

2019 American Birkebeiner Elite Skiers to Watch

BIRKIE SKATE MEN

Brian Gregg (USA)

- Team Gregg
 - Olympian - 2014
 - 3rd American Birkebeiner Freestyle (2012)
 - Will be racing his 11th American Birkebeiner
 - 20 U.S. Super Tour podiums, 5 wins
 - NCAA All-American
 - Bib # 22
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Matt Liebsch (USA)

- 9 World Cup starts
 - Champion - American Birkebeiner (2009)
 - Will be racing his 15th American Birkebeiner
 - Bib # 24
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Rogan Brown (USA)

- Bridger Ski Foundation
 - 14th American Birkebeiner Freestyle (2018)
 - Bib # 14
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Linard Kindschi (SUI)

- Schlivera-Ftan
 - 4 World Cup Starts
 - 15th American Birkebeiner Freestyle (2018)
 - Bib # 15
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Erik Packer (USA)

- Alaska Pacific Nordic Ski Center
- 9th U.S. Nationals 30k Freestyle (2019)
- 1 World Cup start
- 4x National Championship Podium
- 3x NCAA All-American
- Bib # 21

Forrest Mahlen (USA)

- Alaska Pacific University Ski Team
 - Currently 9th in U.S. SuperTour ranking
 - 5 Top 10 finishes - 2019 U.S. Super Tour
 - 13th U.S. Nationals 30k Freestyle (2019)
 - Bib # 38
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Thomas O’Harra (USA)

- Alaska Pacific University Ski Team
 - Currently 23rd in U.S. SuperTour ranking
 - 2 Top 10 finishes - 2019 U.S. Super Tour
 - 11th U.S. Nationals 30k Freestyle (2019)
 - Bib # 26
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Tyler Kornfield (USA)

- Alaska Pacific University Ski team
 - 2018 Olympian
 - 3 World Cup starts
 - 8 U.S. National Championships Podiums
 - 2 Top 20 finishes in 2019 World Loppet Cup races
 - Bib # 9
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John Hegman (USA)

- 3 World Cup starts
 - 10th American Birkebeiner Freestyle (2018)
 - Bib # 10
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BIRKIE SKATE WOMEN

Kikkan Randall (USA)

- Alaska Pacific Nordic Ski Center
 - 2018 Olympic Gold Medalist
 - Olympian (2018, 2014, 2010, 2006, 2002)
 - 3 World Championships podiums, 1 win
 - 29 World Cup podiums, 13 wins
 - She will be racing in her first Birkie
 - Bib # 501
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Becca Rorabaugh (USA)

- Alaska Pacific Nordic Ski Center
 - 8 World Cup starts
 - Bib # 504
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Alayna Sonnesyn (USA)

- Stratton Mountain School
 - 7th U.S. National Championships 20K Freestyle (2019)
 - 1 World Loppet podium (2019)
 - Bib # 506
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Katie Feldman (USA)

- Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation
 - 7th National Championships 20K Freestyle (2019)
 - 4 U.S. Super Tour Top 10 Finishes (2019)
 - Bib # 507
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BIRKIE CLASSIC MEN

Ivan Babikov (CAN)

- Olympian – 2006, 2010, 2014
 - 3 World Cup Podiums
 - 1 World Cup Win
 - Will be racing his 5th American Birkebeiner
 - Bib # 301
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Cole Morgan (USA)

- 2nd American Birkebeiner Classic (2018)
 - 1 World Championships start
 - 3 World Cup starts
 - Bib # 302
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Maarten Soleng Skinstad (NOR)

- Vind IL
 - 4th American Birkebeiner Classic (2018)
 - Bib # 303
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BIRKIE CLASSIC WOMEN

Felicia Gesior (USA)

- Bridger Ski Foundation
 - Champion - American Birkebeiner Classic (2018)
 - Bib # 501
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Josie Nelson (USA)

- 3rd- American Birkebeiner Classic (2018)
- Will race in her 20th American Birkebeiner
- Bib # 503