



Yes!

You'll be skiing in Mora for 49th Vasaloppet Feb. 13-14

Organizers revamp race to meet State COVID-19 rules

The Vasaloppet board of directors recently approved their COVID-19 plan for the 2021 Vasaloppet USA ski race February 13-14. The plan calls for holding the race on the Vasaloppet Nordic Center trails system as in recent years. The plan also outlines significant changes in the race to meet state and local COVID-19 guidelines. **What hasn't changed is the warm and welcoming hospitality of the Community of Mora that skiers have come to love.**

Quick Summary

This is only a brief summary. We know you will have many detailed questions. Please be patient. We will be sending more details and updates throughout the fall and winter. Further, the Vasaloppet COVID-19 plan is based on the situation as of late September and may change.

- **Skier wellness**— *If any skiers are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, we kindly request that they do not participate in the race, to assure the safety of all other skiers and volunteers.*
- **Registration limit:** All races are limited to 250 skiers per state guidelines.
- **Saturday:** The Vasa race will start in the morning and the Dala about noon. Race organizers are still studying optimum start times for all races throughout the weekend.
- **Sunday** The Classic and Classic 20K will start in the morning. The Bellringer starts Sunday around noon. The Team race is cancelled for 2021.
- **The Miniloppet**, Skijoring, and Fat Tire races are being planned for another weekend, so more information is coming soon.
- **The Start** will be “Open Trak” style based on your chip time starting when you cross the starting line. Each race will have a starting period between an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Further, skiers will be assigned starting time windows (for example 9:20-9:30) in order to prevent everyone wanting to start at the earliest possible start time and creating a long, crowded queue.

Start procedure will be metered into the starting area and you’ll briefly wait at designated markers to put on your skis and then move up to the starting line and begin your race. This is not a wave start.
- **Elite Starts.** The Vasa, Dala & Classic elite starts will be the only wave starts and are limited to 25 skiers for each race. More details will follow.

Pre-Race

- **Race bibs.** Skiers will be mailed their race bib if they are registered by a date yet to be determined. Those who register later or on race day, can pick-up their bibs at outdoor stations.

Skiers who were mailed bibs can proceed directly to the starting area.

- **No Celebration Tent**—for obvious reasons. Also no changing rooms or bag drop-off/pick-up.

- **After arriving** in Mora skiers will be directed to convenient parking areas. Sorry, without the tent and changing rooms it's just you and your vehicle.

Soup Stops

- Three soup stops will again be available this year. Stops will be more spread out along the trail so skiers do not all have to stop at the first couple tables.
- Soup stops will have liquids only and they will be self-serve. Volunteers will be on hand to replenish the stop tables.
- If you need more than liquids during the race plan on carrying your own.

Post-Race

- **Completion Medals.** Skiers will be awarded their completion medals at the finishline, but Kranskullas will not be placing them around their neck.
- **Results.** Your individual and ranking results will be available via text message. In order to receive this text you must provide your mobile phone number when you register. Results will not be posted at the finish.
- **Dala Horse Awards.** We are working making arrangements to get Dala Horses to class winners since there will be no award ceremony.
- **Skiers Lunch.** Sorry, a skiers lunch is simply not possible under the COVID restrictions. Be sure to bring some nourishment in your vehicle so you can replenish on your drive home. Local eateries will be open, but they too have capacity restrictions as well.

Snowmaking

- Improvements to the race course continued over the summer and snowmaking will commence as soon as cold weather arrives.

We look forward to seeing you in Mora for the 49th Vasaloppet USA Feb. 13-14