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Mont-Sainte-Anne set to host Canada's top, young cross-country skiers January 30 to February 2, 2020

Over 450 athletes to compete in World Junior/U23 Championships trials

Mont-Sainte-Anne, January 20, 2020 – From January 30 to February 2, 2020, Mont-Sainte-Anne will host the Haywood NorAm trials, a race series that will determine which athletes will represent Canada at the upcoming World Junior/U23 Championships in Oberwiesenthal, Germany (February 29 to March 7). The events will also serve to select the athletes who will take part in the season-finale North American stops of the World Cup circuit, in Quebec City, Minneapolis, and Canmore.

With these coveted team berths up for grabs, this will be the most important domestic racing event of the season. The three-day race program will also include Coupe Québec events. Over 450 athletes are expected to take to the trails at the Mont-Sainte-Anne Cross-Country Ski Centre.

Among the top Quebec athletes to watch for in the Junior category are Olivier Léveillé (Club du Mont-Orford), Félix-Olivier Moreau (Club Nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne), and Liliane Gagnon (Skibec Nordique). In the U23 category, three athletes from the Pierre-Harvey National Training Centre—2019 NorAm series winner Philippe Boucher from Skibec Nordique; Skinouk and National Ski Team member Antoine Cyr, from Gatineau; and Chelsea Nordic member Laura Leclair, from the Outaouais region—will all be vying for a berth.

"The races at Mont-Sainte-Anne are extremely important for many of the athletes, so I think we're going to be in for a great show," said Louis Bouchard, Head Coach of the Pierre-Harvey National Training Centre, whose athletes recently took part in the U.S. National Championships.

Run-up to the 2021 Canadian Championships at Mont-Sainte-Anne

The Haywood NorAm races will be a run-up to the 2021 Canadian Cross-Country Ski Championships that will be held at the same venue at Mont-Sainte-Anne. The culmination of investments by various partners over the past two years, the National Championships will attract over 750 athletes and coaches for the ten-day event in March 2021.

“We are very proud that Nordiq Canada has once again chosen our region to host athletes from across Canada at this race venue, which has a reputation for organizing international-calibre races,” noted Parise Cormier, Mayor of Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges, site of the Mont-Sainte-Anne Cross-Country Ski Centre and hometown of three-time world champion Alex Harvey.

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Race Program

Wednesday, January 29	Official training
Thursday, January 30	Sprint, freestyle Haywood NorAm Race
Friday, January 31	Official training
Saturday, February 1	Distance event – classic – interval starts Haywood NorAm Race– World Junior/U23 trials Coupe Québec
Sunday, February 2	Distance event – freestyle – mass start Haywood NorAm Race– World Junior/U23 trials Coupe Québec

*** February 3, 2020, will be a backup day in the event of cancellation of a NorAm race.

Photo: Philippe Boucher, Skibec Nordique, CNEPH, 2018-2019 NorAm cup winner
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