

2017 CHSAA State Ski Championships

NORDIC SKI RACE FACT SHEET

DATES: Thursday, February 23rd Skate Individual Start at 3:30 PM, Steamboat Ski Touring Center.

Friday, February 24th Classic Mass Start at 3:00 pm, Howelsen Hill Nordic Center.

LOCATIONS: Because we have two quality Nordic Centers in town, and it was our desire to race on two different 5K courses, races will occur at Steamboat Ski Touring Center (Touring Center), 1230 Steamboat Blvd, Steamboat Springs, CO. Phone: 970-879-8180; and, Howelsen Hill Nordic Center, Howelsen Parkway, Steamboat Springs, CO. Phone: 970-879-8499.

ENTRIES: Qualified skiers will be entered automatically. All “bye to state” skiers and known scratches must be sent to Karl Remsen by Thursday, February 16, by 5:00 pm (although earlier is better!); his e-mail is Leadville.nordic@gmail.com

TEAM SIZE: Qualified athletes and/or a minimum team size of 3 athletes per gender.

ENTRY FEES: \$20 per athlete per race. **Check should be payable to: Steamboat Springs High School.**

WAXING AREA: There will be power available in the waxing area (bring cords). This area will be marked and designated. No indoor waxing will be available.

COURSE NOTES: **1) Thursday, Touring Center:** See attached course map – 5km point to point race (Kajsa’s, Boothill, Fish Creek), clockwise direction. Start is located below the stadium and across Steamboat Blvd. Allow 5-7 minutes to ski or walk to the Skate Race Start. Signs will direct skiers to the start area. Finish is in the stadium. Individual start Skate. Racers will start every 15 seconds. Boys will race first starting at 3:30. Girls will follow at approximately 4:10 PM; **2) Friday, Howelsen Hill:** See attached map—5 KM loop starting in the Rodeo Grounds to Hakan Spar to Bluffs Loop in a clockwise direction, and finish in the Rodeo Grounds. Mass start Classic. Girls will start first at 3:00 PM. Boys will follow at approximately 3:30 PM.

COACHES MEETING: After registration/bib pick up on Wednesday, February 22, approximately 5:30 pm in Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill. For those teams not arriving on Wednesday, race information will be covered on Thursday at the Touring Center during registration.

WARM-UP AREA/Course Closure: The course can be used as a warm-up area until 15 minutes prior to the first race. **After this time, the course will be closed.** Warm up can take place on the Elk Valley Loop near the Start at the Touring Center. Warm up for Howelsen will be the groomed straightaway near the Ice Arena. There will be no backward skiing on the course.



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REGISTRATION/BIBS: Registration and Bib pick up will occur at Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Wednesday, February 22nd. For those Teams not arriving Wednesday, registration will be **Thursday** at the Steamboat Ski Touring Center from 12:30 to 3:00 PM; **Friday** at Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. **Bibs will be collected each day after the race at the finish line. Bibs for Friday's Classic race will be distributed at Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.**

RACE HEADQUARTERS: Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill, Howelsen Parkway, Steamboat Springs.

FACILITIES/FOOD/DRINK/: Food and drink will be available for sale at the Touring Center on Thursday and in Olympian Hall on Friday. There will be an aid station at the end of each day after the Finish including Honey Stinger products. Restrooms and changing area are in the Men's and Women's locker rooms outside the entrance of the Touring Center. At Howelsen Hill, Olympian Hall and the Ice Rink have restrooms, and there will be port-o-potties near the Rodeo Grounds.

SPECTATORS: Spectators will be allowed around designated areas of the course. Touring Center: good viewing of the Finish in the Teaching Area/Stadium. Walk from Touring Center back deck down and across Steamboat Blvd to see Start (7 minutes). Howelsen: Good viewing from the Rodeo Grounds of Start and Finish. Can walk to top of first hill climb just above the Start uphill from the waxing area.

BANQUET: 5:45-7:00 PM at Steamboat Springs High School Commons; Awards to follow at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. 45 Maple St, Steamboat Springs, CO. Near downtown Steamboat. Ample parking. Banquet tickets \$12 each and should be purchased at registration (or the banquet if need be). Checks payable to Steamboat Springs High School.

DIRECTIONS FOR DROP-OFF & PARKING:

- **Team buses and vans:**

Steamboat Ski Touring Center, 1230 Steamboat Blvd, Steamboat Springs, CO: There will be parking attendants to help park large buses efficiently. Overflow parking will be on Steamboat Blvd. Parking is limited; please car pool.

Howelsen Hill Nordic Center, Howelsen Parkway, Steamboat Springs, CO. Continue west on U.S. 40 (Lincoln Av) into downtown Steamboat. Turn left onto 5th Street, cross a bridge and intersect Howelsen Parkway. Straight ahead is the Rodeo Grounds (Start/Finish for Friday's race); turn Right on Howelsen Parkway to get to Olympian Hall and more parking. Follow signs for drop off and parking locations.

Spectators: See directions above. Follow signs for parking locations. Parking is walking distance to the venue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Wallace (Chief of Race) 970-846-6706; davidk1@q.com; Jesse Wilkins (Steamboat Head Nordic Coach) at: jessewilkinswi@gmail.com or Nick Rose (Chief of Course) at: nickrose1948@gmail.com



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