



Memo to Membership

Race Calendar:

With this unprecedented warm start to winter we regrettably have to postpone the Team Atlantic Cup to March 9, 2023, meaning we will not count it for Canada Games. However, with a smaller than expected field for the Rolland Brunner at Wentworth, we believe we can make up for those starts at that event by racing multiple times in the same day there. The plan will be to race two races every day. As of right now, the plan is to race two SG on Friday, two GS on Saturday and two SL on Sunday. The Team Atlantic Cup was meant to be two SL and one GS. Thus, by adding one GS and one SL to the Rolland Brunner we mitigate our loss to only one SL start. Additionally, in the event that we are not able to run SG on the Friday we will add two more SL starts.

The selection criteria for all major events remains the same with regard to how many of each discipline will be counted. The only change is that the Team Atlantic Cup will not be counted for CWG, and the Rolland Brunner will have additional starts added to it.

Lastly, for the purposes of U14 Can Ams and U16 Easterns we will **no longer be counting the Poley race**. This is to give parents of the U14 athletes who qualify for Can-Ams to make travel and accommodation arrangements as parents will have to bring their athletes to that event and will need to chaperone them. The coaches will be responsible for all on hill activities. We still highly encourage clubs to attend the Poley race as it is always a great race and will keep the athletes engaged right until the end of our season. We will decide the teams for following the Team Atlantic Cup.

Crabbe Speed Camp/ SG Training Requirement:

In other bad news, due to lack of snow, Crabbe has had to limit their speed camp to just NB athletes this year. This is unfortunate. Our requirement that athletes still obtain 3 days of SG training to attend any national event remains in place. Crabbe will have a training day Thursday which will count towards the required three. All major events (CWG, U14 Can-Ams, and U16 Easterns) have a SG training day built in. Those will also count. For CWG athletes this means

that one additional day of SG training will be required prior to competing at the Games. For all other athletes they will also need one more day but will have plenty of time to arrange that with their clubs as they will not be required to have it until the end of March. Ski NS will look at possible opportunities to provide this day, but we also encourage clubs to look at their own options.

WSRC has arranged their own Speed Camp at Mont Sainte Anne on the same dates as Crabbe. This on its own will fulfill the requirement. The camp will be capped at 40 athletes. They have advised that they will close registration for their athletes on Thursday January 19th and will then open up the invitation to the other NS clubs. Based on their numbers registered for Crabbe, there should be approximately 15 spots available for other clubs' athletes. We advise that you prioritize your CWG eligible athletes for these spots as they are the only athletes in a time crunch to fulfill this requirement.

This was discussed as a board and we feel that this is a key safety requirement. We recognize that this is neither convenient nor cost effective for many, but it is the unfortunate reality which Mother Nature has stuck us with this year. Please rest assured that moving forward we plan to work with our NS Clubs to provide a Speed training opportunity that is our own, eliminating our reliance on Ski NB and Crabbe in this respect.

We appreciate all of your continued patience over the last few seasons and into this one. We will continue to strive to provide you with the best season possible.

Regards,

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