

Competition Trip

Selection Criteria - OLY

2025-26



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1. 4.C - Corrections
2. 5.4 - Updated Link

1. 2025-26 World Cup (WC) Selection Criteria

1. WORLD CUP PERIOD ONE (WC P1)	
Dates	Nov 25 – Dec 16, 2025
Selection Date	Apr 1, 2025
Announcement Date	Nov 13, 2025
Locations	Ruka, FIN / Trondheim, NOR / Davos, SUI
Objective	2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) preparation
Selection Criteria	
a.	Athletes meeting qualification criteria to be nominated to the 2026 OWG Team.

2. WORLD CUP PERIOD TWO (WC P2) – Tour de Ski	
Dates	Dec 26 – Jan 4, 2026
Selection Date	Dec 17, 2025
Announcement Date	Dec 20, 2025
Locations	Toblach, ITA / Val di Fiemme, ITA
Objective	2026 OWG preparation
Team Size	COC Leaders + 10 = Maximum 12
TDS Quota	If the number of athletes meeting priority objectives 2.a through 2.c exceeds the FIS nation quota, only those athletes with guaranteed race starts will be nominated to the competition trip.
Selection Criteria	
a.	COC Leaders from the Dec 24, 2025, series ranking list
b.	Athletes nominated to the 2026 OWG Team
c.	Athletes nominated as the first alternate to the 2026 OWG Team
Note	- Alternate athletes nominated to the 2026 OWG Team will only be considered for nomination to WC P2 if there are FIS nation quota spots remaining. - The Head Coach, in consultation with the HPD, has decision-making authority for 'race day' and 'field of play' decisions concerning start lists, seeding, relay order, and prioritization of resources. These decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

3. WORLD CUP PERIOD THREE (WC P3)	
Dates	Jan 15 - 25, 2026
Selection Date	Jan 6, 2026
Announcement Date	Jan 8, 2026
Locations	Oberhof, GER / Goms, SUI
Objective	2026 OWG preparation
Team Size	COC Leaders + 12 = Maximum 14
Selection Criteria	
a.	COC Leaders from the Jan 14, 2026, series ranking list
b.	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team
c.	Athletes nominated as the first alternate to the 2026 OWG Team.
Note	- Nordiq Canada is not required to select athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions as per section 7.2. - Race starts are not guaranteed. The World Cup Lead, in consultation with the HPD, has decision-making authority for 'race day' and 'field of play' decisions concerning start lists, seeding, relay order, and prioritization of resources. These decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

4. WORLD CUP PERIOD FOUR (WC P4) – EUROPE	
Dates	Feb 23 – Mar 16, 2026
Selection Date	Feb 22, 2026
Announcement Date	Feb 24, 2026
Locations	Falun, SWE / Lahti, FIN / Drammen, Oslo, NOR
Objective	- Provide appropriate competition opportunities to athletes that have demonstrated the ability to achieve a WC Top 20 performance. - Support the Nations Cup Ranking overall.
Team Size	COC Leaders + 10 = 12 total
Selection Criteria	
a.	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list
b.	Any athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 Ranking in the World)
c.	Top 10 2026 OWG individual final finish race result
d.	Top 5 2026 OWG Relay final finish race result - (Team Sprint or Team Relay)
e.	Top 20 Individual final finish race result at 2026 OWG or WC P2/P3.
f.	Top 30 Individual final finish race result at 2026 OWG or WC P2/P3 with the athlete achieving less than or equal to 75 FIS pts.
g.	Top 3 open in any individual event at US Ski Nationals (Jan 4-9, 2026)
h.	HPD Discretion

5. WORLD CUP PERIOD FOUR (WC P4) – LAKE PLACID	
Dates	Mar 17 – 23, 2026
Selection Date	Mar 9, 2026
Announcement Date	Mar 16, 2026
Locations	Lake Placid, USA
Objective	• Provide appropriate competition opportunities to athletes that have demonstrated the ability to achieve a WC Top 20 performance, and to support the Nations Cup Ranking overall. • Provide meaningful competition pathway opportunities to developing athletes who can contribute to long-term high performance objectives.
Team Size	• There is no maximum team size • Nation Quota: 1 COC + 2 U23 + 9 = 12 per gender, per race
Selection Criteria Distance	
a.	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list
b.	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team
c.	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6 th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points .
d.	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6 th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points .
Selection Criteria Sprint	
e.	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list
f.	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team
g.	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6 th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points .
h.	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6 th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points .
Note:	• Declined spots will be filled up until the FIS WC entry deadline. • U20 athletes qualifying for WC P4 Lake Placid will only be selected if they achieved a Top 10 individual final race result at the 2026 Junior World Ski Championships.

