympic and Paralympic dreams in youth across the province, inspiring them to get on skis and try our sport. We look forward to continuing our work with the extremely dedicated officials and volunteers at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club to stage another successful chapter in this history-rich event in Canada."

All nordic skiers age 16+ are also invited to register and race against the best in Canada with the opportunity to secure one of the coveted spots on the World Championship teams.

Teams from Poland, Leichtenstein and Kazakhstan will also be in Prince George prior to the event to train and add world class competition at the Trials. "It's an incredible honour to host the best



cross-country skiers in Canada and we're so delighted that Team Poland, Team Liechtenstein and Team Kazakhstan have also chosen to come to our event in Prince George as training for the 2023 World Junior Nordic Ski Championships which will be hosted in Whistler Olympic Park the following week. Our goal is to provide such an incredible experience here so that we can see these world-class athletes compete again and again in Prince George at our world level events," said Kevin Pettersen, Director of Competitions, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club.

Nordic enthusiasts are invited to join the excitement as spectators and witness incredible athletic competition.

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