

Northern Cup



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Omineca Ski Club Hosts Teck Northern Cup #5

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(Burns Lake, B.C.)

On Sunday, January 18th, the Omineca Ski Club (OSC) hosted Teck Northern Cup #5. A total of 61 racers from the Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club (Kitimat), Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club (Smithers), Omineca Ski Club (Burns Lake), Nechako Nordics (Vanderhoof) and Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (Prince George) enjoyed a fabulous day at the club ski venue. Hosting the race in January we thought our biggest concern would be cold temperatures but it turns out the week before the race there was warm temps & rain! - this diminished our snowpack significantly. Fortunately, the temps lowered enough to allow our trail crew to work their magic, resulting in trails that were 'exceptional', as commented by more than one racer.



Jan 18th 2026 – beautiful sunny day in Burns Lake temps around -5°C at race time.

The youngest age group (U6) started off the events with a 400m race loop that was lined with Stuffedies to encourage them on their route.

Participants in the U8 – to U16 categories demonstrated ski skills & great sportsmanship during their events.

The Open & Masters skiers rounded off the day by skiing a 10.5km route. We had a wide range of racers in this group: our Open Men racers (Cole & Jesse) had been competing against each other since they were in the U8 category and have many years of experience. For at least one of our Masters it was his very first xc ski race – which he commented was like running but with skis on.



U6 Racers at the start line!



Sportsmanship was demonstrated throughout the day.



The OSC executive would like to extend a gigantic thank-you to all the amazing volunteers who came out and made the event possible! From folks helping in the kitchen, to timers & course controllers standing outside in whatever weather events are happening, to the set-up & take down crews and everyone else who puts in time to make these events happen – THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge Teck's continued support of cross-country skiing. Many friendships have been formed & experiences gained through participation in Teck sponsored events. We sincerely thank Teck for the support.

Race results are available on zone 4:
[Teck Northern Cup #5 | Zone4.ca](https://www.zone4.ca/teck-northern-cup-5)

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