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FIS World Cup Finals return to Quebec City in March 2019

Quebec City, Thursday, December 13, 2018 – Over in Europe, the world’s top cross-country skiers have already made a flying start on the FIS World Cup season at the first two events in Ruka, Finland (November 24–25) and Lillehammer, Norway (November 30–December 2). Meanwhile, over on this side of the Atlantic, organizers Quebec Winter Events Corporation and Gestev have been busy slotting the pieces into place to present the final stop on the World Cup tour at the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City this March 22–24, 2019.

“After taking a year off from hosting a world-class cross-country ski competition in Quebec City, we’re raring to go for the next big event here,” said Chantal Lachance, Vice-President of Production and Marketing for event producer Gestev. “The last time we hosted the World Cup in 2017, it was a feast for the eyes to see 60,000 people out on the Plains cheering the athletes on. We’re looking forward to generating the same kind of buzz this time too!”

One long weekend, six World Cup Finals

Cross-country fans will be thrilled to see international elite athletes competing in the women’s and men’s Freestyle Sprint, Classic Mass Start and Freestyle Pursuit World Cup Finals.

Friday, March 22, 2019 — Freestyle Sprint

10:50 a.m. 1.5K Freestyle Sprint Qualifications — Men and Women

1:20 p.m. 1.5K Freestyle Sprint Finals — Men
1.5K Freestyle Sprint Finals — Women
A race brought to you by Le Gruyère

(Starting order for the Classic Mass Start will be determined by the results of the Sprint)

Saturday, March 23, 2019 — Classic Mass Start

9:15 a.m. 10K Classic Mass Start — Women

11:00 a.m. 15K Classic Mass Start — Men

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Sunday, March 24, 2019 — Freestyle Pursuit

9:30 a.m. 10K Freestyle Pursuit — Women

10:45 a.m. 15K Freestyle Pursuit — Men

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(Starting order for the Pursuit will be determined by the results of the Sprint and Mass Start)

Local superstar Alex Harvey has already confirmed he'll be there at the start line. He's so stoked to be competing in front of a home crowd again, he's made a special video for his fans: <https://www.facebook.com/cdmskidefondquebec/>. "I remember what a fantastic experience it was to race on the Plains in 2017," Harvey said. "I can't imagine a better way to wrap up my season than skiing on home snow."

Cross-country for skiers of all ages and abilities

Taking place alongside the various World Cup events is the FIS Junior Invitational Rising Stars Race, which will pit the top junior skiers from across North America and Europe against each other on the very same course skied by the World Cup athletes. Talk about a unique opportunity for the next generation to train with their idols!

Members of the public can also try cross-country skiing for themselves. Instructors and equipment will be available at Place George-V all weekend to give kids and grown-ups free taster lessons!

About Quebec Winter Events Corporation

The mission of Quebec Winter Events Corporation (QWEC) is to promote winter sports on home snow through international events such as the Quebec FIS Cross-Country World Cup and the Jamboree FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Cups. In addition to attracting the world's top winter sport athletes, QWEC works hard to support the development of amateur sport through each of its events.

About GesteV

Founded in 1992, GesteV is a dynamic event management company specializing in happenings that make their mark locally as well as on the world stage. Over the years, GesteV has raised event management and production standards by adding a party twist to high-calibre sporting events, including music shows and live entertainment, while making competitions accessible to all. Jamboree, Red Bull Crashed Ice, Vélirium, Ski Tour Canada and Transat Québec Saint-Malo are just a few of the major events organized by GesteV, which also manages the Baie de Beauport recreational site. GesteV is certified under the BNQ 9700-253 standard for responsible event management.

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