



Cross Country
New Brunswick

Ski de fond
Nouveau-Brunswick

Para Report 2020-2021

Travel to the Canmore Development Camp in Dec of 2020 was cancelled.

Because all race events were cancelled in 2020-2021 we decided to focus on creating a 10 minute promotional video for xc para sport. We secured the services of Raynemaker Productions of Fredericton who will be devoting much of their own time and expense to this project. Nordiq Canada is also involved by providing footage of the latest Paralympics Games in Korea. Hopefully if the 2021 para development camp takes place in Canmore we will have the roll out of this video. Funding is provided from GONB and CCSNB.

A large portion of video was shot in late February at Killarney Lake Park. Interviews with the athletes will be conducted during the summer months. Para NB and Tourism NB have shown a major interest in this project.

CCSNB will have three clubs designated as para clubs, Wostawea, Charlo and Dieppe. This means each club will be provided with a sit ski and will have a coach and/or volunteers responsible for some aspect of recruiting or monitoring. Currently Charlo will have Claudette Maltais, an experienced able body and para coach will be helping with that program. All of this will be in coordination with CCSNB and the Provincial Para coach.

Nordiq Canada has offered to provide some form of online training to help promote the recruitment of para coaches across Canada. More on this will be provided in the coming months.

Overall recruiting this past winter was reduced due to cancellations and travel restrictions. We are in the process of recruiting a young promising female sit skier from the Charlo area. Due to travel restrictions this past winter no development was able to be done with potential sit skiers from the Moncton and Sackville area. With the possibility of the Canmore para development camp this December we hope to send a couple new recruits and coaches. The opportunity here will be to target and prepare some NB para athletes for the PEI Canada Winter Games in 2023.

In the winter of 2019-2020 I worked with Emma Archibald from Halifax, a young para skier with no poles. We were pleased to learn her development has grown leaps and bounds and now will be attending the University of Ottawa and working with the xc ski team and their coaches. This just proves how connected we are and influential here in NB aligning with other provincial programs and the national programs.

2021-2022 looks to be promising regarding new athletes and participation in our racing program. I will work closely with CCSNB in helping promote Nordic para skiing and we will continue this next season hopefully with no interruptions.

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