

## Ski Like Ole Award

Nordiq Alberta is proud to introduce an exciting and very meaningful award to the Nordic Community: *The Ski Like Ole Award.* 

About Ole Heie

Ole Heie, an aspiring 12-year-old elite athlete was suddenly taken from us on July 10, 2021 while out for a run.

Ole's passion and drive became apparent when he put on his first set of cross country skis before he could even walk. From that very first moment, he just loved being on skis and everything that went along with it, even the cold, the wet, and the persistent wipeouts. He fell - a lot - he smiled -ALWAYS and no matter how frustrated he became, he donned a big beaming smile, picked himself up, and kept on going. It wasn't long before Ole began to befriend and chase the big kids. He worked tirelessly on his technique, he became an amazing teammate & competitor, and he got fast. Really. Really. Fast. He was a lifelong member of the Camrose Ski Club & Jr. Vikings. A driven and dedicated athlete, Ole quickly became well known in the Nordic and running communities and recently crushed some pretty impressive goals. He reached 1000 KM in his first 54 days of the last ski season, made national news with his single day 100 KM ski and completed his first 50 KM ultra marathon with an 1800 meter elevation gain this spring. He loved setting big goals & putting in the work to accomplish them. He loved the process and he loved sharing it with others. Ole's smile, adventurous passion and positive spirit was infectious to all who had the honor of knowing him.



Although usually the first to finish a race, his success never went to his head. Ole thrived off of being humble and treated everyone equally with kindness & respect, no matter what their level. This little Legend had a heart of Gold and was always looking out for others. He viewed his competitors as future teammates and would usually be found enthusiastically cheering the last racer across the finish line – no matter the weather or who it was. He had a natural way of creating energy that motivated those around him and a determination to wish others well. He was a living example of love and a true gift of inspiration. To Ole, sport wasn't just racing, it was for seeing friends, pushing oneself, celebrating gains, encouraging each other, sharing hope, helping each other through his kind gentleness, his caring attitude and sheer passion for his beloved sport in enjoying every single moment. Ole shared his philosophy and passion as a proud brand ambassador for Salomon, KV+, Fast Trax, & Attitude Over Altitude. He was also a gifted cyclist, swimmer, musician and conscientious French Immersion student who loved to travel & lived life to its fullest.





Ole had his heart set on one day becoming an Olympian. By the presence of the flag bearer from the Korean Olympics and former and present Olympians at his Celebration of Life, it appears as though he was already a part of Team Canada

We hope he inspires you every day, like he does us and so many others whose lives he touched.

# Ski Like Ole Award Eligibility

- You must be a member of Nordiq Alberta
- Award is open to all athletes regardless of age
- Nomination must include letter of support from ANY coach or club volunteer
- Nominee must embrace the following values:
  - Sportsmanship
  - Encouragement (towards oneself and others)
  - Goal setting
  - Kindness
  - Bringing clubs/people together
  - Willingness to work hard for the enjoyment of it
  - "If you get fast, I get fast" mindset (collective success in mind)
  - Energetic
  - o Positive attitude
  - o Excitement to learn
  - Honesty





#### Ski Like Ole: Nomination Form

#### A. Nominator Information

Name:		
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Home #:	Cell #:	
Email:		
Relationship to N	Iominee:	
Approval by Club	President (Name and Signature	<u>e</u> )

### **B.** Nominee Information

Name: Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code
Home #:	Cell #:	
Email:		

Please attach a typewritten supporting narrative to this nomination form. including:

- The nominee's experiences, projects or accomplishments whilst channeling the true values of the Ski Like Ole values
- Application MUST include a letter of support from a coach or club representative
- Photos or videos to support your nomination (optional)
- Why the individual is deserving of the award in the eyes of the nominator
- Any anecdotes or stories that support the nominee in channeling their inner Ski Like Ole values
- Additional pertinent information applicable to the award (optional)

You must be a Nordiq Alberta club member in order to be eligible to nominate. Please attach any supporting documentation with this nomination form. All nominations must be submitted before **May 15th, 2022.** You can do so by emailing the completed form to the Nordiq Alberta office at <a href="mailto:info@nordiqalberta.ca">info@nordiqalberta.ca</a>

All nominations submitted will be carefully reviewed by an appointed selection committee. The award recipient shall be notified one week after the selection decision has been made. The award shall be formally presented at the Nordiq alberta Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **June 25th**, **2022**.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or awards, please contact the Nordiq Alberta Office at <a href="mailto:info@nordigalberta.ca">info@nordigalberta.ca</a>