



MEDIA ADVISORY

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

COP's ski and snowboard hill closure extended through Friday

Calgary, Alta. – WinSport Canada announced Wednesday that due to Mother Nature's frigid grip on Calgary, the ski and snowboard hill at Canada Olympic Park will remain closed through Friday.

With Environment Canada forecasting temperatures to soar to near the freezing mark on Saturday, WinSport expects to re-open the ski and snowboard hill for regular hours on Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The decision to close the hill was based on the safety of the park's guests and staff.

Snowmaking on the hill has continued day and night since the cold snap hit the city and will likely wrap up early Saturday, with the current snow cover – plus any additional natural snow – expected to last until spring.

Please note that other areas of the park, including the Athletic and Ice Complex, the Calgary Gymnastics Centre and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame remain open.

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WinSport Canada

The Canadian Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport Canada owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport Canada supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport Canada please visit www.winsportcanada.ca.

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