

Due to cold weather concerns, the race organizers have chosen to start Saturday's sprint qualifiers with the Open categories, running down to Atom, and then the Masters prologue. The hope is the temperature will warm enough that all racers can start. Item #315.9 of the Canadian Competition Rules (CCR) stipulates that "Atoms and Peewees" may not start if the weather is below -15 degrees Celsius. The jury notes that the CCR item #341.1.5 specifies that Atoms and Peewees are boys Year of Birth 2004 and younger, and girls are YOB 2005 and younger. This is not consistent with the provincial age groupings in BC or Alberta, and correlates to half the Midget Boys category and all Midget girls in BC.

If the temperature is below -15 degrees, the jury will make a decision on whether to delay the start of the qualifiers for the affected age categories. If the temperature stays below the -15C cutoff, the jury will cancel the qualifications for the affected athletes. Note that under the CCR rules, a portion of the Midget Boys category cannot start.

If the qualifiers must be cancelled, but the weather warms sufficiently, the race organizers will run the sprint heat categories as normal, with a randomized draw for quarter-final entries for affected Midget Boys, Bantams, Pee-wees and Atoms.