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# REINO KESKI-SALMI LOPPET



## EVENT NOTICE

### Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet, Saturday, January 17, 2026

**RACE EVENTS:** Saturday, January 17, 10:00 AM, Loppet - Classic Technique

**RACE LOCATION:** Larch Hills Ski Area – Salmon Arm, BC

**HOST CLUB:** Larch Hills Nordic Society <https://skilarchhills.ca/>

**SANCTIONED BY:** NORDIQ CANADA; CROSS COUNTRY BC

**RULES:** NORDIQ CANADA RULES AND REGULATIONS

<b>RACE COMMITTEE:</b>	Chief of Competition: Brad Calkins	bcalkins@hey.com
	Race Secretary: Kari Wilkinson	reino@skilarchhills.ca
	Chief of Timing: Luke Heckrodt	hlukeh@gmail.com
	Chief of Course: Brian May	brianmay890@gmail.com
	Chief of Stadium: Cam Brown	camgbrown@gmail.com
	Risk Manager: Cam Brown	
	Technical Delegate: Chelsea Little	
	Media Liaison: Pat Danforth	danforthpat@gmail.com

**REGISTRATION:** Registration and fee payment is online at: **ZONE 4**

The Event Participation Waiver must be completed as part of the online registration.

**Registration by mail is no longer accepted.**

**Deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 11:59 pm PST**

**Late entries will not be accepted. Category changes day of race will not be accepted.**

**Contact the Race Secretary with issues regarding registration or  
to report any corrections that need to be made: [reino@skilarchhills.ca](mailto:reino@skilarchhills.ca)**

<b>RACE FEES:</b>	<b>Registration on/before Jan. 7/26</b>	<b>on/after Jan. 8, 2026</b>
7 & Under	\$15.00	\$20.00
8 to 17	\$20.00	\$25.00
18 & Over Competitive	\$50.00	\$75.00
Recreational	\$50.00	\$75.00

Race entry fee includes après ski lunch at the hill. Participants who choose to attend the Après Ski Social at SASCU Recreation Centre will receive one complimentary wine ticket at the venue.

**REFUND POLICY:** All registration fees submitted to the Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet are non-refundable. If conditions force the organizers to cancel the Loppet, we reserve the right to cover our costs incurred. Cancellations by participants for medical or personal reasons will be reviewed on an individual basis.

**LICENSES:** The RKS Loppet is a Tier 3 Event. A race license is required of all participants in a Tier 3 event, regardless of whether they hold a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, or Associate Race License. The license fee (\$3.00) will be automatically added to all race registrations on Zone 4 and the revenues sent directly to Nordiq Canada.

<b>SEEDING/ START LINEUP:</b>	Starting lineup for all categories will be self-seeding.
<b>BIB PICKUP:</b>	Race packets will be available at the <b>Larch Hills Stadium Area</b> <b>Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 8:00 am - 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>FACILITIES:</b>	A day lodge with running water and washrooms is on site, plus outdoor porta-potties and several outhouses.
<b>FOOD &amp; DRINKS:</b>	Hot lunch is served at the finish line.
<b>AID STATIONS:</b>	Every 10 km or less.
<b>TIME LIMITS:</b>	<p><b>There are cut-off times at the following locations:</b></p> <p>* <b>11:30 AM</b> – Larch Hills Road at Baby Moonwalk, 32 km course (at 8 km) – Skiers are directed down Baby Moonwalk and may ski the remainder of the course.</p> <p>* <b>1:15 PM</b> – Stadium, 32 km course (at 25 km) – Skiers are directed to the Finish.</p>
<b>WARM UP/</b>	The courses will be open until <b>9:50 AM (10 minutes prior to race start time)</b> .
<b>WAX TESTING:</b>	Wax testing and warm-up will be available on course until the course is closed. Off course wax testing and warm-up area are limited during the event.
<b>WAXING:</b>	There is space for team tents along the North side of the parking lot in front of the Chalet, or along the East side of the chalet as far as the accessible washroom. Teams must supply their own wax tents. Power outlets are available.
	Following Nordiq Canada's "Fluorinated ski wax prohibition" (rule 222.8), the use of fluorinated wax or tuning products containing fluorine is prohibited.
	The following are Not Permitted:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluorinated grip wax (of any type)</li> <li>• Fluorinated glide wax (of any type)</li> </ul>
<b>TRAIL CONDITIONS:</b>	Visit <a href="https://skilarchhills.ca/trailreport/">https://skilarchhills.ca/trailreport/</a> or see the information board in the stadium day of race.
<b>COURSE MAPS:</b>	<p><b>32km, 17km, 10km, 5km</b></p> <p><b>NEW 2km and 1km courses</b></p> <p>Course maps are available at the loppet website and will be posted at the race office and stadium bulletin boards.</p> <p><a href="https://skilarchhills.ca/loppet/">https://skilarchhills.ca/loppet/</a></p>

