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WinSport's ski and snowboard hill opens Friday

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport is excited to announce the ski and snowboard hill at Canada Olympic Park with open Friday with limited terrain.

Our snowmaking team has been taking advantage of every cold-weather window to open as much terrain as possible. The Legacy Express and 88 Express lift, along with the novice area and progression park will open starting Friday at 1 p.m., with more terrain opening as snowmaking permits.

WinSport has implemented the Alberta Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) in accordance with the City of Calgary's Vaccine Passport Bylaw at our recreation facility this winter. Operating under the REP means fewer restrictions for WinSport guests, which leads to a better experience when guests visit the park.

"Safety continues to be our top priority," says John Sutherland, WinSport's Chief Operating Officer. "We successfully navigated last season under the guidelines in effect at the time, but this year we expect a better guest experience with less strict protocols thanks to operating under the REP. We want to make their visit a safe and enjoyable experience for all of our guests."

General requirements to visit the ski and snowboard hill and the Frank King Day Lodge include:

- The Alberta government-issued vaccine QR code as proof of two vaccinations (must be two weeks from the second shot) or proof of a privately paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of entering the facility, for everyone born 2009 or earlier; and
- Valid ID for those born 2009 or earlier (with photo ID required for those aged 16 and older).
- Face coverings are required for those aged two and up in our indoor areas as per the Provincial Order.
- While distancing and masking are not required outdoors within the REP zone, they are highly recommended.
- No foot traffic or spectators will be allowed anywhere on the hill.

Hill hours this season are 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Day tickets are now on sale with guests encouraged to book online. The tube park, which will also fall under the REP guidelines, is scheduled to open on Dec. 18, 2021.

The food court will be open throughout the season, while a newly renovated and expanded EIGHTYEIGHT Bar & Grill will open in December. Both are located on the second floor of the Frank King Day Lodge. The Coffee Market on the first floor of the day lodge is also open this winter for grab and go food and beverage options.

Ski Cellar Snowboard, one of Calgary's most iconic ski and snowboard retailers, is operated the retail space at the day lodge for the second straight winter.

Guests are asked to visit winsport.ca for the latest updates and for more information on the latest REP requirements.

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About WinSport

The Calgary Olympic Development Association, which operates as WinSport, is a not-for-profit community-based organization that owns and operates Canada Olympic Park. Our vision is to be a world-leading centre for athletic development. We inspire human potential through the spirit of sport by introducing people to winter and mountain sports, helping them develop their skills and thereby igniting a passion for sport and lifelong learning. WinSport does not receive any direct government funding for our operations and we support our purpose by building on the legacy of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games and by delivering exceptional value and experiences to our guests. For more information on WinSport please visit <u>www.winsport.ca</u>.

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