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WinSport's ski and snowboard hill opens Friday with new protocols

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport is excited to announce that the ski and snowboard hill at Canada Olympic Park will open for the season on Friday.

This year will look much different than previous seasons with several critical changes taking place due to COVID-19 and safety being the top priority for our guests and for our team members.

“WinSport is eager to play a significant role in helping families stay active this winter, but we need to ensure we are making the experience as safe as possible,” says WinSport President and CEO Barry Heck. “Our team has been diligent in developing a safe reopening strategy and we will continue to follow Government of Alberta and City of Calgary guidelines.”

The most significant changes from previous years are to help limit capacity and provide physical distancing where possible. These include:

- Opening the hill to passholders only to start the season, with no walk-up (day) tickets available until further notice.
- All passholders planning to come to the hill are required to book a time online with WinSport's new reservation system.
- No foot traffic or spectators will be allowed anywhere on the hill.
- Guests are asked to dress for the day at their vehicle and leave all personal items locked in their vehicles. There is no on-site storage available.
- Guests are asked to maintain a physical distance of six feet (two metres) from other guests and WinSport Team Members wherever possible.

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. The Tube Park is scheduled to open on Dec. 19, 2020.

In addition to capacity protocols, other changes include:

- No one known to have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test in the previous 14 days will be permitted on WinSport property.
- Face coverings are mandatory in all indoor areas and in all outdoor common areas, including while on the hill, lift lines, on lifts, on magic carpets and in parking lots.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing are taking place in all indoor areas and on the lifts at Canada Olympic Park, and hand sanitizer is located at the entrances.
- The Food Court area has been reserved for those passholders purchasing food and beverage, with tables spaced appropriately, while following restaurant guidelines. No outside food is permitted in the Day Lodge.

“The COVID-19 environment is new to everyone, including the ski and snowboard industry,” says Heck. “Resorts throughout Canada will be learning as we go, and ultimately we all have the same goal of making it a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We are taking the necessary steps to help reduce the risk of the virus and we will continue to evolve throughout the season as situations change.”

Guests are asked to visit winsport.ca for the latest updates.

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About WinSport

WinSport inspires human potential through the spirit of sport. The Calgary Olympic Development Association, operating as WinSport, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that owns and operates Canada Olympic Park and the Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore. WinSport also administers legacy funds that support the Olympic Oval. WinSport’s mission has three pillars: to help people discover the joy and health benefits of sport; to encourage talented athletes to develop their skills; and to enable Canada’s high-performance athletes to excel on the world stage. Financial commitments from Canadian governments and business have allowed WinSport to expand its sport and community offering over time; significant investment will be required in the coming years to renew the legacy facilities that have welcomed the world to the Calgary region for more than a generation.

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