

NORDIC SPORTS PEI

MEMBER CLUB COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Preamble

Local Biathlon and Cross Country Clubs are the foundation of Nordic Sports PEI (NSPEI); Nordiq Canada and/or Biathlon Canada.

NSPEI is the recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing on Prince Edward Island with authority for the governance and delivery of the PSO program. Nordic Sports PEI recognizes that the organization of Biathlon, Cross Country and related activities and the delivery of Biathlon and Cross Country programs are primarily carried out by its Member Clubs. Nordic Sports PEI recognizes that its Member Clubs are community-based organizations, with a high degree of independence. Clubs have normally been formed on the initiative of interested individuals, based on the perceived needs of their communities, and often in partnership with their community cross-country ski club or Nordic sports club. Nordic Sports PEI and Biathlon Canada or Nordiq Canada work with the Member Clubs to coordinate the delivery of common programs for the benefit of Individuals. NSPEI provides the framework for PEI Biathlon or Cross Country clubs and their Individuals to participate in national programs established by the national sport organization, Biathlon Canada or Nordiq Canada.

Definitions

“Clubs” or “Member Clubs” – means a biathlon or cross country club which is duly paid and registered with Biathlon or Nordiq Canada through Nordic Sports PEI. They are the foundational level of the Organization, who attract Individuals; and deliver programs for these Individuals, provide access to trails, shooting ranges and various types of events year-round.

“Day Member” – is an Individual who is not a regular paid member of Biathlon or Nordiq Canada who participates in any capacity in an event in a Member Club. The Non-Competitor Membership Application form must be completed and the fee paid, then forwarded to the NSPEI Secretary, to ensure proper Liability Insurance coverage for the Club.

“Individuals” – All categories of membership defined in the Organization’s Bylaws, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with the Organization, including but not limited to, athletes, coaches, convenors, medical personnel, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, parents or guardians, spectators at events, and Directors and Officers of the Organizations.

“Organization” – Nordic Sports PEI Inc. (also known as Nordic Sports PEI or NSPEI)

“Sanctioned Events” - Events, tournaments, games, practices, fundraisers, awards banquets, seminars, training and competitions that are supervised by a registered member coach/manager/trainer for all activities and must be an adult when involving minors. Such activities must be considered normal to the sport therein.

Benefits of Membership

Registering as a Member Club with Nordic Sports PEI brings with it significant benefits, including:

- Coverage under Biathlon or Nordiq Canada's Liability Insurance policy;
- Access to Biathlon or Nordiq Canada and Nordic Sports PEI coaching and officials development programs;
- Access, when available, to funding support obtained by NSPEI for delivery of programs in the province;
- Access to Biathlon or Nordiq Canada's programming, including the youth-oriented skill development program;
- Access to competitive programs and the opportunity and structure for competition-oriented athletes to participate in local, provincial, and national-level competition and training programs, and the opportunity for such athletes to strive for excellence through selection to provincial or national teams;
- The ability to host Nordic Sports PEI Sanctioned Events;
- The value of being publicly associated with Biathlon or Nordiq Canada and the sport of Biathlon and Cross Country, which is recognized as an Olympic Sport as well as being a healthy, fitness-promoting sport for active participants of all ages and ability levels.

Responsibilities of Member Clubs

Each Club, when accepted as a Member Club of Nordic Sports PEI, thereby accepts certain requirements and obligations, including the following:

- Timely submission of annual Club Membership Application and related fee for each membership year, which begins April 1, in order to ensure continuous coverage by the Biathlon or Nordiq Canada Liability Insurance policy;
- Timely submission of Club Membership lists to the Nordic Sports PEI Secretary to verify their members as Biathlon or Nordiq Canada members;
- Explanation to all program and event participants, parents, coaches, officials, and other volunteers, of the importance of them being members of NSPEI and therefore of Biathlon and Nordiq Canada;
- Verification that all Individuals in any club programs or events are current members of Biathlon or Nordiq Canada, at least as a Day member;
- Assurance that the programs delivered by a Club, i.e., Skills Development, Competition Development programs, and officials and coaching development, should conform to the standards developed by Biathlon or Nordiq Canada and Nordic Sports PEI for these programs;
- That all participants in a Club training camp or race, complete the required Event Participation Waiver, with Range Safety Rules;
- That NSPEI sanctioned races meet the requirements of the NSPEI Hosting Policy;
- That Member Club officers, athletes, officials and coaches adhere to the applicable policies and guidelines issued by Biathlon or Nordiq Canada (depending on the program) and Nordic Sports

PEI that are necessary to provide a safe and equitable environment for all involved in the sport of Biathlon or Cross Country;

- That Member Clubs' officers should review and understand the NSPEI Financial Management Policy, Governance Policy, and other policies necessary to meet the financial and safety requirements of the Club and PSO.

Refusal or Revocation of Membership

Nordic Sports PEI accepts a Club's registration for membership with the expectation that the Club will operate based on established programs, policies and guidelines, and generally accepted standards of care and conduct as summarized above. Where there is reason to believe that a club may not meet these criteria, Nordic Sports PEI may, by fully documented decision of the NSPEI Board of Directors, decline or revoke the registration of that club as a Member Club of Nordic Sports PEI and Biathlon or Nordiq Canada.

On behalf of _____ Club,

I agree to the terms and conditions herein.

Club Manager Name: _____

Club Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____