



February 12, 2018

To: Nordic Coaches, athletes, and spectators

Re: 2018 Maine High School Class B & Class C Nordic State Championships

The Fort Kent Outdoor Center family welcomes you to our facility. Congratulations on a fine season thus far and best of luck in the state championship races. We are thrilled to have you here!

In preparation for your visit, please note the following:

- ❖ All championship skiing competitions shall be governed by the Maine Interscholastic Skiing Rules, as amended, and the 2018 MPA Skiing Bulletin. Rules can be found on the MPA web site at www.mpa.cc and www.mpa.cc/images/bulletins/bulletin_ski.pdf. As such, the Event Jury will be comprised of the Technical Delegate, Chief of Course, and an MPA-designated Committee Member.
- ❖ Race officials: Technical Delegate - Justin Easter
Chief of Competition – Seth Hubbard
Chief of Course - Norman Martin
Timing - Bart Timing; Bill Loder, Nat Steele
Competition Office - Pat Theriault, Laura Audibert FKOCevents@gmail.com
MPA Reps - Michael Bisson, Eric Werntgen
Event Manager - Mark Shea
- ❖ Coaches' Meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, February 22 at 8:00 a.m. Both meetings will take place on the upper level of the 10th Mountain Lodge.
- ❖ The Lodge will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the competition, including our Rental Shop. We will also be open to the public during the competition and we ask that all large gear bags remain in your team transportation or other secure area. Common areas on the lower floor of the Wax Building will be available to competitors as a waiting, changing, and warming area.
- ❖ Waxing accommodations:
 - 26-room Wax Building, with bathrooms, located in close proximity to both the lodge and wax testing area.
 - Wax Rooms are available at a cost of \$100 for the event, plus a \$50 key deposit.
 - To reserve a wax room, please email FKOCevents@gmail.com and/or send two checks, one for the rental and one for the deposit, payable to Fort Kent Outdoor Center, PO Box 541, Fort Kent, ME 04743. Reservations will be held until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20; after that, rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Teams will be responsible for providing all necessary and appropriate waxing equipment as well as for cleaning rented rooms and common areas at the close of the event.
- ❖ We expect to use our 5k FIS-certified race course. The course will be groomed with a Classic track and Skate lane on Tuesday, February 20 for training purposes. Trail maps, Trail conditions, a live webcam, and ample general information can be accessed by visiting www.fortkentoc.org.
- ❖ FKOC Trail Pass rates shall apply to all skiers, including Coaches, Athletes, non-racing team members, and spectators prior to the competitions, as well as all non-racing team members and additional coaches during the competitions. Trail Passes will be available for purchase in the Rental Shop, located on the lower level, at a cost of \$10/student and \$14/adult.
- ❖ MPA State Meet fees include trail access on race days for up to eight (8) athletes per team, for which assigned race bibs will serve as trail passes, as well as two (2) coach trail passes per team.
- ❖ The course will be closed to all ski traffic 10 minutes prior to the start of each race. Spectators wishing to be on course may do so as long as they remove themselves from the groomed lanes and remain in that position during the entire race until the course is cleared with the passing of the final racer. Coaches may ski the course as necessary during the competition.
 - Coaches and Athletes shall maintain course direction at all times and will not be allowed to ski any part of the course in reverse direction at any time.
 - There shall be no standing on the Pedestrian Tunnel by Coaches or spectators.
- ❖ If the weather is cooperative, awards ceremonies will be held outside in the Biathlon Stadium. Otherwise, awards will be held in the Green Room in the 10th Mountain Lodge.
- ❖ Parking in the Wax Building/Lodge Parking Lot during the event will be available only to race organizers and essential team transportation. Spectators may park in nearby overflow parking lots, which are a short walk away from the venue.
- ❖ There are many great restaurants in and around Fort Kent, though options for large groups may be limited. A local Boy Scout troop will be hosting a special Spaghetti Dinner for ski teams and their families on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Fort Kent High School. The meal will cost \$8/person and include spaghetti, bun, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink. To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, please RSVP by February 9 to lesliek@maine.edu.
- ❖ For local lodging and dining information, please visit www.fortkentchamber.com.

Enclosures: Meet Schedule, Fort Kent map, FIS Race Course map, Venue Parking map, Stadium Layout map, Venue Layout map.

If I may be of additional assistance before the competition, please do not hesitate to reach out via the contact information included below. Until then: Allez! Allez! Allez!

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**2018 MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE
CLASS B & C NORDIC**

Start times may be altered only by the Jury

All coaches will be notified as events are changed or updated

DAY ONE: Wednesday, February 21 – Nordic Classical Competition

- 11:30 am Nordic Coaches' Meeting, Fort Kent Outdoor Center
1:00 pm Girls' Nordic Classical 5km (Individual 15-sec Interval Start; Class B/C alternate)
2:15 pm Boys' Nordic Classical 5km (Individual 15-sec Interval Start; Class B/C alternate)
3:30 pm Awards for Classical event in the stadium
4:00 pm Spaghetti Supper for Skiers and Families. See letter for RSVP info.

DAY TWO: Thursday, February 22 – Nordic Freestyle Competition

- 8:00 am Nordic Coaches' Meeting, Fort Kent Outdoor Center
9:00 am Class B Girls' Nordic Freestyle 5km (Pursuit Start)
9:20 am Class C Girls' Nordic Freestyle 5km (Pursuit Start)
10:30 am Class B Boys' Nordic Freestyle 5km (Pursuit Start)
10:50 am Class C Boys' Nordic Freestyle 5km (Pursuit Start)

- Approx. 1:00 pm Awards for Freestyle event in the stadium
Awards for Pursuit competition
Nordic Team awards