

2024 WORLD JUNIOR AND U23 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Planica, Slovenia

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the 2024 World Junior and U23 World Ski Championship Team being held in Planica, Slovenia January 26 to February 2, 2024. Athlete selections were based on the *2023-24 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Selection Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is **Thursday, January 11, 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

- Five (5) athletes were selected to each age and gender category fulfilling the team size of 20 athletes. One alternate for each category was named.
- Selection parameters used for 5.5 STEP 4 based on point 3.7 (HPD discretion) were ‘time behind winner’ and ‘depth of field’.
- No athletes were selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretion.
- No curtailment of health submissions were received.
- Selection between sprint and distance rankings within a category were based on a balance between the disciplines in relation to the number of race starts.

Athlete	WJR Competition Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Alison Mackie	5.4.b	STEP 1 - Winner of the junior women sprint qualifier	1 st junior woman in sprint qualifier
Winner of the sprint final already selected; selection moves to winner of the 10 km. Winner of the 10 km already selected; selection moves to winner of the 20 km. Winner of the 20 km already selected; selection moves to STEP 2.			
Tory Audet	5.4.b	STEP 2 - Selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd junior woman in sprint qualifier
Tory selected as 2 nd in sprint qualifier (:05 behind winner) and 2 nd in sprint final.			
Clara Hegan	5.4.b	STEP 2 - Selection to fill gender minimum of 4	3 rd junior woman in sprint qualifier
Clara selected as 3 rd place in the sprint qualifier (0:11 time behind) and 2 nd place in the 20 km (0:13) due to smaller ‘time behind winner’ than next ranked athlete.			
Alexandra Luxmoore	5.4.b	STEP 2 - Selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd junior in 10 km
Alexandra is selected as 2 nd in 10 km (1:26 time behind) and 3 rd in sprint final. Minimum selection of four (4) athletes complete; selection moves to STEP 3.			
No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions.			

Selection moves to STEP 4 – No priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the team size of 20.			
Sabine Comeau	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	3 rd junior women in 10 km
Third place athlete in the 20 km not eligible for selection. Selection of five (5) athletes in category complete.			
Elie-Anne Tremblay – ALTERNATE	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	4 th junior women sprint final 4 th junior woman 10 km
Alexandre Cormier	5.4.b	STEP 1 - Winner of the junior men sprint qualifier	1 st junior man in sprint qualifier
Raleigh Tarte	5.4.b	STEP 1 - Winner of junior men sprint final	1 st junior man in sprint final
Winner of the 10 km already selected; selection moves to winner of the 20 km. Winner of the 20 km already selected; selection moves to STEP 2.			
Finn Redman	5.4.b	STEP 2 - Selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd junior man in sprint qualifier
Finn selected as 2 nd junior man in sprint qualification; (:06) time behind winner.			
Garrett Siever	5.4.b	STEP 2 - Selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd junior man in 10 km
Selection moves to 2 nd male finisher in the 10 km. 2 nd place finisher in junior sprint final already selected. Minimum selection of 4 athletes complete; selection moves to STEP 3.			
No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions. Selection moves to STEP 4 – No priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the team size of 20.			
Samuel Picard	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	3 rd place junior man in 10 km 3 rd place junior man in 20 km
Third place distance ranking selected over 3 rd place sprint rankings (3 rd place sprint qualifier already selected) to balance between sprint and distance race starts. Selection of five (5) athletes in category complete.			
Ry Prior – ALTERNATE	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	3 rd junior man in sprint final
Athlete	U23 Competition Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Sonjaa Schmidt	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	COC Leader after P2
Liliane Gagnon	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	Selected to P3 on 4.6.g.iii

