



February 10, 2010

## **JOB POSTING**

### **BIATHLON HEAD COACH, FOOTHILLS NORDIC SKI CLUB**

Foothills Nordic Ski Club (FNSC) is seeking to fill the role of Biathlon Head Coach. This is a contract position with a two year renewable term.

FNSC is an active full service Nordic ski club based in Calgary, Alberta. Incorporated in 1964, the club has a long history of organizing and delivering programs geared towards cross-country skiers and biathletes of all ages and performance levels.

The club offers biathlon programming through seven training groups. Our biathletes primarily train out of Canada Olympic Park and Steve Johnson Range in Calgary and Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park near Canmore. Approximately one hundred biathletes, under the direction of the Head Coach and nine Assistant Coaches, are enrolled in our biathlon programs during the current winter season.

More information is available online at <http://www.foothillsnordic.ca/main.php>.

#### **Required Qualifications**

- Certified at a minimum of Level 3 in Biathlon from the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)
- Five years experience as a High Performance Biathlon Coach
- Willing to travel to Canmore for training sessions scheduled at the Nordic Centre
- Willing to travel on weekends for races (mostly within Alberta)
- Must have transportation to fulfill the travel duties
- Maintain a current Possession and Acquisition License (PAL)
- Must have (or be willing to obtain) certification as a Range Safety Officer for Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park and Steve Johnson Range
- Experience maintaining biathlon rifles (0.22's and air rifles)

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Provide coaching expertise to all FNSC biathlon groups
- Implementation of our six youth biathlon programs
- Direction and assignment of the Assistant Coaches
- Direct coaching responsibility for the Biathlon High Performance and Biathlon Senior Development training groups:
  - Developing and implementing monthly training plans, reviewing training logs, and all athlete contact



- On snow and dryland coaching for the High Performance group which consists of 5 directed sessions per week (Monday to Thursday plus Sunday)
- On snow and dryland coaching for the Senior Development group which consists of 3.5 sessions per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and every second Sunday)
- Coaching support for the Biathlon Junior Development training group (2 sessions per week plus one Sunday per month)
- Race coverage including direction and assignment of the Assistant Coaches and waxing for the High Performance athletes
- Custodian of the club's rifles and maintains the club's rifles in top operating condition
- Represents the club on technical matters with Biathlon Alberta, Biathlon Canada, and other organizations

### **Hours of Work**

The nature of the coaching assignment requires flexibility in the hours of work. Generally, the work week will run from Sunday to Thursday with days off on Friday and Saturday. Monday to Thursday training sessions are scheduled in late afternoon and early evening. The Head Coach is expected to be available for coaching duties during race weekends. This includes official training days (usually Friday of race weekend) and race days (Saturday and Sunday).

There is no training during the month of April and there is a two week break over Christmas. The Head Coach is expected to schedule vacation during these breaks.

### **Starting Date**

The starting date is Monday April 19, 2010. Summer training for the Biathlon High Performance, Biathlon Senior Development, and Biathlon Junior Development training groups starts on Monday May 3, 2010.

### **Application Deadline**

The competition closes on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Please submit your application by email to Dave Wunderlich, Biathlon Director: [wunderdj@shaw.ca](mailto:wunderdj@shaw.ca).