

# BNSC ATHLETE OVERSEAS TRAVEL GRANT

## GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING:

1. An applicant must have been a *Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club* member (individual or family) for a minimum of three years.
2. An applicant must be a member of a *Snow Australia Cross Country Ski Team* and actively engaged in an approved program that involves overseas travel.
3. It is expected that recipients of the grant contribute to the life of BNSC.\*
4. Applicants must identify, represent, and compete as a BNSC member.
5. The application must be accompanied by a *financial statement* that includes a *trip budget* outlining:
  - (a) anticipated expenses for full participation in the team.
  - (b) other sponsorship arrangements held, and
  - (c) other grants received by the applicant.
6. BNSC grants will only be made if other levels of funding leave a significant shortfall.
7. A maximum of \$4000 will be allocated for national team member grants in any one year with a maximum of \$1000 to anyone individual, regardless of the number of grant applications received.
8. The grant is to be used for the purpose intended. Should circumstances change, the funds granted will be reimbursed to BNSC.
9. Recipients of the grant are required to *submit a report* with two photos of the trip to BNSC committee. The report will then be published for members to read.
10. Written applications must be received no later than the advertised closing date.
11. These guidelines will be reviewed biennially by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee.
12. In assessing the grant applications, the Committee has the discretion to waive one or more of the above guidelines if "*exceptional circumstances*" can be established

\* Examples may include helping at working bees or around the club house, coaching on the Junior Birkie Camp, making a presentation at a club event, mentoring juniors, running a waxing clinic, writing submissions, reviewing club policies, assisting with grant writing etc.