

CATCH SOME EXCITING RACING AT TELEMAR ON THE 2ND AND 3RD OF MARCH FOR THE BIATHLON BC CUP WEEKEND!

100 racers, their families and coaches from across BC and Washington State will descend on Telemark for a great weekend of racing. You can see most of the action right from the Telemark biathlon stadium – starts, target shooting, penalty loops, and finishes all occur there – come out to watch and you'll feel like you are in the middle of the action!

Cheer on the Biathlon competitors as they speed through the trails to then stop briefly at the biathlon rifle range to shoot from 50 metres at five targets each the size of toonies! Shooting "clean" is when a competitor shoots down all five targets. It is hard to do, especially when you are completely gassed from that last hill you climbed!

The action will get underway at 11:00AM on Saturday, 2 March for the Sprint race format.

The Biathlon Sprint competition is a fast-paced event in which each competitor skis the race course three times with two shooting bouts interspersed. Ski fast, shoot 5 targets, ski fast again, shoot another 5 targets, then ski like mad one more time to the finish. Penalty loops are imposed for missed targets - the racer skies one penalty loop per miss following each shooting bout.

On Sunday 3 March the racing action kicks off at 10:00AM with the Pursuit race format.

The Pursuit competition is a natural follow on to the Sprint and is one of the most exciting Nordic events you will find. For the Pursuit the start order is in the order of the Sprint finish – if you finished in first place the day before, then you start first in the Pursuit. The next skiers start at 5 second intervals – but it is the first across the finish line that wins! Depending on their race category, competitors shoot either 3 or 4 times and ski the course 4 or 5 times. Penalty loops are also imposed for this race format, and the lead of the race often changes each time through the range.

Some ski trail closures will be in effect, but a big chunk of the Telemark trail system will remain completely open. Check with the staff at the Main Chalet.

Hope to see you then!



