

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDP) Parent Information & Responsibilities

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Thank you for enrolling your child into this “learn-to-ski” program. There are a few things that we think are important for you to know about, so that we can make this an enjoyable experience for you, and your child.

- Lessons will commence on Tuesday, January 6th at 4:30 p.m. out at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre; followed by Thursday, January 8th at 4:30 p.m. & Saturday, January 10th at 10:30 a.m.
- Jackrabbit & Bunnyrabbit lessons will be 1 hour long.
- ****Track Attack lessons** starting in December subject to ski conditions will be 1.5-2 hours long, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays ending at 12 p.m.; Tuesday's, lessons will start at 4:30 p.m., ending at 6 p.m.**
- All children should have their equipment on & ready to go at the applicable start time, to ensure a punctual start. If your child has wax-able skis, ensure your child's skis are prepared with the proper kick-wax prior to the applicable start time.
- Ensure your child is wearing the appropriate clothing. Cold feet or hands can turn any fun activity into a nightmare.
- Please support assorted volunteer duties; your help in this much-loved program would be appreciated. These duties include coaching, den parent, tail-gunning, gear distribution support etc.
- Parents who wish to obtain rental equipment (first come, first serve) contact the club.
- The more your kids ski during the winter, the more fun it is for them. It isn't necessary to go to the Elk Valley Nordic Centre – there are many opportunities to ski in town, including the Fernie Golf and Country Club, the dike trail, schoolyards, and even your own back yard!

Once again, thank you for getting involved in this fun winter sport, and we hope you and your child has a great time. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Alisha Rella at fernienordic@gmail.com](mailto:Alisha.Rella@fernienordic@gmail.com).

Cold Weather Policy

The following outlines our cold weather policy:

- Temperatures -15C or below will be cancelled.
- If children are inappropriately dressed they may be excused from the session and parent will be notified. If you require guidance on appropriate dress for the weather, please contact your group coach.
- A hat should be worn at all times, ensuring ears are covered to avoid frostbite.
- Children will be brought into the warming hut when they say they are cold.
- Group coaches will choose areas that are protected from the wind, avoid activities in open areas and keep the young children close to lodge in the event that someone does get cold. They will allow additional time to warm-up as it takes longer to get the body warmed-up for sport activity in cold weather.
- At the discretion of the group leader the session may be cut short if extreme weather becomes a safety issue.

Skills Development Ski Rental Program

Rather than purchasing equipment, many families may decide that they would prefer to rent the skis, boots and poles that their kids will use for the year. FNS has started a program to allow SDP athletes to rent one of the following packages, there is limited supply of rental equipment (we will only rent whole packages, not just boots or skis or poles):

Packages	Includes	Price
Waxless Classic Package (for Jackrabbits, Level 1 or Level 2)	Waxless ski with NNN bindings (100cm -140cm) Junior NNN Boot (sizes 12-5) Poles	\$50
Classic/Skate Combi ski package TrackAttack (Levels 3 and 4)	Waxable ski with NNN bindings (120cm – 160cm) Junior NNN Boot (sizes 12-5) Two pairs of poles (skate and classic length)	\$50 + \$25 (for skate skis)

Rental equipment will be distributed upon receipt of payment and a postdated cheque for \$225 as deposit.

You are required to take good care of the rental equipment as you will keep it until the last lesson of the season (Mid-late March).

Normal wear and tear is expected, however, at the discretion of the club you may be charged for any breakage of equipment or more serious damage.

Equipment returned at the end of the season and in good order will result in your deposit cheque being returned to you.