

2024-25 WORLD CUP PERIOD 1 COMPETITION TEAM

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the World Cup Period 1 Team from November 19 to December 16, 2024, with races in Bruksvallerna, SWE, Lillehammer, NOR, and Davos, SUI. Athlete selections were based on the *2024-25 Nordiq Canada Competition Selection Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is November 1, 2024, 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 P1 Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Sonjaa Schmidt	4.1.a	Final COC Leaders for 2023-24	555 points
Max Hollmann	4.1.a	Final COC Leaders for 2023-24	552 points
Antoine Cyr	4.1.b	Athletes achieving objective criteria 5.9.a-c and 5.10.a in the 2024-25 NHPP criteria.	4 th place Team Sprint 2023 WSC
Graham Ritchie - DECLINED	4.1.b	Athletes achieving objective criteria 5.9.a-c and 5.10.a in the 2024-25 NHPP criteria.	4 th place Team Sprint 2023 WSC
Olivier Léveillé	4.1.b	Athletes achieving objective criteria 5.9.a-c and 5.10.a in the 2024-25 NHPP criteria.	5 th place Team Relay 2023 WSC
Xavier McKeever	4.1.b	Athletes achieving objective criteria 5.9.a-c and 5.10.a in the 2024-25 NHPP criteria.	5 th place Team Relay 2023 WSC
Liliane Gagnon	4.1.c	Top 15 WC 2023-24	9 th 20 km F WC Goms, SUI
Pierre Grall-Johnson	4.1.c	Top 15 WC 2023-24	15 th SP F WC Lahti, FIN
Katherine Stewart-Jones	4.1.e	HPD Discretion	IAPP plan, historical WC results of top-20 finishes, testing data
RATIONAL: Historical ability to achieve Top 20 benchmark standard at WC events, including 18 th place finish in 20km Skiathlon, Trondheim, NOR in 2023-24 season. Clearly defined IAAP performances and goals to the High Performance Committee supported by strong testing and data results support high fitness level going into the season.			
Sasha Masson	4.1.e	HPD Discretion	IAAP plan, historical WC results, testing data

RATIONAL: Historical relay performances to contribute to Nordiq Canada's Relay Strategy for the 2026 Games, including 8th place Team Relay, Oberhof, GER, and 11th Team Sprint, Lahti, FIN in the 2023-24 season. Additional information considered by the HPC; COC Leader for P3 and P4 in 2023-24, progression in historical testing, training season IAPP performances and goals.

Athlete nominations were made by the High Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2024-25 Nordiq Canada Competition Selection 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)
- Chris Jeffries (Nordiq Canada)

Final athlete selections were approved by Chris Jeffries, High Performance Director: cjeffries@nordiqcanada.ca.