

Hello coaches,

I am the interim President of the MN State High School Nordic Ski Coaches' Association. As we emerge from two years of covid craziness and start to grapple with our new State Meet format, Denny Nelson (Coon Rapids - past Pres.), Dave Johnson (Duluth Marshall - past Pres.), Dan Josephson (Detroit Lakes - past Pres.), Rich Heilman (Lakeville North/South) and I (Paula Anderson, Ely - past Pres.) have volunteered to help move our Association into the future. Minutes from last week's spring meeting are attached.

One of our primary goals moving forward is improving communication between the MSHSNCSA and all high school nordic ski coaches in the state. This organization represents you, the high school nordic ski coach, and is the primary means of communication between coaches and the MSHSL. Unfortunately, the contact information for nordic ski coaches in the state is not as easy to find as it once was. You are receiving this email because I found your name on a list (I've been given multiple lists). Please click on the link below to fill out a very short (30 seconds) Google Form asking for your up-to-date contact information. If you would like to be deleted from this list, indicate it in the space given on the form. Please don't reply directly to this email, thanks! Feel free to forward this link to anyone interested in joining the list.

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For those of you new to nordic ski coaching, or just new to this organization, here is a short version of our reason for being:

1. Why join the MN State High School Coaches' Association? (MSHSCA is the umbrella organization under which we operate)

- click [here](#) for a list of member benefits (\$2,000,000 worth of liability insurance!)
- click [here](#) to join (membership runs from August 1-July 31st). You can join anytime, however most ski coaches join in late summer or early fall.
- \$10 of your registration fee is returned to the MSHSNCSA. The Association uses these funds for awards, annual meeting expenses, scholarships, etc.
- Many coaches are reimbursed the membership fee by their booster club or their school.

2. Why does it matter?

- This organization is **the** representative body for high school nordic skiing under the MSHSL. It is the only representative body that can initiate change in our sport at the Section and State level. In order to effectively advocate for your athletes you need to be an active member of this association and have a voice.

3. What do you get?

- In order for an athlete to be eligible for All-State awards and Academic All-State awards his/her head coach must be a member of the association.
- In order for a coach to be considered for Coach of the Year or Assistant Coach of the Year he/she must be a member.

Our ByLaws provide a more detailed understanding of how we operate. I've attached the proposed amended ByLaws below. We will be voting to approve these amended ByLaws at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 8th, 9:30 at the Mora Vasaloppet chalet.

Thanks for reading to the end! I look forward to hearing from you on the Google Form.

Sincerely,

Paula Anderson  
Interim President - MSHSNCSA  
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