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Welcome to 2019 and what hopefully has been an early start to the ski season. In Stephenville, NL we opened our ski trails for the first time ever in November and snow conditions have continued to improve daily.

The first event on the ski calendar for may Canadian Masters will be the 2019 Canadian Masters which will be hosted by the Porcupine Ski Runners Club in Timmins, ON from February 8-10. The Ontario Masters will be held in conjunction with this event. The Early Bird registration deadline is January 11th so if you want to take advantage of the reduced rate you have to register prior to then. Registration is on Zone4 and the Race Notice is posted on the host club website and on the Canadian Masters website. I look forward to a very successful event.

MWC 2019 is being held in Beitostolen, Norway and already close to sixty Canadians have registered. In order to keep everyone who will be participating fully informed I have attempted to get email addresses of all who have registered. In the Fall newsletter I suggested that those people who booked their own accommodations to send me their email addresses. Other than members of the Chelsea Masters I have not received any. I am therefore asking again. If you want to know what is going on with Team Canada in Beitostolen please send me your email address.

In order to hopefully avoid any controversy with the selection of the relay teams we have drafted a set of rules which are set out below.

Relay Team Selection Information

Women's team 10 year age category

Men's team 5 year age category

A nation may register one team in each age category; either a regular team or an **X** team.

Maximum two racers are allowed to start in a lower age group.

Example: AG M-03--- M-03, M-03, M-04, M-06

If a regular team cannot be formed, each nation may register one male and female **X** team. Must ski in the age category of the youngest skier.

Example: AG M-02--- M-02, M-03, M-04, M-05

The fastest two skiers in the 10km classic and free technique automatically qualify for the relays.

Should one of those skiers decline, the next fastest skier in that technique in the same age category or older will have next choice to participate provided they do not qualify in their own age category.

The relay teams will be formed at a meeting of all interested participants which will be held on Monday, March 11 in the morning. Time, location and further details to be announced.

There will be a Team Canada social on Wednesday, March 6th at the Radisson Hotel . Tentative time 5:00-8:00pm. Further details to follow.

I will be communicating this information by email to those who have registered so if you want to be kept in the loop and I do not have your email address please send it.

In the next month or so I will be getting information on accommodations for MWC 2020 in Cogne, Italy. I expect interest will be extremely high for that event. I will circulate information as I get it. The website is www.mwc-2020.com

That's about it for now. I look forward to meeting many of you at either the 2019 Canadian Masters or MWC 2019.

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