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WinSport's Canada Olympic Park opens ski and snowboard season early

Calgary, Alta. – Skiers and snowboarders can get an early start to the season at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park, with sections of the park opening this weekend – one week ahead of the originally scheduled opening date.

The Silver and Gold carpets, located on the eastern side of the park, will open for the season, giving skiers and snowboarders an early chance to test out new equipment or get their winter legs back. Skiers and riders will also be able to get their jib on, with several rails set up on the east side of the park.

The park will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Monday, with Discover Park pricing in effect. The rental shop, retail shop and food court will also be open.

Combined with Mother Nature's thick blanket, WinSport's snowmaking has provided the perfect sneak-peek to the winter season at COP. Snowmaking began last weekend, with the guns blazing throughout the week when weather permitted. Snowmaking, which is ideal at -5C or colder, will continue as temperatures permit. Visit www.winsport.ca for the latest hill updates.

The main portion of the hill is tentatively scheduled to open on Nov. 15, depending on weather.

What: Canada Olympic Park early opening

When: Saturday, Nov. 9 to Monday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Canada Olympic Park
88 Canada Olympic Road S.W.

About WinSport

The Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit www.winsport.ca.

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