



Job Notice - Senior Development Squad Coach

Position and Location:

Team Hardwood is seeking to hire a cross country ski coach with the skills, experience, leadership qualities, and passion needed to lead our Senior Development Squad, one of the most successful junior racing teams in Canada. This is a part-time position, with the majority of work being done on weekends in the fall and winter. The ideal candidate will have at least NCCP Level II coaching certification, or equivalent experience. The Senior Development Squad coach will work closely with the coach of our Junior Development Squad.

Coaching at Hardwood offers the opportunity to lead one of the top racing clubs in Canada, one that routinely places athletes on the Ontario Ski Team, in National Training Centres, and consistently ranks in the top ten at Nationals. The entire team (including the Junior Development Squad and Masters) comprises nearly 60 athletes and is supported by dozens of enthusiastic and committed parent volunteers.

The successful candidate will work out of Hardwood Ski and Bike, a full service cross country ski and mountain bike centre located near Barrie, Ontario. The position also offers an opportunity to be mentored by two senior coaches who are also on site: Jack Sasseville (former national team coach); and Petr Jakl (Head Coach, Southern Ontario Training Centre).

Responsibilities:

The Senior Development Squad coach is accountable for all aspects of the delivery and growth of the club's racing programs, which are aimed at athletes in the Learning-to-Train to Learning-to-Compete stages of development, with the goal of preparing them for success in provincial, national and international competition. In particular, the coach will be responsible for:

- the design and delivery of annual and seasonal training plans,
- conducting weekend training sessions,
- conducting training and testing camps,
- coaching and waxing support at Ontario Cups, World Junior Trials and Ski Nationals races,
- organizing and running the SOD High Performance Training Camp in late August,
- co-ordinating team fundraising, marketing and recruitment initiatives,
- mentoring the Junior Development Squad coach and leading parent volunteers, and
- ensuring that team equipment and waxing supplies are properly maintained.

The Senior Development Squad coach reports to the Board of Directors of the Hardwood Hills Nordic Development Centre (HHNDC), aka Team Hardwood, an incorporated non-profit organization.

Compensation:

A fair compensation package will be determined based on qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

Applications and Inquiries:

Applications, including cover letter, resume, and names and contact information for at least three references, should be submitted electronically or by mail no later than **March 15, 2012** to the following:

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