

FISU World University Games

Selection Criteria

2023



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DISCLAIMER

Due to the changing and unpredictable events surrounding COVID-19, the terms, selection criteria, and competitions outlined in this document are subject to change at any time.

*Nordiq Canada's top priority is health of athletes and staffs. As such, it will follow best practices and recommendations from government health officials (domestic and international) in determining whether or not to proceed with any competition trip in this document. **Nordiq Canada reserves the right to cancel or amend any competition trip deemed unsafe.***

IMPORTANT NOTICE

*FISU's deadline for nomination, registration and fee payment is November 21, 2022. To allow Nordiq Canada the opportunity to select a team, FISU has extended this deadline to 12:00 PM EST December 12, 2022, to allow for an East and West selection event. Prior to this, and **NON-NEGOTIABLE**, is that all athletes that are interested in attending FISU **MUST** submit the following documentation and deposit by **November 15th, 2022**:*

- *FISU Eligibility form:*
https://usports.ca/uploads/cis/International/universiades/2023/Winter/FISU_Academic_Eligibility_Form_2022-2023_WUG_%26_WUC.pdf
- *Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by **November 15 at 11:59 PM MST** on [Zone4](#) to be considered for selection and pay a \$750 deposit, which will be refunded if the athlete does not qualify. A further deposit of \$1,500 is required upon qualification to secure a spot on the FISU Team. The remaining amount is due November 21, 2022 without exception.*

1. General Information and Objectives

- 1.1** The objective of this document is to describe the selection criteria that will be used in selecting athletes for the cross-country ski team to represent Canada in the 2023 FISU World University Games (WUG).
- 1.2** This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes to the 2023 FISU University Games.
- 1.3** The process for the creation of selection criteria is guided by the *NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement* policy.
- 1.4** Final decision authority for all selections is the Nordiq Canada HPD or their designate.
- 1.5** Selection decisions may be appealed under the Nordiq Canada *Dispute Resolution and Appeal* policy. Due to tight timelines, the appeal deadline is 24 hours after the Team notice has been announced on the Nordiq Canada website.
- 1.6** The Nordiq Canada HPD, or their designate, has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date under the following circumstances:

- a. In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Nordiq Canada that prevents the HPD from fairly and objectively implementing these selection procedures.
 - b. When additional (or altered) information deemed relevant by Nordiq Canada to the criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, FIS, or any other relevant organization.
 - c. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors, or omissions in the criteria.
 - d. COVID-19 occurrences pertaining to, but not limited to: race cancellations or rescheduling, any country border limitations, travel restrictions, travel limitations, inability to maintain safety of athletes, etc. Changes to this document will be communicated directly to the ski community by whatever means and wherever the original criteria was published. Nordiq Canada is not responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any amendments.
- 1.7 This policy does not require Nordiq Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
- 1.8 It is the Athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies. For clarification on the content of this document contact the DD.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 Athletes must be Nordiq Canada members in good standing¹ with a valid Canadian passport, a Nordiq Canada racing license, and a valid Canadian FIS license.
- 2.2 Athletes will not be officially named to a competition Team until eligibility requirements have been verified by Nordiq Canada. Athletes selected to a competition Team will be notified by Nordiq Canada. The official Team will be announced by Nordiq Canada once all verification checks have been completed. Athletes are required to sign the Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Agreement.
- 2.3 Athletes must meet all FISU World University Games eligibility and event entry standards in the [Regulations for the FISU World University Games](#) such as:
- a. All athletes must be a national of the country they represent
 - b. All athletes must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2005).
 - c. Athletes participating in FISU sport events must represent the same country

¹ Refer to Nordiq Canada By-Laws for conditions of membership.

as in their respective IF events. Changes of sport nationality must follow respective IF rules.

- d. Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding toward a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country.
- e. Former students of the institutions mentioned in a), who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.
- f. Athletes are required to complete all documentation to prove eligibility. Please see Section 5.

- 2.4 Selected and pre-selected athletes must meet and sign-off on the following conditions to be eligible for a competition trip:
- a. The athlete is in optimal health and completely recovered from any illness or injury 48 hours prior to the trip departure as supported by a medical doctor, and the NST Dev coach. Historical blood results comparisons may be requested and reviewed to support optimal athlete health.
 - b. A negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of departure or as per the required timeline of mandated government health orders.
 - c. The athlete must be at a competitive ready performance level, as demonstrated throughout the training season and competition season. This assessment will be made by the NST Coach(es) and the Sport Development Director (SDD).

