



Thursday, September 30, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask if you could excuse <athlete's name> from attending classes on some Thursdays & Fridays in Jan, Feb and March as well as the full week of January 28th to February 1st.

<Athlete's Name> will also be absent from school from December 3 – 21st.

The reason for these absences will be to attend Wentworth Ski Racing Club training. <Athlete's Name> will be training to compete at Provincial and National Level Ski Racing events over the course of the winter. If <Athlete's Name> qualifies for National Race events there may be other weeks she/he will need to travel to race as well.

This extra training gives our Nova Scotia athletes a more level playing field when competing with their counterparts from across the country (some of whom train 5-6 days per week)

Excusing <Athlete's Name> from attending class does not at all excuse him/her from completing assignments and studies that are on-going. We ask all of the educators of our athletes to please assign study and assignments that they can complete while on the road racing and training. We allow time on each training day that the athletes must devote to keeping up with their studies.

The agreement that we make with our Parent & Athlete group is that in order to miss school to travel to train and race that the athletes maintain an 80% average in school. We have found over the past 15 years of travelling with athletes during the school year that our athletes become very good at managing their time and school work and usually have marks that are better than 80%. The reward for working hard at their studies is the ability to pursue a love of ski racing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to give me a call (902) 209-7297 or send me an e-mail at Coaching@wentworthracing.com.

Regards,

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