

CROSS COUNTRY SKI DE FOND CANADA DRIVING POLICY

Preamble

1. As an integral part of the sport of cross-country skiing, athletes and/or their equipment must be transported in motor vehicles to various venues for training, competition and other purposes.
2. From time to time, Cross-Country Ski de fond Canada (CCC) purchases, leases, rents or acquires through sponsorship initiatives motor vehicles for use by its staff, coaches, volunteers or other individuals for the purposes of conducting CCC-related business.
3. Motor vehicle operation and transportation of passengers have inherent safety and legal risks, including the risk of a motor vehicle accident that may cause injury, damage or loss to an individual or to property.
4. CCC has a responsibility to exercise leadership in this area, with a view to managing the risk to motor vehicle drivers and/or passengers.

Purpose

5. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for procedures to be followed to ensure that motor vehicle operation and transportation of athletes are as safe as possible.

Definition

6. For the purposes of this policy, "motor vehicle" means any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to, automobiles, vans, trucks, buses, shuttles, skidoos, scooters and all-terrain vehicles that is owned, leased or rented by CCC or is being used for CCC business.

Application of Policy

7. The guidelines set out in this policy apply to the use of all CCC-designated motor vehicles in any jurisdiction.
8. In order to ensure the application of this policy at the National level, coaches, other National Ski Team personnel (including athletes, when authorized), CCC staff and CCC volunteers are required to comply with the policy at all times. NST coaches and CCC staff are expected to set a positive example for others.
9. CCC lacks the ability to enforce the measures described in this policy more widely. CCC does not have the authority to mandate compliance with the measures described in this policy by individuals, including CCC employees, coaches, athletes, volunteers or other CCC members, who use their own motor vehicles for CCC, Division or Club activities. In addition, compliance with this policy cannot be mandated for vehicles owned, rented or leased by CCC Divisions or Clubs for official business. Nevertheless, compliance is encouraged, in the interest of safety and accountability, and Divisions and Clubs are encouraged to adopt policies that are similar in content to this document.

Policy

10. Any person driving a motor vehicle must have a valid provincial or international operator's license in the appropriate class for that motor vehicle.

11. Certain motor vehicles used by CCC coaches, staff, volunteers or other individuals may be owned and insured by either CCC or other third parties. Such third parties or CCC may have restrictions or other requirements on who may operate those motor vehicles, as well as guidelines for the safe use and operation of those motor vehicles. In all circumstances, the CCC or third party restrictions, requirements or other guidelines must be adhered to by all CCC coaches, staff, volunteers or other individuals.

12. The maximum number of passengers permitted in a motor vehicle is determined by the number of seat belts. The driver and all passengers in the motor vehicle are required to wear seat belts at all times.

13. All rules and regulations applicable to the operation of motor vehicles must be adhered to at all times, including, but not limited to:

- a. traffic signals
- b. speed limits; and
- c. parking restrictions.

14. Any ticket issued for a motor vehicle infraction, such as exceeding the posted speed limit or failure to obey other motor vehicle rules and regulations as applicable, or for a parking infraction, is the sole and personal responsibility of the driver of the motor vehicle.

15. Under no circumstances is a motor vehicle to be operated by a person who has consumed alcohol or any other substance that may impair his/her ability to operate a motor vehicle.

16. Athletes are not permitted to drive motor vehicles except with the express permission of a CCC staff-person in the following circumstances:

- a. When a coach or staff member is not available or otherwise unable to drive;
- b. The athlete must be authorized to drive the motor vehicle pursuant to any restrictions, requirements or other guidelines established by the owner/insured of the motor vehicle and pursuant to paragraph 13 herein;
- c. The athlete must be 21 years of age or older; and
- d. The athlete must be aware of, understand, agree to and otherwise observe the guidelines set out in this policy.