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Competitions Report | 2025–26

Chris Simons, Director of Competitions

We had a busy season of competitions at Caledonia Nordic. The weather forced a disappointing change to our December plans, but we went on to host some great winter races and continued to build events on the trails through the warmer months. Each one took a great deal of work from our organizing committees, staff and volunteers.

Backyard Ultra Lite

On October 5, 2025, we hosted our first Backyard Ultra Lite as a fundraiser for the competitive programs. Forty-five athletes took part. It was a fun way to bring people together in the fall, and we look forward to its return in 2026.

Canadian Olympic Trials

We were extremely excited to host the Canadian Olympic Trials in December. A great deal of effort went into planning the event, and our snowmaking team worked hard to build a race course. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow us to create a suitable network, and the event had to move. It was disappointing for everyone who had put so much into preparing for it. A big thank you to Kevin Pettersen for his efforts and to our snowmaking team for doing everything they could. Sovereign Lake Nordic was able to host a great event for the Canadian team, and we hope to have another opportunity in the future.

Teck BC Cup

The Teck BC Cup on January 10 and 11 was a great weekend of racing. On Saturday, 343 athletes took part in an interval start, classic technique race. Sunday brought 341 athletes to the mass start, free technique races. Man-made snow, together with the natural snow we received, made the event possible. The rain arrived on January 12 and made the rest of the month much more challenging. Our team worked hard to hold on to the snow and keep people skiing.

Prince George Iceman

On February 8, we hosted the opening ski stage of the Prince George Iceman. The adult ski leg was 8 km, with a shorter course for juniors, before participants continued through the other stages across the city. Solo competitors and relay teams took part, and it was great to see this long-running community event begin on our trails again. Thank you to the Iceman organizers and the volunteers who helped prepare the ski course and get everyone on their way.

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Western Canadian Biathlon Championships

From March 5–8, we hosted the IBU Regional Event, Biathlon Canada Western Canadian Championships and Odlum Brown B.C. Championships. Racing took place on March 6, 7 and 8. The official start lists included 121 racers for Friday's Individual, 129 for Saturday's Sprint and 120 for Sunday's Mass Start. It was exciting to welcome athletes from across Western Canada and beyond for three days of racing.

We were fortunately able to shift much of the sponsorship support originally committed to the Olympic Trials to this event. Thank you again to Kevin Pettersen for making that possible, and to all the sponsors who stayed with us and helped make the weekend such a success.

Roller ski biathlon

In July, we worked with the International Biathlon Union and Biathlon Canada to host a Spring Series roller ski biathlon event on the paved trails. It was a lot of fun and was well received by coaches and athletes from across the country. It was exciting to see what the new trails can offer for competition when there is no snow on the ground.

Caledonia Criterium

This fall, we teamed up with the Prince George Cycling Club for our first Criterium on the paved trails. It was a good start for a new event, and we look forward to seeing it grow. We are excited to find more ways to use the trails for different kinds of events throughout the year.

Thank you

Every one of these events relies on an organizing committee and an amazing team of volunteers. They plan the details, prepare the venue, welcome athletes and families, and keep things running on race day. Caledonia Nordic has an awesome community, and our volunteers are the reason we are known for hosting great events. Thank you to the committees, officials, staff, coaches, sponsors and everyone who gave their time this season. It was busy, but so much fun!