

## 2023-24 WORLD CUP PERIOD 5 TEAM NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the World Cup Period 5 Team from February 19 to March 18, 2024 with races in Lahti, Oslo, Drammen and Falun. Athlete selections were based on the *2023-24 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Criteria*.

Additional priorities considered in athlete selections were:

- Ideal team composition of three (3) athletes per gender to aid mental and physical health.
- With heavy sprint schedule in P5, continue to build on sprint and relay strategies with a focus on tactical strategies for sprint qualification.
- Team size maximum of eight (8) athletes.

The deadline to appeal World Cup P5 Team nominations is February 23, 2024 11:59 PM MST.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to Nordiq Canada's Appeal Manager, Stefano Mingarelli, at [stefmingarelli@gmail.com](mailto:stefmingarelli@gmail.com).

### Selection Rational World Cup P3

Athlete	WC P5 Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Sonjaa Schmidt	4.8.b	COC Leaders at the end of P4	475 points
Sasha Masson	4.8.b	COC Leaders at the end of P4	420 points
Antoine Cyr	4.8.c	Top-12 at 2023-24 WC individual final race result finish	7 <sup>th</sup> C Pursuit Davos, SUI
Liliane Gagnon	4.8.c	Top-12 at 2023-24 WC individual final race result finish	9 <sup>th</sup> 20 km MS Goms, SUI
Katherine Stewart-Jones	4.8.e	HPD discretion as per 3.8	18 <sup>th</sup> 10 km C, Trondheim NOR
Proven past performer, averaged 2 x top-20 during P1 with World Cup finishes of 18 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .			
Xavier McKeever	4.8.e	HPD discretion as per 3.8	19 <sup>th</sup> classic sprints, Canmore, CAN
Demonstrated ability to achieve top 20 performance. WC P5 provides sprint racing opportunities to build upon current development level.			
Pierre Grall-Johnson	4.8.e	HPD discretion as per 3.8	25 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> in sprint qualifiers Canmore, CAN
Demonstrated ability to achieve future top 20 performance. WC P5 provides sprint racing opportunities to build upon current development level.			
Sam Hendry	4.8.e	HPD discretion as per 3.8	21 <sup>st</sup> 20 km C MS Canmore, CAN
Demonstrated ability to achieve future top 20 performance. WC P5 provides distance racing opportunities to build upon current performance level and contribute to nations cup ranking.			

Athlete nominations were made by the High Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2023-24 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Criteria*. The HPC oversaw the selection process as per the *Nordiq Canada Nomination, Selection and Announcement* policy. Members of this committee are:

- Graham Nishikawa (athlete rep – Para)
- Devon Kershaw (athlete rep – Olympic)
- Maria Lundgren (BC)
- Pauline Nadlersmith (ON)
- 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

#### **SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS**

Sonjaa Schmidt, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, AIAWCA

Liliane Gagnon, Skibec, CNEPH

Katherine Stewart-Jones, Nakkertok Nordic, AIAWCA

Sasha Masson, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, CNEPH

Antoine Cyr, Skinouk, CNEPH

Xavier McKeever, Foothills Nordic Ski Club, AIAWCA

Pierre-Grall Johnson, Nakkertok Nordic, NTDC T-Bay

Samuel Hendry, Canmore Nordic Ski Club, CNEPH