3. Selection Guidelines

- 3.1 Athletes must register an Expression of Interest (EOI) by **November 15 at 11:59 PM MST** on [Zone4](#) to be considered for selection. A \$750 deposit is required, which will be refunded if the athlete does not qualify. A further deposit of \$1,500 is required upon qualification to secure a spot on the FISU Team with the remaining fee of \$1,450 due on November 21, 2022.
- 3.2 The [FISU Eligibility Form](#) must be completed and submitted to Julie Beaulieu (jbeaulieu@nordiccanada.ca) by **November 15th**.
- 3.3 Only events listed in this document are considered for selection rankings and standards.
- 3.4 In the event of a tie after the selection criteria has been applied athletes will be ranked on their single best race result. If there is still a tie it will move to 2nd, 3rd, etc. best result in all eligible races until the tie is broken.
- 3.5 The HPD reserves the right to choose or modify team size, within the operational trip budget, to ensure the optimal health and competitiveness of the team.
- 3.6 Team size is a minimum of 4 men and 4 women up to a maximum of 6 men and 6 women.
- 3.7 Athletes will not be eligible for a competition team unless they are healthy and in

competition ready condition at the time of the competition trip departure. *Refer to point 2.4.*

- 3.8 Curtailment of Health does not apply to this trip.
- 3.9 All qualification race results are Individual Final Finish Race Results (see Definitions), unless otherwise indicated.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1 SELECTION RACES

Sovereign Lake: Dec 3 and 4, 2022 - ONLY

- Dec 3 - Sprint Free Qualification Round Ranking Result
- Dec 4 – 10 KM Individual Start Classic Individual Final Finish Race Result

Nakkertok: Dec 10th and 11th, 2022

- Dec 10 - Sprint Classic Qualification Round Ranking Result
 - Dec 11 – 10 KM Individual Start Free Individual Final Finish Race Result
- a. Separate gender specific ranking lists, comprised of FISU eligible athletes will be created for the Eastern and the Western Canada Cup using the World Cup scoring system as outlined in Appendix B.
 - b. Races from different regions may not be combined for a ranking list (e.g. Sprint from Sovereign + Mass start from Nakkertok)
 - c. Athletes may race both weekends and be ranked on both lists.

4.2 CRITERIA

- a. Top 3 males on the Eastern Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- b. Top 3 females on the Eastern Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- c. Top 3 males on the Western Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- d. Top 3 females on the Western Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.

4.3 Ties will be handled as per point 3.2.

4.4 Alternates will be chosen in the following order:

- a. from the ranking lists of the declining athletes' event
- b. If the list is exhausted from one area (e.g. West) the alternates will then be selected from the other regions ranking list (e.g. East)

5. Trip Information

- 5.1 The trip starts January 11 and ends January 23, 2023.
- 5.2 The trip fee is ~\$3700 and must be paid in full by November 21, 2022. The fee includes:

- a. FISU fee (\$1,400)
- b. 12 nights' accommodation at \$130 (\$1,560)
- c. Coaching, wax services, travel medical insurance (\$750)
- d. Canadian competition racesuit

The trip fee does not include transportation to the FISU Games. Athletes are responsible for their own transportation to the FISU Games.

- 5.3 As Nordiq Canada has to front the cost of the FISU Games, without refund, we are unable to issue refunds once the fee has been paid. The only circumstance in which a refund would be given is if an alternate athlete was able to attend in an athlete's place.
- 5.4 The trip starts January 11th and ends January 23, 2023.
- 5.5 Athletes can enter all individual races. Team event selections will be made at the event by the Team Leader and Head Coach based on athlete performance at the Games, health and WUG ranking lists. This decision cannot be appealed.

6. **APPENDIX A – Definitions**

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures.

WUG: World University Games

NC: Nordiq Canada

Individual Final Finish Race Result: The final time and ranking attributed to an athlete at the completion of an entire individual event, i.e. time of day, qualification heats, prequalification times, team relay, or team sprint times are not considered individual final finish race results. World Cup (WC) points must be awarded for any result to be considered a WC race result.

Competition Ready: Defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.

7. APPENDIX B – World Cup Points Scoring System

1 st place =	100 points	26 th place =	30 points
2 nd place =	95 points	27 th place =	28 points
3 rd place =	90 points	28 th place =	26 points
4 th place =	85 points	29 th place =	24 points
5 th place =	80 points	30 th place =	22 points
6 th place =	75 points	31 st place =	20 points
7 th place =	72 points	32 nd place =	19 points
8 th place =	69 points	33 rd place =	18 points
9 th place =	66 points	34 th place =	17 points
10 th place =	63 points	35 th place =	16 points
11 th place =	60 points	36 th place =	15 points
12 th place =	58 points	37 th place =	14 points
13 th place =	56 points	38 th place =	13 points
14 th place =	54 points	39 th place =	12 points
15 th place =	52 points	40 th place =	11 points
16 th place =	50 points	41 st place =	10 points
17 th place =	48 points	42 nd place =	9 points
18 th place =	46 points	43 rd place =	8 points
19 th place =	44 points	44 th place =	7 points
20 th place =	42 points	45 th place =	6 points
21 st place =	40 points	46 th place =	5 points
22 nd place =	38 points	47 th place =	4 points
23 rd place =	36 points	48 th place =	3 points
24 th place =	34 points	49 th place =	2 points
25 th place =	32 points	50 th place =	1 point