

WAX RECOMMENDATION



BIRKEBEINER OPEN TRACK SKATE and CLASSIC

American Birkebeiner Trail, Cable, WI - Wednesday, Feb 19

Open start window of 8 A.M. to 9 A.M.

50k Skate, 53k Classic, Point-to-point

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Forecast/Conditions: Overnight low of about -20F, roughly -12F warming to -7F during the start window. Partly sunny skies with a light northwest breeze. Daytime high temperature will reach about 10F. Expect the course to be generally in good shape, with a possibility of some dirty spots on southern portions of the course. Note multiple extreme cold and windy days leading up to the race as a factor in this wax tip.

Glidewax: Apply Performance Blue Hot Wax, scrape and brush, then apply HP Blue Hot Wax, sprinkle on X-Cold Powder, iron in together, scrape and brush.

Gripwax: Roughen base with 150 grit sandpaper, iron in Nordic Base Wax Green, cork smooth, let cool. Then apply 2-4 layers of Nordic GripWax Blue, corking smooth between layers. Cover the GripWax Blue with 1 thin layer of GripWax X-Cold to free up the ski a bit in these very cold conditions. For those wanting more grip, consider skipping the layer of GripWax X-Cold.

Structure: A fine grind with no additional structure will best suit these conditions.

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Check the Wax Tips page at TokoUS.com before all of your races for the latest waxing information. Toko Race Wax Tips offer racers precise waxing advice on how to make skis perform optimally for a given event. If you do not have High Performance wax, substitute Performance or Base Performance wax of the same color (Blue, Red or Yellow), as the temperature ranges are the same. For a more economical option, omit Jet topcoats. All Race Wax Tips recommend ONLY fluorine-free products. To see optimal application procedures for both Glidewax and Gripwax, go to the How To link at TokoUS.com.