

2023 WORLD JUNIOR AND U23 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Whistler, Canada

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the 2023 World Junior and U23 World Ski Championship Team being held in Whistler, Canada January 27 to February 5, 2023. Athlete selections were based on the *2022-23 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Selection Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is **Tuesday, January 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

- Six (6) athletes were selected to each age and gender category to create a strong development foundation and pathway to build on in subsequent years.
- Selection parameters used for 6.5 STEP 2 based on point 3.7 (HPD discretion) were ‘time behind winner’ and ‘depth of field’.
- No athletes were selected under STEP 3.

Athlete	WJR Competition Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Alison Mackie	6.5	Winner of the junior women sprint qualifier	1 st junior woman in sprint qualifier
Alison was the winner of the sprint final, selection moves to winner of the 10 km.			
Alexandra Luxmoore	6.5	Winner of the junior women 10 km	1 st junior woman in 10 km
The winner of the 20 km already selected, selection moves to STEP 2 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender.			
Anna Stewart	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	2 nd junior woman in 20 km
2 nd place finishers in the sprint qualifier, sprint finish and 10 km already selected. Anna selected as 2 nd place finisher in next priority ranked race.			
Constance Lapointe	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	3 rd junior in sprint qualifier
All 2 nd place finishers selected. Selection moves to Constance as 3 rd finisher in the sprint qualifier with a ‘time behind’ leader of :17 secs. Minimum selection of junior females athletes completed.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions (no submission made in the junior women’s category). • Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the maximum athlete team size number of 24. 			
Maeve Macleod	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd junior women in 10 km

Maeve selected as 3 rd junior female in next priority selection race as a distance athlete.			
Marlie Molinaro	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	4 th junior woman in 10 km
Marlie selected on her 4 th junior female finish in the 10 km over the 3 rd place finisher in the 20 km due to: less ‘time behind’ the 10 km race leader (2:49 secs) and less ‘time behind’ the 3 rd place 10 km finisher (:06 secs). The 3 rd place finisher’s ‘time behind’ leader in the 20 km was 6:01 and ‘time behind’ the 2 nd 10 km finisher was ~2:00. Despite having a lower placing, Marlie was comparatively closer to the race leader in the 10 km race.			
Xavier McKeever	6.5	Winner of the junior men sprint qualifier	1 st junior man in sprint qualifier
Xavier the winner of the sprint final, and the 10km, selection moves to winner of the 20 km.			
Garrett Siever	6.5	Winner of junior men 20 km	1 st junior man in 20 km
STEP 1 selections completed. Selection move to STEP 2 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender.			
Luke Allan	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	2 nd junior man in sprint qualifier and final
Luke selected as 2 nd junior man in sprint qualification and sprint final.			
Noah Weir-Chaba	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	2 nd junior man in 10 km
Selection moves to 2 nd male finisher in the 10 km. Minimum selection of junior male athletes completed.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions (no submission made in the junior men’s category). Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the maximum athlete team size number of 24. 			
Ry Prior	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd junior man sprint qualification
Ry selected on 3 rd place finish in the sprint qualification with ‘time behind’ the leader of :03 secs and ‘time behind’ 2 nd place of :02 secs as well as a 4 th place finish in the sprint final.			
Raleigh Tarte	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd junior male 20 Km
Raleigh selected on 3 rd place finish in 20 Km based on ‘time behind’ the 2 nd place finisher of :10 secs.			
Athlete	U23 Competition Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Sonjaa Schmidt	6.5	Winner of U23 women’s sprint qualifier	1 st U23 woman in sprint qualifier
Liliane Gagnon	6.5	Winner of U23 women’s sprint final finish	1 st U23 woman in sprint final
Jasmine Lyons	6.5	Winner of U23 women’s 10 km	1 st U23 woman in 10 km
STEP 1 selections completed. Selection move to STEP 2 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender.			

Anna Parent	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	2 nd U23 woman in sprint qualifier
2 nd place finisher in next priority selection race with ‘time behind’ winner of :02 secs. Minimum selection of U23 women athletes completed.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions (no submission made in the U23 women’s category). Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the maximum athlete team size number of 24. 			
Marielle Ackermann	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd U23 woman in sprint final
3 rd place finisher in next priority race combined with 4 th place in 10 km and 5 th in sprint qualifier.			
Amelia Wells	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd U23 woman in 10 km
3 rd place finisher in next priority race combined with 4 th place in sprint final.			
Erikson Moore	6.5	Winner of U23 men’s sprint qualifier	1 st U23 male in sprint qualifier
Sasha Masson	6.5	Winner of U23 men’s sprint final finish	1 st U23 male in sprint final
Max Hollmann	6.5	Winner of U23 men’s 10 km	1 st U23 male in 10 km
Olivier Léveillé – DECLINED NOMINATION	6.5	Winner of U23 men’s 20 km	1 st U23 male in 20 km
Olivier declined nomination. Selection moves to STEP 2 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender.			
Kendyn Mashinter	6.5	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum	2 nd U23 male in sprint final
2 nd place athlete in sprint qualifier already selected, selection moves to next priority race. Minimum selection of U23 men athletes completed.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions (no submission made in the U23 women’s category). Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the maximum athlete team size number of 24. 			
Rémi Drolet	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	3 rd U23 male in 10 km
Rémi is the 3 rd selected distance athlete with a 3 rd place in the U23 male 10 km.			
Luke Fricker	6.5	STEP 4 – selection based on point 3.7 HPD discretion	4 th U23 male in sprint qualifier
All 3 rd place athletes selected. Luke is the next qualifying athlete with 4 th place in the sprint qualifier and the sprint final. He becomes the 4 th sprinter for the team.			

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

SUMMARY OF SELECTIONS

World Junior Ski Championship Team

Alison Mackie, Edmonton Nordic Ski Club, AB
Alexandra Luxmoore, Revelstoke Nordic, BC
Anna Stewart, Nakkertok Nordic, ON - AIAWAC
Constance Lapointe, Whitehorse Ski Club, YK
Maeve Macleod, Revelstoke Nordic, BC
Marlie Molinaro, Revelstoke Nordic, BC
Xavier McKeever, Foothills Nordic Ski Club, AB – AIAWAC
Garrett Siever, Telemark Nordic, BC
Luke Allan, Nakkertok Nordic, ON
Noah Weir-Chaba, Canmore Nordic Ski Club, AB
Ry Prior, Chelsea Nordiq, QC - AIAWAC
Raleigh Tarte, Kimberley Nordic, BC

World U23 Ski Championship Team

Liliane Gagnon, Skibec/Léviski La Balade, QC - CNEPH
Sonjaa Schmidt, Whitehorse Ski Club, YT - AIAWAC
Jasmine Lyons, Nakkertok Nordic, ON
Anna Parent, Canmore Nordic Ski Club/Team Trail Sports Elite, AB
Marielle Ackermann, Kimberley Nordic Ski Club, BC
Amelia Wells, Strathcona Nordics, BC - AIAWAC
Erickson Moore, Fondeurs-Laurentides, QC
Sasha Masson, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YK – CNEPH
Kendyn Mashinter, Walden Cross Country, ON – NTDC-Thunder Bay
Max Hollmann, Big Nordic Thunder Ski Club, ON - AIAWAC
Rémi Drolet, Black Jack Cross Country Ski Club, BC
Luke Fricker, Canmore Nordic Ski Club