Cross Country & Biathlon (Para-Nordic) 2020-21 Report

Brittany Hudak continues with the NST and Jesse Ehman made the NST Next Gen Team.

Cross country races are hosted by Cross Country Saskatchewan, Cross Country Canada, SASKI Skiing for Disabled and internationally by IPC. Biathlon races are hosted by Biathlon Saskatchewan and abled bodied races by Biathlon Canada with some provision for para-biathlon and internationally by IPC thru Cross Country Canada. Trailblazers Club, a member club of Sask. Wheelchair Sports, provides summer instruction for both racers and recreational cross country para-skiers.

TrailBlazer Club MAP grant from SWSA cover the rental of sit skis from SASKI Skiing for Disabled. 7 of the 9 members are aboriginal.

Active clubs are: Saskatoon Nordic with 10 blind skiers and 16 guides and 3 standing skiers; Snobuddies with 5 members; Sturgeon River Nordic with 8; PA Nordic with 10 members, Hudson Bay with 9; Muskaday 1St Nation with 4; North 11; Swift Current with 2. The provincial level athletes competed at 4 virtual SaskCup races during COVID-19.

Brittany Hudak and Jesse Ehman competed at the IPC World Cup series in Germany and Norway. Brittany finished in 5th place in the Cross Country World Cup Series. Brittany Hudak is listed in 6th place in cross country for world cup points and highest rank in Canadian athletes. Jesse Ehamn is listed in 39th place in cross country for world cup points and 3rd rank in Canadian athletes. Brittany Hudak is listed in 6th place in biathlon for world cup points and only Canadian athlete. Jesse Ehamn did not compete in WC biathlon for world cup.

Brittany Hudak (3 gold) and Jesse Ehman (2 bronze) competed at Para-Nordic National at Canmore.

Colette Bougonje is working on her CCD (Train-To-Compete) coach level.

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Brittany Hudak wins bronze

Jesse Ehman practicing with Brittany in Canmore