

Canadian Birkie News



Early bird discount Jan 31

If you sign up before Monday, January 31 at midnight, you will save on your in-person 13 km, 31 km and 55 km ski events. *Fun Fact:* signing up for a Birkie ski event improves your training!! [Register today](#). For a broad overview description of all our 2022 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival events, head to our website and read this new [Nordic Approach article](#).



Birkie finish line will look retro

To follow pandemic protocols, we must cut out some amenities. The Finish Line will look a little retro with no Festival Tent, Awards Ceremony or Change Trailers. Plan to Birkie like it's 1999!

1. Pre-packaged nutrition in place of sliced fruit at food stations
2. Hot drinks, pre-packaged snacks, clothing bag pick up, single person change tents, and bus shuttles at finish line
3. Medals mailed to first, second and third place overall and age category winners in timed events
4. Instant livestream video of results and finish line online [here](#).



Sign up four...get 25% off

Register together with your friends and get the super cool, Birkie 4 for 3 deal! This applies to both the in-person and virtual birkie ski events! Check out the savings by clicking [here](#) and [register today](#).



Maps posted

Birkie course maps and program guide have been updated by the Loppet Committee. Check them out [here](#). There are also two webpages of frequently asked questions. One page details [Virtual Birkie answers](#) and the other features [in-person Birkie answers](#). If you can't find your question, email us at ski@canadianbirkie.com so we can let you know, and add your Q and A to the page!



Pick up your own bib and show your QR code

New for this year participants must get their own timing chip and registration package. Due to the pandemic, there is no third party bib pick up allowed. Skiers 12 and older must show proof of vaccination and skiers 18 and older must also show identification, to receive a bib. Stop by Nordic Fair between Noon and 8 pm,

Friday, February 11, 2022 at Woodvale Facility in Edmonton. You will get your registration package, wax advice, Birkie souvenirs, and Alley Kat beer samples at [Nordic Fair](#)



Virtual Birkie prizes galore!

Thanks to our amazing sponsors we have wonderful prizes for the Canadian Virtual Birkie. The grand prize is two nights at the Castle Mountain Chalets in Banff National Park. Please support our community-minded organizations, check out our Birkie sponsors [here](#). Share your pictures online from your Virtual Birkie experience to enter in the prize contests! Here are the details:

<http://canadianbirkie.com/photo-contest/>



Vikings Feast

Join us at the Vikings' Feast on Birkie Saturday. You will enjoy a carved beef on a bun buffet, entertainment, draw prizes and a slideshow of the days' ski events. This fun get-together takes place at Woodvale Facility and Golf Clubhouse, 4540–50 St., Edmonton, on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Buy your [tickets here](#)



Let's Birkie, safely!

The Canadian Birkie Society (CBS) is dedicated to the health and safety of all our participants. Our organization recognizes that the pandemic presents challenges to event design. The Birkie Board, loppet, and marketing committees spend considerable time understanding the evolving COVID-19 health guidelines. CBS developed extensive COVID-19 protocols in accordance with Alberta Health Services, Alberta Parks, and Nordiq Alberta rules and regulations. [CBS COVID-19 protocols](#) are subject to change to meet new health guidelines as they occur. All in all, we created safe in-person events for you.



Barnebirkie family ski fun

The Barnebirkie family ski event registration is now open! Plan to take the kids outside for a day of winter fun on Birkie Sunday, February 13, 2022. Our enthusiastic volunteers have mascots, gift bags, viking costume contests, official start arch and a decorated ski course for our little vikings. Kids under 12 ski free when registered with a paid adult!! [Check out all the fun here](#). Safety is our highest priority - as such there is no mass start for the 500 m, 1.5 km, and 3 km Barnebirkie events or group winter games this year. Please come ski the course and then continue on to enjoy the Silverskate Festivities. There will be an early bib pick-up at the Gold Bar Pavillion during the ENSC Jackrabbit programs February 5th and 6th, or you may pick up your bib at the Friday Nordic Fair. Participants over 12 years old must show proof of vaccination at bib pick-up.



Most Kilometres Group Award

Sign up your office, department, organization, family or friends for the Most KM Group Award in the [Virtual Canadian Birkie](#) and/or the [in-person Birkie](#) ski events. Once you have picked your group name, ask your team members to select this award on their registration forms. Once entered, your crew is automatically in the [contest](#).



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