



Technical Director Report Ski NB AGM 2022

Please accept this as the Technical Director report for the 2021-2022 ski season. Although we were still rather impacted by Covid 19 things were much more “normal” than the previous season.

We approached the season with a full plan to be able to race and train as normal, however Covid was a little more prevalent as the season started so we needed to make adjustments on the fly.

The first thing we were able to offer was Learning Facilitator training. We have grown this group from one or two to a group now of 6 learning facilitators that most this season will be able to deliver Entry Levels at will in the province. Last season once we had this training completed in the fall there were 2 Entry Level courses in the province. In terms of coach education, the other big event we were able to complete was a Performance Level course. We now have 5 more Performance Level coaches in the province. That brings us to 8 trained or certified Performance Level coaches in the province. There was also fall coach education update offered on line via Zoom. This was well attended. Alpine Canada Alpin also offered a number of webinars and our coaches were well represented. In the end based on this education that was offered Ski NB and all of our clubs had an almost 100% licensed coaching staff. Again, this season Ski NB will be pushing hard to have 100% of our active coaches licensed before the end of January.

In terms of athlete development this was a good year also. Ski NB and Kay Mills introduced a new U16 High Performance program that is referred to as the Athlete Development Pathway. And based on the number of events and the number of athletes involved and committed to the program it is perceived as being a success. More details on this program are available on the Ski NB website. Ski NB was able to conduct the Speed camp again last season, however because of poor weather the camp was somewhat abbreviated. The manner in which the coaches worked together to create the best training opportunity they could under the circumstances demonstrates the passion and ability of NB.

Ski NB and the clubs were able to conduct three races. The first event was at Crabbe Mountain and would be considered a success. As usual the CMRC event which was also considered the Test Event for Canada Games was a very well-run race. Thank you to all who did the work.

The next competition was at Poley and again as usual this was a very successful race with athletes from NB, PEI and NS in attendance and again with challenging weather PMRC was able to offer this event with the utmost professionalism and quality.

The third race was held at Mont Farlagne. The exciting part of this event was it was in April, the latest event in NB in recent memory. And again, it was a very well conducted and attended event by MFRT.

Ski NB was also very well represented at both U16 Nationals at Mont Tremblant and the U14 Can Ams at Sunday River, Maine.

The other big success of the season was the Ski NB FIS program. We had 10 athletes going to FIS races in Quebec and Maine/ Vermont. One of the exciting parts to this was the "team" split was exactly 5 female athletes and 5 male athletes. They represented themselves and Ski NB extremely well not only based on their presence at the events but also in some solid results. And it looks as though this program will be just as robust this coming season.

Although it is certain there are things that have been missed in this report, it is to be pointed out that Ski NB offered everything they were able to under all conditions to our members. A perfect season, no. There have been very few if any perfect seasons. What did come out of the 2021-2022 season is the co-operation of the three clubs. This is a rarity in any sport across the country and it is something we all should be very proud of.

As mentioned before Canada Games are this coming season. The alpine events, SG, GS and Slalom will be held here at Crabbe Mountain. It is hoped that Ski NB can have a large number of volunteers for this event. The ROC is already in place and doing a wonderful job of preparation. Please consider being part of this event. It is a great way to watch our athlete perform on the national stage and it is an opportunity to be part of showing the rest of Canada what we can and what we do on a regular basis. And that is provide a quality competition experience.

Regards,

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