

News Release

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Ski Mountaineering Competition in Canada

The National Team



- Mark Gallup photo

Essential info for your 2019 Ski Mountaineering Calendar

<http://www.skimocanada.org>

NATIONAL TEAM

Developing and supporting a National Ski Mountaineering Team for the purpose of international competition is one of the primary mandates of Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada. Much of international Skimo is organized around the race categories and formats administered by the International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF). For Canadians to compete at the events the ISMF endorse and be ranked against the rest of the world, they need to be licensed and registered through a national sport federation (NF). Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada, a part of The Alpine Club of Canada is the ISMF member National Sport Federation for the country.

Meet the Teams for 2019:

WOMEN

Kylee Ohler (Calgary, AB)

Michelle Katchur Roberts (Canmore, AB)

Lori Anne Donald (Nelson, BC)

Marg Fedyna (Edmonton, AB)

MEN

Peter Knight (Edmonton, AB)

Joel Desgreniers (Canmore, AB)

Travis Brown (Calgary, AB)

Nick Elson (Squamish, BC)

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DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Scott Semple (Canmore, AB)

Arnaud Boisvert (Magog, QUE)

Tyson Smith (Canmore, AB)

Jean-Michel Voyer (Vancouver, BC)

Graham Suffield (Canmore, AB)

Matt Ruta (Golden, BC)

Matt Reid (Golden, BC)

Courtney Post (Canmore, AB)

Monika Ambrozaitis (North Vancouver, BC)

Martha Burley (Fernie, BC)

Caroline Reid (Golden, BC)

YOUTH TEAM

Noah Schuh (Coleman, AB)

Cory Rogans (Canmore, AB)

Findlay Eyre (Calgary, AB)

Isobel Hendry (Calgary, AB)

Ema Chlepkova (Calgary, AB)

Team Management: *David Dornian – chair, Brent Harris – coordinator, Travis Brown – National Team Coach, Steve Sellers - Youth Team Coach, Kylee Ohler - Athlete Representative, Chelsea Lindsay – ACC Office*

The athletes on these teams are selected and named via a set of annually reviewed criteria and an algorithm applied to race results over the previous 12 months. These criteria are available on www.skimocanada.org

Near term goals for the Team will be a good showing across the primary events at the ISMF World Championships in Villars, Switzerland in March 2019, and identifying further targets of opportunity on the Pan American and World Cup circuits. Planning and training for these events is already underway!

Providing ongoing support for established team athletes remains an emphasis for the SMCC in 2019. However, development and selection of Youth category competitors ahead of the Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne 2020 will follow closely in importance. Recruitment of talent from similar Canadian sports, to better build toward a higher performance future for the SMCC, will continue, as will training of coaches, officials, and the development of new races.



The 2017 Canadian National Ski Mountaineering Team in Piancavallo, Italy – Kylee Ohler, Nick Elson, Caroline Reid, Matt Reid, Travis Brown, Peter Knight, Stano Faban, Lori Anne Donald, Michelle Katchur-Roberts [Rob Krar missing from photo]

Meanwhile,

Most Team members train year round, but particular clinics will bring the Team together this September for dryland training, November for glacier and mountain travel training, and December for downhill technique training. Many have been active and successful at international trail-running events over the summer.

Qualification and assembly of the World Championships Team will begin with the Vert180, in Calgary on the 8th December, and continue through the Canadian Championships at Castle Mountain AB on the 4th, 5th, and 6th January.



Travis and Peter at Teams Race start, Transcavallo IT – *fan photo*

Head Coach Travis Schiller-Brown is bringing a better-defined Team training program for 2019, and Youth Coach Steve Sellers is focusing on recruiting more Youth age skiers. Full Canada Cup race schedule can be found at www.skimocanada.org. On the sponsor side of things, Fischer/Toko/Swix support some of the Team's equipment needs, and Karpos will be providing new skin suits. The season is underway!

Follow your guys via the rankings and results at skimocanada.org, on the Alpine Club of Canada webpages, and – for international results - at ISMF-ski.org. There are Instagram and Twitter feeds from most of these athletes, and conversation happens through Skimo Racing Canada's Facebook page. They love to hear from you. Keep in touch. Help promote. Sponsor. Cheer your friends and country (wo)men on. Join us!

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