



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Grand Opening of Whistler Olympic Park's Junior Ski Jumps – 'Geländesprung – Learn to Jump' Event on January 18th**

*Whistler* – Whistler Olympic Park is launching its new ski jumping program in January – and you can be among the first to try out the brand new junior ski jumps – this Sunday, on your downhill skis! Come out and be part of the jumps' grand opening on 'FIS World Snow Day', January 18, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00pm!

Children and adults between 8 and 88 are invited to join Whistler Olympic Park in celebrating the opening of the new 20 and 40 meter jumps. Ski jumping coaches will instruct attendees on proper jumping technique, and participants will have an opportunity to try out the 20 meter junior ski jump on their downhill or telemark equipment. The introductory session will end with a fun distance jumping competition.

Participants need to be at least intermediate downhill or telemark skiers and are required to provide their own properly adjusted alpine or telemark equipment and a CSA certified snow sports helmet. Pre-registration is recommended as capacity is limited. The cost is \$15 for children and youth (18 and under), and \$25 for adults (fee includes instruction, trail/hill use and 1-day membership to Ski Jumping Canada). Day of registration will be at a slightly higher rate (\$20 children/youth, \$30 adults). Bookings can be made at 604 964 0060 ext. 2434 or by email to [wopbookings@whistlerolympicpark.com](mailto:wopbookings@whistlerolympicpark.com).

'We hope to develop young ski jumpers on our new facility, and I am sure we will see lots of local talent on Sunday', stated John Heilig, Manager, Nordic Sports of Whistler Olympic Park. Regular ski jumping lessons will start on January 24 & 25 with a seven-week program for children and youth between 8 and 16 years on Saturdays or Sundays from 1:00-3:00pm (more information at 604 964 0060 ext. 2434 or [wopbookings@whistlerolympicpark.com](mailto:wopbookings@whistlerolympicpark.com)).

Heilig explains: 'We chose the FIS World Snow Day as our opening day as it is a great opportunity to present the public with an exciting Nordic discipline which is mostly new to this region.' World Snow Day is a campaign initiated by the International Ski Federation (FIS) and is run worldwide on January 18th with the goal to introduce children and adults to all kinds of exciting snow activities.

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### **About Whistler Olympic Park**

Whistler Olympic Park is operated by Whistler Sport Legacies, a non-profit organization responsible for Whistler Olympic Park, the Whistler Sliding Centre, and the Whistler Athletes' Centre. Each facility plays a unique role in inspiring sport excellence for the benefit of athletes, residents, and visitors. Participation in WOP's recreational activities helps support the growth of Nordic sport in the Sea to Sky corridor. For more information, visit [whistlerolympicpark.com](http://whistlerolympicpark.com) and [facebook.com/whistlerolympicpark](https://facebook.com/whistlerolympicpark).

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