

2022-23 PARA NORDIC WORLD CUP COMPETITION TEAM – Soldier Hollow, USA

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the Para Nordic World Cup competition team from March 1 – 8, 2023, in Soldier Hollow, USA. Athlete selections were based on the *2022-23 Para Nordic Competition Trip Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is Friday, February 24, 2023, 11:59 PM MST. Appeals must be submitted in writing to Nordiq Canada’s Appeal Manager, Stefano Mingarelli, at stefmingarelli@gmail.com.

Selection Rational

Athlete	WC Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Natalie Wilkie	6.11	Para Nordic 2022-23 World Cup Team pre-selection	3 Gold, 2 Silver PN World Championships
Mark Arendz	6.11	Para Nordic 2022-23 World Cup Team pre-selection	3 Gold, 1 Silver PN World Championships
Collin Cameron	6.11	Para Nordic 2022-23 World Cup Team pre-selection	1 Gold, 2 Silver PN World Championships
Brittany Hudak	6.11	Para Nordic 2022-23 World Cup Team pre-selection	1 Silver, 2 Bronze PN World Championships
Derek Zaplotinsky	6.11	Para Nordic 2022-23 World Cup Team pre-selection	4 th biathlon middle, 5 th XC sprint final WCH
Christina Picton	6.12	HDP-Para discretion based on 2022-23 World Cup races results and the potential to achieve 90 FIS PSS points or better.	54.73 points in XC sprint (Final) WCH 78.63 points in XC 20 Km WCH
Ethan Hess	6.12	HDP-Para discretion based on 2022-23 World Cup races results and the potential to achieve 90 FIS PSS points or better.	104.92 WC FIN XC 5 Km 106.45 WC FIN Sprint Has achieved 90 points in the past.
Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	6.12	HDP-Para discretion based on 2022-23 World Cup races results and the potential to achieve 90 FIS PSS points or better.	127.63 at WC FIN XC 10 KM
Leo Sammarelli	6.12	HDP-Para discretion based on 2022-23 World Cup races results and the potential to achieve 90 FIS PSS points or better.	158.04 at COC US Nationals sprint
Hess, Bilodeau and Sammarelli were also recommended for discretionary selection as there are limited domestic race opportunities for them to race against competitive athletes. To challenge and appropriately measure these sit skiers performance and high performance tracking, the US World Cup Finals is deemed a far better competition for these athletes, and being on the continent, a financially more feasible competition for many.			

Athlete nominations were made by the High Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2022-23 Para Nordic Competition Trip Criteria*. The HPC oversaw the selection process as per the *Nordiq Canada Selection, Nominations and Announcement* policy. Members of this committee are:

- Robbi Weldon (athlete rep – Para)
- Devon Kershaw (athlete rep – Olympic)
- Maria Lundgren (BC)
- Alain Masson (Yukon)
- John Lofranco (Athletics Canada)
- Julie Beaulieu (Nordiq Canada)
- Kate Boyd (Nordiq Canada)
- Chris Jeffries (Nordiq Canada)

Final athlete selections were approved by Kate Boyd, Para Nordic High Performance Director.