



Biathlon Head Coach

The Edmonton Nordic Ski Club (ENSC) is looking for a Biathlon Head Coach to begin coaching as of December 1, 2017. This is a part-time (20 hours per week) year-round permanent position. Edmonton is the capital city of Alberta, Canada. Alberta is a western Canadian province, home to Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Canmore, and the Rocky Mountains.

ENSC is a large full service ski club with about 700 active members and many ski community supporters and partners. We have approximately 70 active Biathletes ranging in age from 8 years to 50 years +. We have several volunteer and paid part-time Biathlon coaches. Other programs include Nordic ski racing, Jackrabbit, and recreational ski programs. The Club maintains two Nordic ski facilities including a biathlon range, within city limits. We just completed and launched a Snow making program in Gold Bar Park that can now provide our skiers with an early start to the ski season.

Qualifications:

- Certified at Competition Development level in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) of Canada or international equivalent, with intent to become certified at Level 4.
- Corresponding experience as a Biathlon coach and/or competitive Biathlete
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to work successfully with athletes of all ages
- Ability to provide training and direction to volunteer parents and coaches
- Experience maintaining firearms and biathlon ranges an asset
- Experience or certification as a biathlon official desirable.
- Able to travel within western Canada to races and camps
- Current Canadian firearms Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or intent to obtain one
- Responsibilities:
 - Deliver a dryland and on-snow Biathlon program, in coordination with other Biathlon and Nordic coaches, that is consistent with the Biathlon Canada Long Term Athlete Development Model.
 - Develop and administer the Biathlon programs in coordination with volunteer ENSC board members and the Nordic program Head Coach
 - Maintain 0.177 air rifles and the Club's rental .22 caliber rifles
 - Work with volunteers to coordinate and direct the maintenance of the Biathlon range
 - Deliver competition support, including: guidance to ENSC athletes, parents and assistant coaches as well as expert advice and guidance for our ski waxing volunteers
 - Customize individual training programs for Train To Compete stage athletes as appropriate.

Application:

Please submit your resume in MS Word or PDF format via email to president@edmontonnordic.ca by October 11, 2017 for first consideration.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.



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Biathlon Head Coach – Position Description

This position includes the following areas of responsibility:

- Provide input regarding the use of the biathlon facility to the coordinator(s).
- Provide input regarding the maintenance and development of the biathlon facility to the coordinator.
- Recruit, train and mentor biathlon coaches with a view to succession planning.
- Organize practices.
- Develop and monitor the biathlon programs for all biathletes.
- Organize and deliver off-season biathlon activities.
- Serve as Head Coach at all Biathlon Alberta scheduled competitions, including Provincials and Westerns.
- Ensure there is a plan in place so that ENSC biathletes have optimal ski preparation for Calforex and other high-level races.
- Provide input with regards to identifying equipment and supplies needed to support the biathlon program.
- Organize all club firearms repair and maintenance.
- Assist athletes in the selection and purchase of appropriate personal biathlon equipment.
- Support ENSC biathletes at Biathlon Nationals as/if requested by Biathlon Alberta.
- Liaise with Biathlon Alberta and Biathlon Canada with respect to athlete and coach development, competitions, etc.
- Liaise with other clubs to participate in co-operative ventures, with the end goal to promote biathlon.
- Communicate with our athletes through ENSC website and other electronic media.
- Liaise with parents of athletes in the Biathlon program as appropriate.
- Liaise with and train volunteers if and when appropriate.
- Evaluate programs at least annually with other coaches so appropriate changes can be made to keep the programs relevant and attractive to members and potential members.
- Handle financial matters related to the Head Coach position and submit receipts to the coordinator(s) in a timely way.