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To: The Alberta World Cup Ski Academy

The Canmore Nordic Ski club fully endorses the concept and implementation of the Alberta World Cup Ski Academy (AWCA). The Canmore Nordic Ski Club (CNSC) is a strong grassroots, community-based ski club, offering cross country ski development programs and lessons to a wide cross section of the community. The CNSC has the Long Term Athlete Development model (LTAD) at the core of its delivery model. However the implementation of the highest competitive phase of the LTAD (train to win) is often difficult.

This stage requires significant resources, time and commitment by the club for often only a few athletes. Historically the CNSC has had difficulty meeting these needs. Although we currently have four CNSC members on the National Cross Country Ski Team, the transition from club to national team has not always been easy.

The AWCA will give athletes who have graduated from high school a place to continue training in an environment suitable for reaching high levels of excellence. Not only will the academy relieve some of the financial burden on the developmental clubs, but it will provide the members of the Academy with a strong community of like-minded athletes to train with.

The CNSC is very excited to see the AWCA grow and prosper and allow our athletes a natural transition to continue to pursue their goals of excellence within the sport of cross country skiing.

Sincerely,

Kathy Davies
President
Canmore Nordic ski Club



March 10, 2008

Letter of Support for The Alberta World Cup Academy

It is with great anticipation that Foothills Nordic Ski Club supports the inception of the Alberta World Cup Academy. We believe the Academy's focus on high performance athlete development, coaching development, and officials training will have an extremely positive impact on the advancement of the sport of cross-country skiing in Canada. As a founding club of the Alberta World Cup Academy, Foothills Nordic is proud to be associated with this initiative and values the leadership of individuals involved with its creation.

The athlete development program fills a niche that will augment the options available to high performance skiers in Alberta. The opportunities for the development of coaching expertise are also substantial, and the focus on officials training will enhance the capacity of not only our club, but of the entire province.

Roy Strum
President
Foothills Nordic Ski Club