

## **Press release posted 2/11/2026**

The MN Finlandia Board of Directors met Tuesday evening to discuss the current trail conditions and forecast related to this weekend's Finlandia. We are facing daytime temps reaching to 40F over Wed, Thu and Friday. We also have areas of thin cover with serious sun exposure that are vulnerable to melt out. These open areas are found on the sections that connect the east side trails to the wooded west side trails. After looking at course photos and reviewing viable options it was decided that the best play is to utilize the good conditions found on the West side for a shortened course, lap format.

We will offer 18k classic, 18k free, and 6km tour on the west side trails this Saturday Feb 14. We will use the same starting field, ski round the chalet, return past the timing area and proceed through the snow filled tunnel to the west side trails. Drinks and aid will be provided near the tunnel and we will monitor skiers and provide right of way to finishing skiers exiting the tunnel.

Easy registration and bib pick up will all take place this year at the Buena Vista ski chalet on the second floor 8am-9:30am. Awards to follow also upstairs at the chalet.