

Coast Cup



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Teck Coast Cup Series Kicks Off at Whistler Olympic Park

Vancouver, BC – Clear skies, mild temperatures, and fast snow were on call for the first Teck Coast Cup of the season at Whistler Olympic Park on December 17, 2023. Hosted by the Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club, the free technique mass start races attracted 164 participants aged 4 to 63 from Metro Vancouver, the Sea to Sky Corridor, and as far away as the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island.

Chief of Competition Jake Weaker noted, *"This is the first race of the season, and we've had a good turnout from local clubs. Everyone is trying their hardest, and there are lots of smiles on everybody's faces."*



Racers from Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club, Sea to Sky Nordic Ski Club, Nordic Racers, Whistler Nordic Ski Club, Strathcona Nordic Ski Club and Spud Valley Nordic Ski Club completed courses that ranged from 150 m to 7.5 km. For some skiers, this was their first race ever, allowing them to experience what racing is all about in a fun, supportive race environment. For the experienced racers, there was a good show of competition with some close and exciting finishes. In the U16 Boys category, Mark Shapovalov beat out Andreas Inkster (both Hollyburn Cross

Country Ski Club) by just 0.1 seconds, and in the U20 Men's category, Eamon Wilson edged Dustin Hay (also both Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club) by 0.2 seconds. In the U12 Girls category, Kaya Senichenko (Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club) prevailed over Ella Koshul (Whistler Nordic Ski Club) by 0.9 seconds.



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For complete race results, visit [Results - 2023 Teck Coast Cup #1 | Zone4.ca](https://www.results-2023-teck-coast-cup-1-zone4.ca)

The next race at Whistler Olympic Park, the **2023 TECK COAST CUP #2 & BC Winter Games Trials for Zones 3,4,5**, will take place on **December 30, 2023**.

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Cross Country BC (CCBC), the provincial sport governing body for cross-country skiing in British Columbia, is a not-for-profit, club-based organization of more than 27,000 members. CCBC offers programs and services to support the continuous development of cross-country skiing for all ages and abilities, from introductory experiences to international excellence.

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