

2022-2023 High Performance Coach Report to SSNB AGM

This past season has been a great return to sport at the fullest with New Brunswick athletes competing at local to International Level.

This season we had New Brunswick Athletes competing at:

- Provincial and Atlantic Based Competitions
- Quebec Long Track Cups
- Quebec Provincial and Elite level competitions
- National Youth LT/ST, Junior ST and Senior ST Level Events
- Canada Winter Games Long and Short Track
- ISU Short Track World Cups and World Championships

Some additional highlights from this season were being able to upgrade the following:

- Rejuvenation of the SSNB Board by holding a Special meeting and subsequently having full BOD in place actively working towards future.
- Help create Budget for SSNB BOD and SSNB AD Committee
- Planning and coaching at Canada Winter Games preparation camps
- Away 50 days for camps and competitions
- Actively sat on two key committees with Speed Skate Canada to discuss Athlete Pathway Model as well as competition development
- Work with Athlete Development Committee
- Took care of National Level athlete entries
- Organized time trial event in Fredericton to allow our athletes to achieve times to attend National Level competitions
- Creation and alignment of SSNB Safe Sport Policy, very lengthy process.
- Getting head officials for meet in place and having new Officials chair in place for 2023-2024 season
- Recruiting new recorder in place of our very active NB recorders
- Upgrading of website and many key policies including Athlete Guide, Active Calendar, Terms of reference (AD), etc.

- Ongoing promotion of sport via Speed Skating NB Club based and High-performance based Facebook accounts
- Helped navigate transition of staff role to new funding model within the New Brunswick Funding Model
- Continued ¼ Contract for coaching services as Head Coach with Fredericton Speed Skating Club

Here is an illustration of some of the plans for the next season under my new role as Technical Director/Provincial Pathway Coach:

Roles and Responsibilities	Work Volumes
Coaching (HP, Provincial, Club)	
Coaching Athletes & arranging coaches (FPVQ Provincial and potential Elite)	Lead & Coordinate Coach where needed
In Box HP Athletes (National Junior (4-5 events) /Senior Level(varied)	Lead / shared with Atlantic Coaches
Coordinate LT Training Opportunities through shared Atlantic Network/New Coaches	Shared with Atlantic Coaches
Organizing & Delivery Provincial Camp program + Summer Camp	3 Minimum
Club Travel (if budgeted)	2 x per season Minimum
Link with OOP skaters + provincial athletes	Ongoing
TBD - role with FASSCI (1/4 max.)	Would be dependant on contribution/contract with FASSCI?
Club & Committee Development support (Sport Specific Technical)	
Working on the Athlete Development plan with the Committee including Budget, Provincial Team, funding, etc.	As technical lead
Linkage with CSCA (NBPPI) , SSC (Working groups), Coach NB	Ongoing
Pathway & qualification information - communication and summary	Ongoing - posted to site
Working on the Coach Development Plan with the Committee & MLFS	In Progress + 1 x year delivery with Atlantic LFs
CWG Process (Guide review, Running Camps, selection process, etc.)	Ongoing with AD Committee
Technical Support to Committees (Officials, Competition, Finance)	Ongoing and as requested
Technical information to Website	Ongoing and as requested
Time Submission to HP Level competitions & FPVQ	Ongoing
Administration & Promotion	
Helping with logistics board meetings/AD Meetings + governance adherence	In consultation with Chairs
Working with Statistician in keeping records/times	Ongoing with Mel Wood
Tracking AD finances including committee budget	Ongoing
Policy Development update & creation – (ex . communication, partnerships (\$\$\$), safe sport, etc.)	Ongoing
Promotion of sport, club, and club events (media strategy including social media)	In Progress and ongoing in consult with clubs and other volunteers
Website	Updated 2023 & Ongoing
Calendar updates	Ongoing

Key outcomes and goals for 2023-2024 season:

- Continued in box coaching at FPVQ Provincial, National Junior and potentially National Senior level.
- Coach support towards organizing and/or coaching athletes at the FPVQ and SSNB Long Track level. This includes support from a network of experienced and certified Atlantic coaches + new coaches.
- Support towards the clubs in terms of club development and experience in creating programming from Grassroots to Elite
- Support towards committees and Board of Directors. We have had a major shift over the recent few years, and it should be a goal to move forward and back to be a leader nationally as many initiatives over the seasons have had New Brunswick roots.
- Updating of key policies and support material including Provincial team guidelines, committee policies, SSNB Athlete development budget & terms of reference, aligning competition guides to current SSC/FPVQ structure, etc.
- Continued update of website and communications
- Continued and enhanced partnerships with local, provincial, Atlantic, and National sport partnerships
- Actively searching and applying for Grants that would benefit SSNB
 - Return to Learn to Train and above level camps + club visits with goal of education and development of both coaches and athletes.
- Active and engaged competitions committee, Athlete Development/Coaching committee, Officials Committee, and Board of Directors working towards common goals
- Overall goal will be to help empower club & volunteers so we can enhance the sport that we already offer. By the second season we will know where gaps still exist and where future PT/FT staff + contracts could be assigned.

Thank you all for your time spent volunteering with our sport. We work best when focused on common goals. It is my objective to help return New Brunswick back to its place as a leader nationally both on and off the ice. We have a rich history and have been responsible for not only strong athletic performance, but also being an innovator when it comes to key elements such as officials/coach development, pathway development, skill-based programming, as well as key competition innovations.

As a very proud New Brunswicker, I am excited for the future,

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