



Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club

EVENT NOTICE

35th Annual Wetzin'kwa Loppet

Saturday March 9, 2024

Mass Start

Classic, Free and Skiathlon Technique

<https://bvnordic.ca/events-activities/races/2024-wetzinkwa-loppet/>

<https://zone4.ca/event/2024/G6eXzA/>

Race Format: Classic, Free, or Skiathlon (40km) Technique, Mass Start

Distances 0.5km, 1km, 3km, 9km, 20km, 40km, 60km

Date/Time: Saturday, Mar 9, 2024 Mass start 10:30 am
*NOTE: 60km event start 9:30 am

Race Location: Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre (Hudson Bay Mountain Rd.)

Directions and map: <https://bvnordic.ca/trails-and-facilities/directions>
<http://www.bvnordic.ca/trails-and-facilities/maps/>

Host Club: Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club: <http://www.bvnordic.ca/>

Information: Chief of Competition: Robbie Dunbar
Race Secretary: Laura Hols-Wimbush
Chief of Timing: Liza Hart
Chief of Results: Mark Gillis
race@bvnordic.ca

Rules: [Nordiq Canada Rules and Regulations](#)

Race Registration **Zone4 Online Registration only:** <https://zone4.ca/event/2024/G6eXzA/>
(Click on link or copy link into browser as required.)
Credit card payment is required. E-mail confirmation will be sent after registration if registered correctly.

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS: **TUESDAY, MAR 5, 11:59 PM, 2024**
NO LATE ENTRIES

Any questions please contact: race@bvnordic.ca

Licenses: **New for 2023-2024 season** - Participants must purchase a \$3.00 Nordiq Canada event licence (*not applicable to BV Nordic Rabbit program registrants). The event licence fee will be automatically added to all race registrations on Zone 4 and the revenues sent directly to Nordiq Canada. Other race licenses are not required for this event.

Start List/Draw: Mass start for all categories, self-seeded.

Bib Pick-Up: Race Day, 8:30 am to 10:00 am, at the main lodge race office.

Awards: Award presentations will take place immediately following the race.

Concession: Lunch is included with participant race registration. Registrants can buy extra tickets at Zone4.ca when registering.

Waxing: Indoor wax space is available in the Gary Murdoch Memorial Waxing Hut. Space is limited. Outdoor power is available for waxing. Bring your own equipment.

CCBC Rule Regarding the Use of Fluorinated Waxes: Cross Country BC continues to follow the national (Nordiq Canada) and global ski community (FIS) in the strategy to eliminate fluorinated waxes. Please see the complete rule [here](#).

Accommodation: For accommodations as well as other activities in Smithers please visit: <http://www.tourismsmithers.com/>

Trail pass: Spectators do not require a trail pass to watch the race. If you are not a racer or a coach you will require a day pass to use the trails on the day of the race.

Refunds/Cancellation: There will be no refund for participants who do not start their race.

If race organizers cancel the race(s) due to unsafe weather conditions, a full refund will be made to participants except for any online processing fees. Races will be cancelled or postponed if temperature or weather conditions are unsuitable at start time.

Per Nordiq Canada regulation 315.9:

“With air temperatures below -20°C (temperature measured at the coldest point of the course and without wind factor) and competition distances less than or equal to 15 km, the Jury must postpone or cancel the competition. For athletes under 12 years of age, with air temperatures below -15C (temperature measured at the coldest part of the course and without a wind factor), the Jury must postpone or cancel the competition.”

Race Routes: Route maps attached below. Maps will be posted on the [event webpage](#) and at the BV Nordic lodge prior to the race.

Fee:	Bunnies and Rabbits in the BV Nordic Club	*Free
	(*Loppet participation included in program registration)	
	0 to 11 years	\$15
	12 to 17 years	\$20
	18 to 99 years	\$30

Categories: Male, Female, Age Categories: 0-12, 12-17, 18+
Distance Categories: 0.5km, 1km, 3km, 9km, 20km, 40km, 60km
Technique Categories: Free or Classic, Skiathlon 40km (20km classic/20km skate)

Awards: Times will be recorded and available on Zone4.ca after the race.
Awards provided to the first 3 participants in each category of 9 km and longer.
All Bunnies will receive a prize at the finish line.

Feed Stations: Feed stations will be set up on the course with water, sports drink, and some goodies to keep your energy up. Feed Stations generously provisioned by **McBike and Sport**.

Rabbits: Every child in the Rabbits Program can be registered in the Loppet at no cost.

- Rabbits must register for the race at <https://zone4.ca/event/2024/G6eXzA/>
- Rabbits must be accompanied by an adult on the race course. These adults do not require registration.
- All Rabbits will receive a lunch as a race participant.
- Rabbit parents may purchase a lunch on Zone 4, they may register in the Loppet and receive a lunch with their registration.
- A Bunny Parade (led by a Giant Bunny) will happen immediately prior to the mass start. The purpose of the Bunny Parade is to celebrate the participation of Bunnies and Rabbits this season. The parade also ensures they are grouped together and safely seeded at the back of the mass start.

Sponsors:

Thank you to our generous sponsors that make the Wetzin'Kwa Loppet a success.
2024 sponsors include:

- *McBike and Sport*
- *Nature's Pantry*





