



2020 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup supported by Mackenzie Investments Media Kit

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1. About 2020 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup supported by Mackenzie Investments

The 2020 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup at Nakiska supported by Mackenzie Investments will be the most exciting event in Canada this January! Catch the world-leading Canadian Ski Cross Team as they take on international competitors.

2. About Nakiska Ski Area

Based in the beautiful Canadian province of Alberta, Nakiska is surrounded by the Rocky Mountains, just 83 kms away Calgary which presents numerous possibilities for winter sports. Nakiska offers a great skiing experience with its 64 trails and four chairlifts.

The Canadian Rockies have numerous high peaks and ranges, such as Mount Robson (3,954 m) and Mount Columbia (3,747 m). Much of the range of the Canadian Rockies is protected by national and provincial parks, several of which collectively comprise a World Heritage Site.

It is almost guaranteed that the Northern hemisphere gets snow early enough in the season to enable a great maintenance of the slopes and provide all that is necessary to build a great Ski Cross course to be ready for the race on January 18. This will be the first race in the new year after a very intense Cross Alps Tour in December and a well-deserved holiday break.

Athletes claim that it is one of the more technical courses on the circuit, and the Canadian team always puts up a great show for many supporters who find their way to the finish area, including school kids, families and fans.

Nakiska links and info:

- [Nakiska past results](#)
- [Nakiska data page \(live timing, brackets and results\)](#)

3. Event Details

January 16, 2020

- Canadian Ski Cross Team Media Availability
16:30 MST

Cedar Room at the Pomeroy Hotel, Kananaskis

Please confirm your presence to:

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January 17, 2020

- 12:00 pm: Qualifications
- 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Official Bib Draw

January 18, 2020

- 11:00 am: VIP and Festival Experience Area Open
- 12:00 pm: Race starts
- 12:45 pm: Finals
- 1:25 pm: Awards
- 1:30 pm: ACA VIP Closes

4. Media Access and Information

- **Media Accreditation**

Media accreditation can be accessed through filling out the official form:

<https://alpinecanada.org/events/fis-ski-cross-world-cup-nakiska-can>

- **Social Media Access**

- **Official Canadian Ski Cross Team Social Media Channels**

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alpinecanada>
 - Twitter: @Alpine_Canada
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/alpinecanadalpin>

- **Official Nakiska Ski Area Social Media Channels**

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/skinakiska/>
 - Twitter: @skinakiska
 - Instagram: @nakiskaskiarea

- **Official Hashtags**

For all channels commonly using hashtags (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) the official hashtag is: **#nakiskaskicross**

We encourage you to mark, tag and @ all relevant channels in any of your posts concerning freestyle skiing, and in any post relating to your event we will happily return the favour.

- **Live-scoring and Statistics**


The live-scoring service for the 2019/2020 Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup tour will be available [HERE](#).

5. Team Canada Athlete Snapshot


5.1 Men's Team

	<p>Brady Leman (Calgary, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Solitude World Championship silver medalist • 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games gold medalist • 26 World Cup podiums including 5 victories
	<p>Carson Cook (Edmonton, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked #2 on the 2019 NorAm circuit. • Finished 8th in the World Cup at Val Thorens in 2019
	<p>Chris Del Bosco (Montreal, QC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished 4th at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games • Finished 1st at the 2011 World Ski Championships in 2011. • 26 FIS World Cup Podiums including 10 victories • Finished 9th in the World Cup at Val Thorens in 2019

	<p>Gavin Rowell (Prince George, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five NorAm podiums during the 2018-19 season • Finished 2nd at the 2019 FIS Junior World Ski Championship
	<p>Jared Schmidt (Ottawa, ON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claimed five NorAm podiums in the 2019 season including three first place finishes • Sister Hannah is also on the team • Returning from knee injury suffered in 2018-19 season
	<p>Kevin Drury (Toronto, ON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Solitude World Championship bronze medalist • 7 FIS World Cup Podiums including 4 victories. • Finished fourth at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games
	<p>Kris Mahler (Canmore, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two World Cup podium finishes this season including a victory at Val Thorens • Returning this season from injury

	<p>Ned Ireland (Lake Country, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won five NorAm Cup podiums in 2015-16 including three wins • Personal-best 16th place finish in 2016-17 Sunny Valley, RUS • Recipient of the Minogue Award of Excellence in 2016-17
	<p>Reece Howden (Cultus Lake, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Youth Olympic Games gold medalist • Career best 5th place finish at Innichen
	<p>Zach Belczyk (Banff, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished in 2nd at the 2017 World Junior Championships. • Finished second in overall NorAm Cup standings in 2017-18. • Career best 10th place finish at the World Cup in Val Thorens in 2019

5.2 Women's Team

	<p>Abby McEwen (Edmonton, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked #15 in World Ski Cross Ranking • 21 career NorAm podium finishes • Made her World Cup circuit debut in 2018/19
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 top-8 finishes and 6 top 16 finishes
	<p>Antoinette Tansley (Calgary, AB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranked 5th on the NorAm Cup in 2019 Finished 9th at the 2019 National Ski Cross Championship
	<p>Brittany Phelan (Mont-Tremblant, QC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games silver medalist 6 World Cup podiums
	<p>Courtney Hoffos (Winderere, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claimed five NorAm podiums in 2019 Three World Cup podiums all in 2019
	<p>Hannah Schmidt (Ottawa, ON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranked 3rd on the 2019 NorAm circuit Brother Jared is also on the team

	<p>India Sherret (Cranbrook, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked 10th on the 2019 NorAm circuit • 2015 World Junior Champion • Two World Cup podiums in Indre Fjall (2018) and Val Thorens (2019)
	<p>Marielle Thompson (Whistler, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Solitude World Championship gold medalist • 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games gold medalist • 39 World Cup podiums including 23 victories.
	<p>Zoe Chore (Cranbrook, BC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished sixth at the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, NOR.

6. Key International Athletes

Men

Bastien Midol (FRA)
Jean-Frederic Chapuis (FRA)
Alex Fiva (SUI)
Florian Wilmsmann (GER)
Daniel Traxler (AUT)
Jonathan Midol (FRA)
Jonas Lehnerr (SUI)
Youri Duplessis Kergomard (FRA)
Ryan Regez (SUI)
Viktor Andersson (SWE)

Women

Fanny Smith (SUI)
Sandra Naeslund (SWE)
Andrea Limbacher (AUT)
Sanna Luedi (SUI)
Heidi Zacher (GER)
Marielle Berger Sabbatel (FRA)