

# Driving Policy

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## **Preamble**

As an integral part of the sport of cross-country skiing, athletes and/or their equipment must be transported in motor vehicles to various venues for training, competition and other purposes.

From time to time, Nordiq Canada purchases, leases, rents or acquires through sponsorship initiatives motor vehicles for use by its staff, coaches, volunteers or other individuals for the purposes of conducting Nordiq Canada-related business.

Motor vehicle operation and transportation of passengers have inherent safety and legal risks, including the risk of a motor vehicle accident that may cause injury, damage or loss to an individual or to property.

Nordiq Canada has a responsibility to exercise leadership in this area, with a view to managing the risk to motor vehicle drivers and/or passengers.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for procedures to be followed to ensure that motor vehicle operation and transportation of athletes are as safe as possible.

## **Definition**

For the purposes of this policy, “motor vehicle” means any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to, automobiles, vans, trucks, buses, shuttles, skidoos, scooters and all-terrain vehicles that is owned, leased or rented by Nordiq Canada or is being used for Nordiq Canada business.

## **Application of Policy**

The guidelines set out in this policy apply to the use of all Nordiq Canada -designated motor vehicles in any jurisdiction.

In order to ensure the application of this policy at the National level, coaches, other National Ski Team personnel (including athletes, when authorized), Nordiq Canada staff and Nordiq Canada volunteers are required to comply with the policy at all times. NST coaches and Nordiq Canada staff are expected to set a positive example for others.

Nordiq Canada lacks the ability to enforce the measures described in this policy more widely. Nordiq Canada does not have the authority to mandate compliance with the measures described in this policy by individuals, including Nordiq Canada employees, coaches, athletes, volunteers or other Nordiq Canada members, who use their own motor vehicles for Nordiq Canada, Division or Club activities. In addition, compliance with this policy cannot be mandated for vehicles owned, rented or leased by Nordiq Canada Divisions or Clubs for official business. Nevertheless, compliance is encouraged, in the interest of safety and accountability, and Divisions and Clubs are encouraged to adopt policies that are similar in content to this document.

## **Policy**

Any person driving a motor vehicle must have a valid provincial or international operator's license in the appropriate class for that motor vehicle.

Certain motor vehicles used by Nordiq Canada coaches, staff, volunteers or other individuals may be owned and insured by either Nordiq Canada or other third parties. Such third parties or Nordiq Canada may have restrictions or other requirements on who may operate those motor vehicles, as well as guidelines for the safe use and operation of those motor vehicles. In all circumstances, the Nordiq Canada or third party restrictions, requirements or other guidelines must be adhered to by all Nordiq Canada coaches, staff, volunteers or other individuals.

The maximum number of passengers permitted in a motor vehicle is determined by the number of seat belts. The driver and all passengers in the motor vehicle are required to wear seat belts at all times.

All rules and regulations applicable to the operation of motor vehicles must be adhered to at all times, including, but not limited to:

- a) traffic signals

- b) speed limits; and
- c) parking restrictions.

Any ticket issued for a motor vehicle infraction, such as exceeding the posted speed limit or failure to obey other motor vehicle rules and regulations as applicable, or for a parking infraction, is the sole and personal responsibility of the driver of the motor vehicle.

Under no circumstances is a motor vehicle to be operated by a person who has consumed alcohol or any other substance that may impair his/her ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Athletes are not permitted to drive motor vehicles except with the express permission of a Nordiq Canada staff-person in the following circumstances:

- a) When a coach or staff member is not available or otherwise unable to drive;
- b) The athlete must be authorized to drive the motor vehicle pursuant to any restrictions, requirements or other guidelines established by the owner/insured of the motor vehicle and pursuant to paragraph 13 herein;
- c) The athlete must be 21 years of age or older; and
- d) The athlete must be aware of, understand, agree to and otherwise observe the guidelines set out in this policy.