



2021 Birkie Week Registration, Waves & Timing Frequently Asked Questions As of 12/16/20

This is a unique year and we hope to be back to normal for Birkie 2022! We understand that Birkie 2021 plan may not be ideal for you and your personal circumstances. However, we want you to know that we are doing everything in our power to provide a safe event experience for all skiers. For those who choose to join us virtually for Birkie 2021, we will do our very best to make certain you have a great virtual experience. Thank you for your understanding and consideration during these unusual times.

Where can I view the race day wave schedules?

- Race day wave schedules can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

How many skiers will be in each wave?

- Many factors go into determining wave size including speed of skiers in that wave, historic no-show rates, and data used to model and control total number of skiers on the trail and at aid stations at any given time. Waves will vary and range from 50 to 180 skiers per wave.

Will all elite skiers ski on the same day?

- Elite skiers will not all ski on the same day.

If I ski the Birkie, will Korte skiers be in my wave?

- No, Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon waves will be separate

When is the deadline for deciding if I want to change to a different race or change my technique?

- The final wave upgrade, race and technique [change request](#) deadline for Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon 2021 is January 19, 2021 by 4pm CST.

Can I choose to downgrade from my wave to a slower wave that has space available on a different day?

- In an effort to create an environment with reduced on-trail passing, consistent race flow, reduced congestion in aid stations, and the safest possible environment for all skiers, we are unable to downgrade a skier to a wave that is slower than the wave they qualify for.

Can I register to ski more than one event during the five days of Birkie Week?

- Yes, you will need to register for each event individually.
- Participants will receive credit for only one Birkie, one Korte, and one Prince Haakon race each year. For example, while a skier may choose to ski the Birkie skate race one day and the Birkie classic race the next, they will only receive credit for skiing one Birkie ski race in 2021.
- Skiers may register for and ski the Birkie, the Korte, and the Prince Haakon and will receive credit for skiing if they successfully complete the unique and individual races.

How will you compare the times from the different race days?

- We will not be adjusting times from one race day to the next.



How will 2021 race times impact wave placements in 2022:

- Race times from 2021 will not be used in calculating a skier's wave placement in 2022.

Will virtual race times and in-person race times be treated the same for future wave placement?

- Virtual skiers will receive credit for skiing their races, however, like the in-person races, virtual ski times will not be considered for future wave placement.

Will there be an American Birkebeiner champion crowned each day? Or, will there the champions be crowned later in the week?

- Slumberland American Birkebeiner champions will be crowned on Saturday (skate) and Sunday (classic).

Will there be an elite skier red group?

- Yes, there will be a red group. Details are to be determined.

If I signed up for the Birkie and on race day choose to ski the Korte, will I get credit for the Korte?

- No, skiers must ski the race they are registered for, just like in a normal year.
- Participant movement is modeled to ensure that aid stations and the finish area will not experience overcrowding. If participants ski a shorter course, we can't guarantee the spread will be appropriate.
- You can formally [change your race](#) until January 19 (please note the ability to change your wave, race, or technique will be unavailable from November 15 at 8pm CST to December 1, 2020), at which point the ability to change your race will resume.

Can I show up and ski on a day other than the day I'm supposed to?

- No, you must race on your assigned day. Your chipped bib is your personal identifier and will only be valid on your assigned race day.
- If you ski on a day other than the day assigned you will not receive credit for skiing the race.

Can we defer our race registration to 2022?

- No. If skiers are uncomfortable skiing in 2021, they may opt to select the virtual race option.

I registered for the Virtual race; can I still participate in the in-person race?

- Once you've chosen the virtual option, you are unable to go back to the in-person event. We need to plan for and control the number of participants on site at all times. Thank you for your understanding.

Will there still be a Wave 70 for both the Kortelopet and the Birkebeiner?

- Yes, there will be a Wave 70 in both races.

Can I still register for the Birkie, Korte, and Prince Haakon races?

- Yes, registration is open for all three races at Birkie.com. Race registration for the in-person events closes on December 29 and registration closes for the virtual race option on January 19.

How many participants are you anticipating for all the races?

- Registration is still open for the Slumberland American Birkebeiner, Kortelopet, and Prince Haakon races. At this time, final numbers are yet to be determined.



Will there be U19/U16 Prince Haakon waves or Kortelopet scholarships in 2021?

- We are unable to accommodate U19/U16 waves in the Prince Haakon in 2021. Also, the Kortelopet scholarship program has been postponed until 2021.

Will there be age class awards in 2021?

- No, we have eliminated age class awards in 2021. Knowing there will be reduced medical staff on-course, we want skiers to ski safely and not push themselves needlessly. Additionally, there is no way to fairly determine winners when course conditions can vary significantly over the 5-days of Birkie events. Lastly, the age class awards will be back in 2022!