



Technical Committee Report 2020/2021

Annual general Meeting June 2021

Summary

Well, it has been quite the year! I want to thank the Nordic Alberta Staff, Technical Committee and all the Officials, Clubs, coaches, and athletes for staying positive and dealing with COVID the best they could. Not having any races, Nationals, camps, and other social settings that we are used to, has been incredibly challenging for everyone.

I'm extremely thrilled to see that the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and we'll be able to salvage the summer and look forward to an exciting full season of racing!

Alberta Cups & events

Unfortunately, no races were held in the 2020/21 season due to the pandemic. Nordic Alberta and Organizing Committees were hopeful that we might do something in late March or even April, but it just was not safe to do so. It was great to see a few clubs holding formal time trials which did provide some sense of competitiveness. There were also several "virtual" events held across the province. The BRS (Babs Ranking system) Virtual challenge kicked off this year and was highly successful with 189 participants, this gave skiers something to work towards.

Alberta Ski Teams

Another challenging situation selecting 2021/22 Ski teams with little or No data or race results.

An Alberta Ski Team was selected with members participating in the Alberta Ski Team Program until November 30th, 2021. Alberta is planning to send the **Alberta Travel Team** on an International Tour or Canada Games Test Event in early 2022. The team will consist of 8 to 10 male and 8 to 10 female athletes born between 2002 – 2005. No Alberta Development Team was selected for the 2021/22 season, but Alberta Development Camps will be held during the 2021/22 season for 2004-2007 athletes and run by the Provincial Coach

Some programming could go ahead with Covid 19 Restrictions, Camps were adjusted to 1 on 1 and virtual for AST and regional Camps for ADST athletes.



Athlete bursary was created to support athletes that competed at World Jr Championships and U23 World Championships.

Officials Training

No courses held in 2019/2020 but hopefully a couple this upcoming season. We are always looking for officials to take the next step in becoming Technical Delegates

Future Events Calendar 2021/22

A full race calendar is planned for 2021/22 including five (5) Alberta Cup weekends, a Para Nordic World Cup and World Masters in Canmore. A very busy season! Please consider volunteering.

Frozen Thunder

Nordic Alberta will continue to provide financial & administrative support to the Frozen Thunder project in Canmore. The pile was covered in sawdust and put to bed on May 25th. We will disperse the snow the third week in October.

Canada Games 2023

The four-year leadup to CWG's is well under way. We received notice as to our grants for the 2–4-year cycle and were able to successfully move year 2 funds over to year 3 due to Covid. Program plans will move over to a focus for both Para and Able- Bodied athletes to train and select a strong team for 2023. If there is a trial event in PEI, a team will be selected to participate.

Arctic Winter Games

The games which were to be hosted in Ft. McMurray in 2021 were moved to 2023.

Alberta Winter Games

It is with great dismay that the Alberta Government did not support an event for 2022. At this point there is no further discussion with respect to whether the AWG will be returning as an important developmental event in Alberta. There is strong support from all PSO's involved to bring back the Games.