

# 2022 Canadian National Ski Championships Fluoro Messaging

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**As a FIS sanctioned Tier 1 competition and following the 2021/22 Nordiq Canada fluoro wax policy, the Canadian National Ski Championships to be held in Whistler, March 20-27, 2022, will be exempt from the Nordiq Canada fluoro wax ban. All age categories are included in this exemption.**

Nordiq Canada continues to believe in a fluoro free wax future and strongly recommends participants use fluoro free waxes, but with current challenges around enforcement and monitoring usage there will be no fluoro wax ban at Tier 1 FIS sanctioned events like the National Championships.

- The National Championships are governed and sanctioned by FIS, and therefore, fall under International Competition rules. FIS currently has postponed a fluoro ban until after the 2021/22 season as it continues to develop a reliable testing method using a fluorine tracking device and will follow current EU regulations regarding specific types of fluorinated wax usage. Currently, there are no specific sanctions addressed within the international rule book. Should FIS develop new policies around fluorinated wax use prior to the National Championships in March, Nordiq Canada will review and communicate any changes as necessary.
- Most importantly there is currently no reliable monitoring protocol as FIS works toward developing a fluorine testing device. Thus, the policy relies on self-monitoring by coaches, parents and technicians making it a challenging to regulate and enforce for Nordiq Canada and race organizers. We rely on the clubs, parents, and coaches to follow the guidelines in the spirit of health, environment, and fair play.
- The health of the technicians, parents and coaches along with environmental concerns around fluoro wax usage is always one of Nordiq Canada's top priorities. The International ski world including FIS, national federations and the wax companies, are working together to find alternative waxing solutions. Please understand this process takes time, investment of capital and commitment from the sport and science communities at large.
- Nordiq Canada is already taking a leadership role in the banning of fluorinated waxes for competitions across the country at our sanctioned Tier 2 Provincial-level races. The Nordiq Canada Fluoro Free Policy for 2021/22 can be found under wax tech resources on the Nordiq Canada website.
- Nordiq Canada will continue to follow the global ski community and FIS in the strategy to phase out EU banned waxes and eventually ban the use of all fluorinated ski waxes.
- Nordiq Canada will strive to put on a safe National Championships that honors the communities that we are competing in.