<p>Selection moves to STEP 1 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender. Winner of sprint qualifier already selected; selection moves to winner of sprint final. Winner of the sprint final already selected; selection moves to winner of the 10 km. Winner of the 10 km already selected; selection moves to winner of the 20 km. Winner of the 20 km already selected; selection moves to STEP 2.</p>			
Jasmine Drolet	5.4.b	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd U23 woman in 10 km
<p>Jasmine selected as next ranked athlete; the 2nd placed athlete in the sprint qualifier and sprint final are already selected.</p>			
Amelia Wells	5.4.b	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum of 4	3 rd U23 woman in sprint qualifier 3 rd U23 woman in sprint final
<p>Minimum of four (4) athletes reached; selection moves to STEP 3.</p>			
<p>No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions. Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the team size of 20.</p>			
Jasmine Lyons	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	4 th U23 woman in 10 km 4 th U23 woman in 20 km
<p>Jasmine selected as next ranked athlete; the 3rd place 10 km and 20 km athletes already selected. Selection of five (5) athletes in category complete.</p>			
Anna Stewart – ALTERNATE	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	5 th U23 woman sprint qualifier.
Sasha Masson	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	COC Leader P2
Xavier McKeever– DECLINED	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	Selected to P3 on 4.6.f
Olivier Léveillé – DECLINED	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	Selected to P3 on 4.6.f
Max Hollmann	5.4.a	U23 athletes nominated to P3 as per 4.6.	Selected to P3 on 4.6.g.iii
<p>Olivier and Xavier declined nominations. Selection moves to STEP 1 of the criteria to fill the minimum four (4) athletes per gender. Winner of sprint qualifier already selected; selection moves to winner of sprint final. Winner of the sprint final already selected; selection moves to winner of the 10 km. Winner of the 10 km already selected; selection moves to winner of the 20 km. Winner of the 20 km already selected; selection moves to STEP 2.</p>			
Luke Allan	5.4.b	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum of 4	2 nd U23 male in sprint qualifier
<p>2nd place athlete in sprint final already selected, selection moves to next ranked athlete.</p>			

2 nd place athlete in 10 km already selected; selection moves to next ranked athlete.			
2 nd place athlete in 20 km already selected; selection moves to next ranked athlete.			
Tom Stephen	5.4.b	STEP 2 – selection to fill gender minimum of 4	3 rd U23 male in 10 km
Third place distance ranking selected over 3 rd place sprint rankings (3 rd place sprint qualifier already selected) to balance between sprint and distance race starts.			
Minimum of four (4) athletes reached; selection moves to STEP 3.			
No athletes selected under STEP 3 – HPD discretionary selection inclusive of curtailment of health submissions.			
Selection moves to STEP 4 – HPD discretion applied, no priority selections between age group and gender to complete selections to the team size of 20.			
Derek Deuling	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	3 rd U23 male in 20 km
All 3 rd place athletes selected.			
Selection of five 5 athletes in category complete.			
Erickson Moore – ALTERNATE	5.4.b	STEP 4 - Selection between sprint and distance race rankings based on 3.7.	4 th U23 male sprint qualifier

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 Selection, Nominations 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 SELECTIONS

World Junior Ski Championship Team

Alison Mackie, Edmonton Nordic Ski Club, AB - AIAWCA
Tory Audet, Chelsea Nordiq, QC - AIAWCA
Clara Hegan, Nakkertok Nordic, ON – NTDC Thunder Bay
Alexandra Luxmoore, Revelstoke Nordic, BC – AIAWCA
Sabine Comeau, Canmore Nordic, AB - CNEPH
Alexandre Cormier, Club Fondeurs Laurentides, QC - CNEPH
Raleigh Tarte, Kimberley Nordic, BC
Finn Redman, Telemark Nordic, BC
Garrett Siever, Telemark Nordic, BC
Samuel Picard, Club Fondeurs Laurentides, QC - CNEPH

World U23 Ski Championship Team

Sonjaa Schmidt, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT - AIAWCA
Liliane Gagnon, Skibec/Léviski La Balade, QC - CNEPH
Jasmine Drolet, Black Jack Ski Club, BC
Amelia Wells, Strathcona Nordics, BC - AIAWCA
Jasmine Lyons, Nakkertok Nordic, ON
Max Hollmann, Big Thunder Nordic Ski Club, ON – AIAWCA
Sasha Masson, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT – CNEPH
Luke Allan, Nakkertok Nordic, ON
Tom Stephen, Foothills Nordic Ski Club, AB – AIAWCA
Derek Deuling, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT