

To: CCSAM Ski Club Presidents
From: Karin McSherry, Executive Director
Date: September 22, 2025
Re: 2025 – 2026 Annual Club Update & Registration information

Please find below some important information you'll need to register your cross country ski club with CCSAM for the upcoming ski season:

- Zone 4 Club registration/renewal - RENEW by OCTOBER 15th
- Liability Insurance
- Integrated Club Funding – Applications due October 15th (2nd intake: Feb 15th)
- Safe Sport Policies
- Club Benefits – Why Join?

Zone 4 Club Registration

Now is the time to renew your Club membership with CCSAM on <https://zone4.ca>. Log into your club home page and select 'Nordiq Canada Affiliation'. Follow the prompts from there to join CCSAM for this season. If you need any help with this, please contact me or the helpful Zone4 people.

If you are a NEW club this year (or if you have not yet signed up with Zone4) you will need to create a free account with Zone4. Use this link for instructions: <http://help.zone4.ca/kb/guide-for-clubs-new-to-zone4-registrations/>

All club members must be uploaded to the Zone4 database. There is still an option for clubs to manually upload their members (rather than have members do this themselves) but there is a \$1.50 charge (to the Club) for each member manually uploaded.

More information here: <http://help.zone4.ca/kb/guide-for-clubs-uploading-membership-information-manually/>

Liability Insurance

Our insurance provider requires each club to submit, to the CCSAM office, a complete list of the club's **scheduled club events & activities** – e.g. weekly Jackrabbit program, ski trips, learn-to-ski sessions, team training etc. Events that are published on the CCSAM website (Division sanctioned events) are automatically included as sanctioned activities with our insurance provider. A great way of sharing your club event/activity list is by creating (and sharing) a Google Doc with info@ccsam.ca. This way any changes or last minute additions to your schedule are automatically submitted.

Our policy covers **Additional Insureds**. If you have a land owner who requires being named as an additional insured on our liability policy you must submit a *Certificate of Insurance Request*. You can download a copy here: <https://ccsam.ca/about/about-us/insurance/>

Please remember every member of your club need to be registered with CCSAM to be included in the insurance policy. This includes all of your officials and coaches and volunteers working with your Jackrabbits and other club programs/activities.

Please know that we must adhere to Nordiq Canada's [Minimum Mandatory Coaching Qualifications](#) policy and understand there are liability insurance implications associated with this policy. As well, please instruct your active coaches to register annually for a [Nordiq Canada Coaching License](#).

More information on Coaching development, training requirements, and screening is here: <https://ccsam.ca/competitive-coaching/programs/coaching-nccp/>

All club members must sign the **Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement**. This is a pre-set field in Zone4 that you will add to your club registration. If you are using paper forms and uploading your members manually to Zone4 than please make sure you keep signed copies of the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement from each of your members. Please note that all event participants must also sign this agreement as a condition of their participation in any event. Exceptions are members (who have signed already) but if in doubt get them to sign anyway.

If you are a brand new club with CCSAM, you must submit a *Non Profit Liability Insurance Policy Application* in your first year to benefit from the **Directors & Officers Liability Insurance**.

Please take the time and get to know the **Nordiq Canada Insurance Manual** found on our website: <https://www.ccsam.ca/about-us/insurance/>

All CCSAM Policies are found here: <https://www.ccsam.ca/about-us/policies/>.

Safe Sport Policies

In 2023, Nordiq Canada and its Divisions adopted a Pan-Canadian approach to Safe Sport. Beginning in April 2024, all Divisions and Clubs agreed, as a condition of their Nordiq Canada membership, to formally adopt and implement a suite of common safe sport policies.

All CCSAM Member Clubs must adopt the following policies:

- Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Discipline and Complaints
- Safe Sport
- Athlete Protection
- Event Discipline Procedures
- Screening
- Social Media
- Whistle Blower

Please refer to the Safe Sport area on our website: <https://ccsam.ca/safe-sport/>

Club Funding

This is a Club Development grant available to all CCSAM Member Clubs. There are two intake dates: October 15th & February 15th annually. 80% of the fund will be dispersed after the October deadline with the remaining 20% available in February for clubs that missed the first deadline.

Subject to our annual funding from Sport Manitoba, the amount available in this grant program is ~ \$20,000.

This funding is available to any CCSAM Member Club. The amount distributed to each applying club will be based on how closely the club programs align with the Four Pillars of Sport Development as defined by our funding partner, Sport Manitoba. These pillars are Sport Initiation, Performance Pathway, Technical Leadership, and Organizational Effectiveness.

More details on this can be found on our website here: <https://www.ccsam.ca/integrated-club-funding/>

The **Sport & Recreation Funding** page contains a link to a large list of funding sources: <https://ccsam.ca/resources/sport-recreation-funding-resources/>

We often get this question – Why should a Club join CCSAM? We've added a **Club Benefits** page to help answer this: <https://www.ccsam.ca/clubs-membership-2/club-benefits/>

If your club is interested in organizing a CCSAM competitive event then you will need to be familiar with the **Event Organizer's Guide** (updated annually) that will explain the steps to take and the guidelines for hosting a Division sanctioned event.

To all clubs currently offering a **Jackrabbits** program, please watch your Inbox for information on skier registration and ordering your program materials for the season. For new clubs please contact me to make sure I have your email address. More information is here: <https://www.ccsam.ca/clubs-membership-2/jackrabbits-kids-skiing/program-information-for-clubs/>

Club Chats are held monthly typically from October to May. Each club president or club-appointed representative (more than one is fine) is welcome to attend these informal meetings, via Zoom, just prior to the CCSAM Board meeting. Please contact me to confirm I have your email address in my contact list.

CCSAM is your Association, and I am here, along with the volunteer Board of Directors, to help your club reach its full potential. This includes helping run coach, official and athlete development clinics in your region. Please contact me to discuss your needs.

Thank you for taking the time to read over this information. I hope your club will join CCSAM this year and take an active role in the growth and development of cross country skiing in Manitoba.

See you on the trails!



Karin McSherry, Executive Director