

NO HIGH-FLUORO WAXING PROTOCOL: CLUB & STATE LEVEL XC RACES

The Snow Australia Cross Country Committee (SAXC) introduced this **No High-Fluoro Wax Protocol** for club and state level competitions in 2016. In 2021 the principles remain the same. **However, all athletes and coaches should be aware that Snow Australia supports the stated aim of the International Ski Federation (FIS) for snow sports to become fluor-free in the near future, and that both low-fluor and high-fluor waxes may be banned in 2022.**

MAIN GOALS

- Create a LEVEL PLAYING FIELD and events that demonstrate the skiing ability of participants.
- REDUCE time spent waxing so more focus can be put on preparing for competition.
- REDUCE the cost to athletes, parents and teams to compete in XC Skiing.
- MINIMISE potential health risks from high-fluor waxing with poor ventilation.

This is a self-governed policy and it is hoped that all athletes, parents and coaches will be fully supportive. Similar waxing protocols exist throughout Canada and the USA and have been successful in keeping costs low and the competition fair. While there may be some concerns and challenges, we believe the vast majority of skiers & families would like this policy implemented. Self-policing, education, and the cooperation of retailers should make this change for the better a real possibility and keep costs low to encourage increased participation in our sport.

Note that this protocol does not extend to Australian Championships or Australian Junior Championships, nor to the Kangaroo Hoppet (incl. Birke/Joey), which is an international event.

WAXING PROTOCOLS THAT WILL APPLY

- **Only no-fluoro or low-fluoro waxes are to be used for glide waxing (such as Swix LF7, LF8 or LF10), with no high-fluoro waxes or high/pure fluorocarbon coats (liquids, powders, blocks) to be used.**
- **Where possible state team coaches will confer and give a recommendation of LF7, 8 or 10 (or other brand equivalent) to athletes, so that everyone can be on the same wax.**



Athletes and those making entries on behalf of athletes will be asked to acknowledge and agree to the protocol when making their on-line or on-the-day race entries. The protocol is supported by all the state committees and team operating under Snow Australia, including the NSWACT XC Team and Victorian Cross Country Team