



## 2023 Dakota Classic

**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 8km Women 11:00am Start & 8km Men 12:00pm Start**

**Open Entries are restricted to those who can finish within the required time frames...**

**Men 8km in 34min / Women in 40min.**

**Individuals looking to register MUST email race director [jason.reindl@usask.ca](mailto:jason.reindl@usask.ca) for the registration access code for <https://www.trackie.com/event/dakota-classic/1000832/?admin=1>**

### **ABSOLUTELY NO HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES.**

- Throughout history, the Dakota has a long history of relationship building with other Indigenous nations and with European newcomers. In the spirit of the word “Dakota” which means “friend” or “ally.” Huskie Cross Country, Huskie Athletics, and the University of Saskatchewan are proud to continue to this tradition of relationship building as this looks to be the first university sport event chosen to be held on the first and only self-governing First Nation in the province of Saskatchewan.
- **Where: Dakota Dunes Resort, located twenty-six kilometers south of Saskatoon on the traditional territory of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation 203 Dakota Dunes Way, Whitecap, SK, S7K 2L2**
- **What:** Cross Country races. Women’s 8km and Men’s 8km Races on the area surrounding trail 7.5km trail system around the resort and the renowned golf course. The course is considered an “out and back” starting and ending on the Dakota Dunes Driving Range. From grass of the driving range, athletes will traverse a crushed dirt path (approx. 3-4m wide) that will challenge all with numerous up hill and downhill segments. There will also be an “off path” section creating the loop to. The course is spike (5mm) appropriate, and two sections of asphalt will be matted but athletes may still run on asphalt for brief periods of time.
- Attending Teams University of Manitoba, University of Alberta, University of Regina and the host University of Saskatchewan.
- 4:00-6:30pm – Trail System (7.5km) will be available for warmups and shakeouts via the parking lot. The start of the race will not be available on Friday evening. Huskie volunteers/coaches will be onsite to support and remind athletes that respect for the golf course is an absolute must as the course is still being played upon/utilized. Absolutely no running on the golf course. Athletes must stay on the trail system.

### **Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am – Course Open to teams.
- 11:00am – Women’s 8km Race
- 12:00pm – Men’s 8km Race
- 1:30pm – Awards, Closing Remarks, and Photos behind Hotel in the Atrium



## Notes & Reminders

- Athlete Registration cost is \$15/Athlete.
- Registration deadline Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5pm
- Athletes are encouraged to wear orange on this day.
- There is ample parking onsite.
- Team tents will have designated areas on the driving range.
- The golf club house will be available for washrooms with port-a-potties anticipated to be on site also near the start/finish line area.
- Starting boxes will be communicated Friday evening at the coaches meeting.
- 1km markers will be placed along the course via wheeled course measurement. Athletes are to be reminded that GPS watches are NOT accurate.
- Spectators will be limited to driving range start/finish area.
- Awards presentations will be made to the top 3 male and female athletes as well as the winning teams.
- Scoring – Top 5 runners per team. 1<sup>st</sup> place scores 1pt, 2<sup>nd</sup> place scores 2 pts, etc. Lowest total wins. All athletes count for scoring with no limit.
- Finish line snacks (juice and granola bars) will be provided.
- Medical – Huskie student trainers and Huskie Health physiotherapist will be onsite with ice/first aid supplies.
- Whitecap Health Centre (located next to Charles Redhawk Elementary School) 182 Chief Whitecap Trail.
- Nearest full-service hospital is Royal University Hospital (RUH) 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0W8. Travel time 30min.

