Create a safe environment for children engaged in organized sports
Understand Child Sexual Abuse

• Child sexual abuse can occur through behaviours that do not involve actual physical contact between an adult and a child.

• Grooming is the technique an offender uses to manipulate a child into trusting him/her and feeling comfortable so that s/he can gain and maintain sexual access to that child.

• Grooming usually begins with subtle behaviours that do not look inappropriate, or that suggest the offender is very good with children.
Manage Risks

• Child sex offenders will take advantage of environments that are unsafe, lack protocols and supervision, and are careless in managing risks.

• Steps XCSO needs to take to protect athletes as well as coaches/programmers/assistants.

• What are some of the specific areas in our sport that could present issues and what are best practices.
Trip Management

• Female Chaperone – who is an appropriate female chaperone?
• Athlete : Coach ratio
• Female athlete : chaperone ratio

• Sharing beds? Sharing rooms?
• Best practices for keeping kids healthy while travelling
Rowan’s Law

What is Rowan’s Law and where did it come from?
Rowan’s Law

- Review committee tasked with providing province with a set of recommendations surrounding concussion protocol

- Areas of Investigation:
  - Concussion Awareness
  - Removal from Sport Protocols
  - Return to Sport Protocols
  - Concussions Code of Conduct
How does this affect XCSO?

- Implementation is pending – feedback being sought
  - Concussion Awareness Waivers for parents/athletes/coaches/officials – mandatory for participation
  - Availability of resources beyond waivers/forms
- Removal/return from/to sport protocols
- Rowan’s Law Day
Other Considerations:

- Competitive vs. Recreational.
- Ages?
- All Sports?
- Who should be informed?
Questions to discuss:

• Is XC Skiing “High Risk”?
• Should the potential rules apply to both adults and youth? Ages groups?
• What should be included in the Concussion Awareness materials? In the Code of Conduct?