

## Hardwood Ski and Bike Fluoro Wax Policy

Effective November 1, 2023, fluorinated ski waxes and other ski preparation products that contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ((PFAS) or fluoros) are prohibited from use at Hardwood Ski and Bike. This ban extends to all skiers, to all activities and events and to all wax, ski prep and cleaning products containing any fluoro substance in any amount.

Wax and all other ski prep products containing a fluoro may not be applied or used at Hardwood. Skis with any fluoro wax products applied elsewhere may not be brought to Hardwood for use here.

Waxes and other products containing fluoros have significant negative health and environmental consequences. These substances have the potential to harm the individual, enter the food and water supply and remain in the environment for generations. Many compounds found in fluorinated waxes are banned or in process of being banned by government agencies and sport governing organizations including Nordiq Canada.

Many skiers already use only paraffin waxes (generally, the least expensive) that are not affected by this ban. For those who want to wax for better speed and better repelling of dirt and water, alternative products without fluoros are available. The Hardwood retail store can advise you and supply a range of alternatives.

## **Enforcement**

Hardwood expects all skiers, coaches and other facility users to respect this ban. Non-compliance may result in suspension of member and pass privileges.

If you have any questions re: fluoro waxes or this policy please contact: <a href="mailto:info@hardwoodskiandbike.ca">info@hardwoodskiandbike.ca</a>.