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** See list of hotels and motels in Salmon Arm at the following link:  
<https://www.shuswaptourism.ca/plan/>

**COLD WEATHER POLICY:** Following Nordiq Canada's "Cold Weather Precautions" (rule 388):

- The Jury will consider temperature, duration of exposure and clothing/protection against cold weather.
- If the temperature is forecast to be between -15 °C and -25 °C, recommendations regarding cold weather will be made available to the competitors.
- If the temperature on course is -25 °C or below, the race will be delayed or cancelled.
- With any difficult weather conditions (e.g., strong wind, heavy snow, icy track), the Jury may postpone, shorten, change route or cancel the competition.

Live weather conditions are here: <https://skilarchhills.ca/webcam-weather/>

**EVENT AWARDS:** **Category Awards:**

Awards for all categories – except Recreational. Collectable mugs to top 3 in competitive category.

1 KM and 2 KM – All participants receive a Cookie Medal at the Finish Line

5 KM and 10 KM (17 & younger): Presented in the Stadium at 11:30 am.

10 KM (80 or older), 17 KM and 32 KM: Presented in the Stadium at 1:30 pm.

Draw Prizes for participants and volunteers will be posted in the Stadium at 8:30 AM.

Prizes will be numbered and assigned to the name drawn. Prizes can be collected upstairs/main floor of the Larch Hills Chalet. Prizes not collected will be donated to upcoming LHNS events.

**APRÉS SKI SOCIAL:** **SASCU Recreation Centre**  
**2550 10th Ave NE, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2S4**  
**DOORS OPEN 4:00PM**

- Wine and cheese social
- Pizza by the slice and cash bar.
- Top Local Awards
- Loppet Video

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## FUNDRAISING

Proceeds in support of



The RKS Loppet is the 'Heart Fund' Loppet. Participants are encouraged to make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation either during online registration or during race packet pickup.

Proceeds from Loppet are retained by the Larch Hills Nordic Society, a non-profit organization.



# RACE EVENTS

## Competitive Classes: Male & Female (Age at Dec. 31, 2025)

Athletes may race up into another distance.

DISTANCE	CLASS	YOB	START TIME
1 KM	7 & younger	2018 - 2023	10:20 AM
2 KM	7 & younger	2018 - 2023	10:20 AM
5 KM	9 or younger	2016 or later	10:15 AM
5 KM	10 to 11	2014- 2015	10:15 AM
10 KM	13 or younger	2012 or later	10:15 AM
10 KM	80 or older	1945 or earlier	10:15 AM
10 KM	Recreational	All	10:15 AM
17 KM	17 or younger	2008 or later	10:00 AM
17 KM	70 - 79	1946 - 1955	10:00 AM
17 KM	80 or older	1945 or earlier	10:00 AM
17 KM	Recreational	All	10:00 AM
32 KM	29 or younger	1996 or later	10:00 AM
32 KM	30 - 39	1986 - 1995	10:00 AM
32 KM	40 - 49	1976 - 1985	10:00 AM
32 KM	50 - 59	1966 - 1975	10:00 AM
32 KM	60 - 69	1956 - 1965	10:00 AM
32 KM	70 or older	1955 or earlier	10:00 AM
32 KM	Recreational	All	10:00 AM

## Para Classes

Para Nordic entrants will be contacted so that we might best prepare for your needss.

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