



The Birch Open Skate Race - Saturday Jan. 17, 2026 and MB Games South and West teams qualifiers!

Presented by the Ski Birch Cross Country Ski Club

Location: Ski Birch – near Roseisle Manitoba

Start times:

U10 12:10 PM – 1K – hilly course!

U12 12:25 PM – 2K (MB Games U12 – 2014 YOB only qualifier included) – hilly course!

10K 1:00 PM

5K 1:01 PM (MB Games U14-2012/13 & U16-2010/11 included)

5K fun ski 1:02PM

Format: Mass Start Free technique races on the South trails (there will be a classic track on the side)

Registration – closes Friday, Jan 10 at noon:

<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=40931>

Entry Fee: \$16 per skier. Kids ages 12 and under are free (+ zone4 fees charged).

Facilities: The Birch Chalet will be open. Washrooms are available. There will be hot chocolate for all racers ... and for spectators who cheer loudly.

Food: Some food will be available for purchase. Slow Cooker of Meat Chilli, a big pot of Veg Chilli, and bread; hot chocolate, and we have lots of coffee. Cash or e-transfer.

Refund Policy: Race fees are refundable if you have a reasonable excuse.

Waxing: *Waxing is not allowed inside the clubhouse; so best to do waxing at home*

Awards: To keep the costs low, there will not be any awards. Results will be posted on the internet the day after the race and also sent via email to racers.

First Aid: Will be available on-site through Ski Patrol – Thank you Robert Loiselle!!

Volunteers: We will need about 5 people for volunteer marshals. Email steve_scoles@hotmail.com if you can volunteer for an hour or two.

Course: South trails – see note below.

Race Meeting: a brief race meeting will be held at 12:45 in the chalet for 5K & 10K

Race Distances and Categories:

Under 10 (2016 and earlier) – 1km,

Under 12 (2014 & 2015 ... note only 2014 games eligible) – 2 to 3 km,

All other ages can choose whether to race 5K or 10K

MB Games Qualifiers: Manitoba Games South and West Region eligible athletes will compete in the designated race. The games eligible athletes will be seeded together at the start of each race, BUT will race with other athletes that are non games-eligible. If you are eligible for the South or West teams, be sure to register in your age/gender category for the games-eligible events.

Map for MB Games regions for registration:

<https://view.genially.com/65d521e7b1f78c001441d905/interactive-image-sports-regional-map>

Course Note: We will use a 5K loop on the south trails for over 12. We will use a 1K very hilly course for the U10 and U12 categories. **No skiing on the U10/U12 Course while those races are on.**

Contact: Steve Scoles, race organizer, steve_scoles@hotmail.com