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Greetings Ontario Ski Community,

As most of you know, Cross Country Canada has been reviewing the Competition Model within our sport system. CCC has made the decision to implement this new model at the 2010 Nationals and the Eastern Canadian Championships. Please see <http://www.cccski.com/dbfiles/1604.pdf> for information regarding this new model. The 2010 Nationals Technical Package with distances and formats are available at <http://cccski.com/dbfiles/219.pdf>.

Because the 2009-2010 season is well underway and to minimize the effect on Ontario athletes, Cross Country Ontario has made the decision to continue with our traditional categories for our Ontario Cup series. We also suggest that our clubs maintain traditional categories or YOB for our skill development skiers.

To ease the transition to Nationals for athletes and coaches, we are working towards:

- Coordinating race distances and age categories.
- Integration of the Eastern Canadian Championships and Nationals into our Ontario Ski Team criteria and our Ontario Junior Development Team selection.

For race organizers:

- Developing an 'Ontario Cup' template for Zone4 race files.

Over the course of the next 6-8 months, a working group will work towards developing an **Implementation Strategy for Ontario** which will include::

- Integration of new course homologation guidelines into our Ontario Cup Technical Package
- Establishing a communication tool/forum for coaches/athletes/officials to provide feedback, comments, questions and concerns.

We understand that these changes will affect some more than others, and we thank you for your **continued** patience during this transitional year.

Sincerely,

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CCO Administrator