

**Consent to Terms and Conditions
of Athlete Transportation
Chelsea Nordiq**

Chelsea Nordiq's mandate as a Nordic ski club includes the organization of ski race trips and training camps. As part of the trip planning process, Chelsea Nordiq volunteers often arrange for the transportation of athletes in vehicles belonging to parents and coaches, and/or in rental vehicles.

Chelsea Nordiq Trip Requirements and Guidelines – Transportation Safety Responsibilities

The Chelsea Nordiq Trip Requirements and Guidelines contain the following provisions in regard to the transportation of athletes.

It is the responsibility of parents who are providing their vehicle for the use of team trips to ensure their vehicle meets the following safety and insurance standards:

- 1 - Vehicles must be equipped with winter tires;
- 2 - Vehicles and drivers must be insured;
- 3 - Vehicles must be in good working order suitable for winter driving conditions.

These transport safety requirements must be followed during trip travel:

- seat belts must be worn
- frequent breaks (every 2 -3 hours) should be taken to prevent fatigue
- no use of cellular phones when driving
- respect speed limits and reduce speed in snowy conditions
- be aware of hazardous road conditions and be willing to change plans and routes as required.

When numbers warrant, team equipment and luggage are to be transported by a rental transport van equipped with a metal wall between the cargo section and the passenger section to ensure driver and passenger safety. Passenger vans and transport vans rented for trips outside Quebec ordinarily do not come equipped with winter tires, so athletes will be driven in rental vans equipped with all-season tires. If rental vehicles are used, only the insured driver designated in the rental contract may drive the vehicle, and a copy of driver's licence and proof of insurance coverage is required from the rental vehicle driver. The trip coordinator must obtain verbal confirmation from parents driving rental vehicles that they are properly licensed and insured.

Athletes must not transport other athletes during race trips unless ALL individuals in the vehicle, including the driver, are 18 years of age or older.

Transportation Risks

Chelsea Nordiq and the club's volunteers do not test or verify the driving calibre or aptitude of the drivers and do not verify the maintenance history or condition of the vehicles used for Chelsea Nordiq trips. Parents and athletes cannot rely on Chelsea Nordiq or the volunteers involved in the organization of ski trips and training camps to verify vehicle safety or driver competence.

Rental vans used for trips outside Quebec may not be equipped with winter tires. Chelsea Nordiq can not guarantee which driver will be driving particular athletes on a given trip, as it is often necessary to have athletes travel with different drivers during the course of a trip so that athletes can be transported to and from the race site in accordance with their particular racing schedules.

Borrowing Vehicles

Private vehicles belonging to parents who are not accompanying the athletes on the trip may be used for the trip and driven by a volunteer adult accompanying the group. Both the parent lending the vehicle and the volunteer driving the vehicle must understand and agree that this is an entirely private arrangement between them, that Chelsea Nordiq will not be responsible for any damages caused to the vehicle borrowed for use during a Chelsea Nordiq trip, and that they will not involve the club in any related disputes between them. Chelsea Nordiq will not pay for the cost of repairs to private vehicles used on trips.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge and understand that there is a risk of injury during transportation on Chelsea Nordiq trips and that I cannot rely on Chelsea Nordiq or the volunteers involved in the organization of ski trips and training camps to verify vehicle safety or driver competence.

Signature of Parent or Athlete (if athlete over 18 years of age)

Consent

I consent to transportation of myself/my athlete during Chelsea Nordiq ski trips and training camps on the terms and conditions outlined herein, and am relying on my own judgment and responsibility in accepting the risk involved.

Signature of Parent or Athlete (if athlete over 18 years of age)

Athlete Name _____

Parent Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Chelsea Nordiq Program _____