

## **Mike Argue**

Like so many other Yellowknife youths, Mike spent his childhood winters on the trail of Yellowknife Ski Club. As he grew older and progressed as a skier Mike moved on to compete with the high performance team where he developed the skills necessary to compete at the national and international level.

Following his graduation from École Sir John Franklin High School in 1998 Mike attended the University of Calgary to study Sociology. Before deciding to fully commit to competitive skiing, Mike red shirted with the University of Calgary Dinos volleyball team.

In 1999, Mike represented Canada in his first of two World University Games, he also competed in the 2005 games. The following year Mike was the Canadian Junior National Champion. He followed up on his success in 2000 by winning a Bronze and a Silver medal at the 2003 Canada Winter Games. Mike would then go on to compete internationally competing in five FIS World Cup events in 2005, 2008, and 2010. In 2009, Mike picked up his only win on the North American Continental Cup.

Finally, in 2010, though he was ultimately unable to crack the Canadian Olympic team, Mike did himself and the North proud by finishing 7th in the sprint and 8th in the 50km races at the 2010 Canadian Olympic trials. Following his retirement from competitive skiing Mike turned to coaching at the Yellowknife Ski Club where he continues to coach today.

"Mike Argue is a kind, giving, and humble coach. He is extremely generous with his time and has a vast amount of knowledge of the speed skating. Despite his expertise, he never takes credit for all that he does to help us reach our goals and realize our potential". ~Nicola Bennett competitive cross country skier

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