

LSSD XC District Report 2018-19

- Northwestern Ontario once again experienced an excellent ski season with lots of snow and incredible conditions from late November right through to the end of April.

Board Members

- We would like to start by acknowledging the continued commitment of our Executive members both new and old. Thank you for all that you do!
- LSSD-XC was pleased to welcome Elaine Lynch and Adam Kates to the Executive this year, filling the Para-Nordic and High Performance roles respectively. They brought new energy to the table and were able to effectively represent our region at the provincial level.

Highlights from the past year

- The Lappe Para-Nordic/Adaptive program partnered with XCSO to bring Patti Kitler to Thunder Bay to facilitate a Coaching Persons with a Disability course which resulted in 5 coaches being trained. A community meeting was also held the same week and a number of potential new volunteers were identified.
- Longtime LSSD athlete Angus Foster has been elected as the athlete representative for Nordiq Canada. We believe this is the first time that an athlete from our region has held this position at the national level.

Challenges:

- Ensuring that LSSD remains relevant with an engaged membership. Most of our participation tends to be Thunder Bay-centric so we are always looking to improve our engagement with smaller clubs across the region.

2019-20 Priorities:

- Facilitate more opportunities for younger (U14-) level competitions in the region with the possibility of LSSD-branded events.
- Support and promote coaching and officials development to ensure continued growth and sustainability of these important human resources.
- Refresh of the Executive membership & recruitment of key roles to ensure the continuation of LSSD as a forum to share ideas and support the development of our sport in Northwestern Ontario.

“Actively Busy”

- Thunder Bay is hosting the National Special Olympics Winter Games in February 2020 which will be an excellent event supported by the local ski community.
- Still want to support Ontario Cup program, need to coordinate scheduling to avoid volunteer fatigue