

2022-23 WORLD CUP PERIOD 2 – TOUR DE SKI - COMPETITION TEAM

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the World Cup Period 2 Tour de Ski Team from December 19 – January 9, 2023, with races in Val Mustair, Oberstdorf, and Val di Fiemme. Athlete selections were based on the *2022-23 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is December 20, 2022, 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 P2 Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Russell Kennedy	4.6.b	COC Leaders after P1	233 points
Liliane Gagnon	4.6.b	COC Leaders after P1	218 points
Antoine Cyr	4.6.c	Top-20 at 2022-23 WC P1 individual final race result	12 th 20 km C MS Lillehammer NOR
Katherine Stewart-Jones	4.6.c	Top-20 at 2022-23 WC P1 individual final race result	13 th 20 km C MS Lillehammer NOR
Graham Ritchie	4.6.c	Top-20 at 2022-23 WC P1 individual final race result	17 th Sp F Davos SUI
Olivier Léveillé	4.6.d	Top-8 AND top half of field at 2022-23 WC team event	8 th out of 16 teams, 4 x 5 km mixed relay Beitostolen, NOR
Dahria Beatty	4.6.d	Top-8 AND top half of field at 2022-23 WC team event	8 th out of 16 teams, 4 x 5 km mixed relay Beitostolen, NOR
Rémi Drolet	4.6.e	HPD discretion per 3.7	See comments below

The HPD and HPC recognizes the consternation that may occur around the selection of an athlete with no early season racing training in a less than ideal daily training environment. The selection decision was based on:

- The athlete’s historical performances, (2020 World Junior Championships, 2022 Canadian Ski Championships & USA Nationals, 2022 Olympic Trials, and 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games), testing results, and Canadian Tire Performance benchmarks supports the athlete is trending along the podium pathway.
- The selection is based on a long-term competition plan built around the athlete’s current development pathway leading into the 2026 OWG.
- The two statements above are supported by the evaluation of the athlete’s Gold Medal Profile metrics in the areas of functional movement and strength, mental performance, competition plan, and competition readiness that show the athlete has made significant gains and increased performance in all areas. The metrics are validated and supported by IST and coaching professionals.
- P2 provides an optimal competition window that fits into the athlete’s competition and development pathway, supported by current fitness levels that show potential for a strong showing at the U23 World Ski Championships. The athlete’s IPP is supported by this competition pathway.

Sam Hendry	4.6.e	HPD discretion per 3.7	See comments below
<p>Athlete selection was based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd overall on the current male COC ranking list with 213 points. • Consistent performance results from the 2022 Sovereign Lake and Sun Valley races, in both the sprint and distance disciplines, factoring in percentage of time back from leader and FIS points achieved. • Historical exceptional 3 km testing results. • The athlete’s situation supports P2 as an optimal window in the athlete’s short and long-term competition and development pathway. 			

Athlete nominations were made by the High Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2022-23 Nordiq Canada 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 Chris Jeffries, High Performance Director – Olympic