

Canadian Birkie News



New Birkie Coordinator

Earlier this month we welcomed our new Birkie Coordinator, Jess Phillips, to the Birkie team! Jess has a degree in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism from the University of Alberta, and has managed rowing clubs in Edmonton and Victoria. She is an avid cross country skier and is looking forward to bringing her knowledge and skills in sport administration to the Canadian Birkie Ski Festival.

Welcome Jess!



Registration Opens Thursday October 13th!

Get the Super Early Bird Rate until October 31st. If you register before midnight on October 31, 2022, you can participate in the 2023 Birkie for the same rate as October/November 2021. As of November 1, 2022, our rates will show a small increase compared to previous years due to inflation and the rising costs of running the Canadian Birkebeiner Festival. For more information see our [Registration](#) page.

Don't forget to purchase [Save Your Spot Insurance](#) when you sign up for the 13, 31, and 55 km ski events. If we cancel your ski event due to extreme weather or unacceptable snow conditions, your registration will be transferred to the same event in 2024.



Ski Your Best Birkie

Join one of our Birkie Training Groups designed to help you conquer your first Birkie or improve your 30th! Fine tune your technique with a focus on skiing the Birkie terrain. Get tips to make your Birkie better. You will enjoy the challenge, instruction, and camaraderie of our Training Groups taught by experienced instructors who have all skied the Birkie. You must have average to excellent fitness, have cross-country skiing experience, and not be a complete beginner.

Birkie Training Group Fall/Winter Session

October 22 to February 4, 9:00 am – 10:30 am, Saturdays

[NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!](#)

Birkie Training Group Mid-week Winter Session

December 14 to February 15, 10:00 am – noon, Wednesdays/ 1Thursday

[NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!](#)



Loppet Committee Volunteers Needed

The [Loppet Committee](#) is still looking for a Chief of Festival Tent and Chief of Short Start. Interested in becoming a part of the Loppet Committee team? [Contact us!](#)

Chief of Festival Tent: this official plans for the food and materials required for the finish line festival tent, then coordinates the distribution of refreshments in the festival tent on event day. This official is also responsible for ordering of food supplies required for food station, therefore there is coordination required between the Chiefs of Festival Tent and Food Stations. Responsible for the disposal of organic, recycling and waste materials.

Chief of Short Start: this official coordinates the 13 km Mini-Birkie, 8 km Birkie Fun Ski and the 2/4 km Birkie Ole's Tour events and starts; and may coordinate separate timing at a separate finish line if required. Responsible for set up of the Short Start area and related signage.



Board Positions Available

The Canadian Birkebeiner Society currently has opportunities to join our [Board of Directors](#). We are currently looking for a Director of Program Services and a Director of Festival.

As part of the board, you will provide oversight and strategic direction to our dedicated staff and volunteers, who work so hard to deliver the Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival each year. If you are passionate about the Birkie and would like to contribute, [contact us](#) and let us know what you could bring to the team!



Canadian Birkie Ski Festival

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