

For Immediate Release

Re: Change of Venue for Haywood NorAm/Kootenay Cup races in Rossland

With low snow levels at the main trail system and unsettled weather in the forecast, the Jury has decided to move the Haywood Noram/Teck Kootenay cup races that are to be held at Blackjack ski club in Rossland, BC December 13 and 14. The races will be moved to the Biathlon trailhead located 7km north up the highway from the main Blackjack turnoff. This site is about 250 m higher and currently has excellent skiing with good snow coverage. It had previously been identified as the alternate site for this event.

This move necessitates some changes to the scheduled program. On Saturday, Dec. 13, the sprint will be classic technique for the Open and Jr.M/W categories. Jr. B/G, Juv. and midget categories will now be running a short interval start classic race of 5k, 3.75k, 1.6k respectively.

On Sunday Dec 14, we will be running an interval start classic race for all categories as previously scheduled.

This change also reduces the race organizer's ability to offer waxing facilities. As such, the OC will not be able to provide any waxing facilities or power at the venue for teams. Teams will be responsible to arrange their own waxing infrastructure. The stadium is about 250m from the parking area; there will not be room to set up waxing tents in the parking lot but there will be space near the stadium. We will endeavor to provide a snowmobile shuttle to assist teams with moving waxing equipment to the stadium.

Further updates around logistics, detailed schedule, course maps and maps to the new site will be available at <http://www.skiblackjack.ca/noram> later Friday.