3. B Tour Selection Criteria

1. B-TOUR – USA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Dates	Jan 1–10, 2026
Selection Date	Dec 17, 2025
Announcement Date	Dec 20, 2025
Locations	Lake Placid, NY, USA
Objective	• International Racing development • Lake Placid course familiarization for potential WC P4 athletes
Team Size	• There is no maximum team size • Minimum of 2 women + 2 men athletes.
Selection Criteria	
a.	Athletes nominated to the 2026 OWG Team
b.	Athletes nominated as the first and second alternate to the 2026 OWG Team
c.	2026 OWG Trials – Top 2 Sprint Final athletes per gender not named to the OWG team.
d.	2026 OWG Trials – Top 2 distance athletes per gender based on the 2026 OWG trials ranking list not named to the 2026 OWG team.
Note:	Athletes must have achieved less than or equal to 125 FIS points in any individual race from Nov 1, 2025 to Dec 17, 2025 to be eligible.

2. B-TOUR – USA SUPERTOUR	
Dates	Feb 11-16, 2026
Selection Date	Feb 1, 2026
Announcement Date	Feb 3, 2026
Locations	Wirth Park, Minneapolis, MN / Cable, WI
Objective	International Racing Development for U20/U23 athletes
Team Size	3 U20 athletes per gender + 3 U23 athletes per gender = 12
Selection Criteria	
a.	JR/U23 Trials-Top 3 U20 athletes per gender from the distance ranking list not named to the 2026 JR WSC Team.
b.	JR/U23 Trials-Top 3 U23 athletes per gender from the distance ranking list not named to the 2026 U23 WSC Team.

4. 2026 JR/U23 World Ski Championships

1. 2026 JR/U23 World Ski Championships			
Dates	Feb 21 – Mar 9, 2026		
Selection Date	Feb 1, 2026		
Announcement Date	Feb 3, 2026		
Location	Trondheim, NOR		
Objective	Top 3 performances in individual and Team Events		
Team Size	20 athletes		
Selection Criteria			
a.	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team		
b.	Athletes nominated as the first and second alternate to the 2026 OWG Team		
c.	Designated Selection Trials – World Junior/U23 Trials and Western Championships, Canmore, AB		
A Distance and Sprint Ranking list will be created for the Trials event:			
• Sprint Ranking list: A ranking list created using WC points scoring system described in Appendix B • Distance Ranking List: A distance Ranking List is a combination of FIS points from the 10 KM Interval Start and 20 KM mass Start described in Appendix C. The Distance Ranking List will be an internally created list and is based on FIS race points before race penalty is applied. Winner is given “0” race points and the rest of the field is assigned race points according to standard FIS protocol within their category. • Note: International athletes will be removed from the ranking lists.			
<u>SPRINT Ranking List</u>	<u>Distance Ranking List</u>		
Sprint Qualifier	10KM Interval Start		
Sprint Final	20KM Mass Start		
Nomination Process Through Priority C.			
Step 1	Race winners will be selected from the following races. Where an athlete wins more than one event, there will NOT be a roll down selection (e.g., the 2nd place athlete is NOT selected in this priority).		
JUNIOR WOMEN Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 10 KM 20 KM *Final rankings will be from the final results of the U20 category heats	JUNIOR MEN Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 10 KM 20 KM *Final rankings will be from the final results of the U20 category heats.	U23 WOMEN Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 10 KM 20 KM *Final rankings will be from the final results of the open category heats.	U23 MEN Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 10 KM 20 KM *Final rankings will be from the final results of the open category heats.

Step 2	Following Step 1, athletes will be selected to complete the quota of four athletes per gender per category based on the following criteria: • Mixed Team Relay Contribution Athletes who demonstrate the ability to positively impact Mixed Team Relay performance will be prioritized. • Event Start Allocation Athletes will be selected to ensure all individual race start positions are filled. For example, if 2 Sprint athletes have already been selected, remaining spots will prioritize Distance athletes to balance event representation.
Note	• Only athletes ranked in the top 6 of the sprint or distance ranking lists will be considered. • There is no prioritization between Sprint and Distance ranking lists.
Team Size and Eligibility	
a.	Athletes are guaranteed one individual start at the JR/U23 WSC. The FIS quota is a maximum of 4 race starts per gender for each race.
b.	Athletes eligible for WJRs must be born between 2006 and 2010 in accordance with FIS rules.
c.	Athletes eligible for U23s must be born between 2003 and 2005 in accordance with FIS rules.

5. Information and Objectives

1. This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes for international competitions.
2. The process for the creation of selection criteria is guided by the NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy.
3. Final decision authority for all selections is the Nordiq Canada High Performance Director (HPD) or their designate.
4. Selection decisions may be appealed under the [Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeals Policy](#).
 - a. Any dispute must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code. 2.
 - b. An athlete who wishes to appeal shall file an appeal with the SDRCC within 72 hours of the nomination Synopsis and Rationale being posted to the Nordiq Canada website.
5. The Nordiq Canada HPD, or their designate, has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date.
6. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies.

6. Eligibility Criteria

1. Athletes must be Nordiq Canada members in good standing with a valid Canadian passport, a Nordiq Canada racing license, and a valid Canadian FIS license.
2. Athletes must meet FIS and other event entry standards for the competition(s) for which they qualified.

7. Selection Guidelines

1. Only events listed in this document are considered for selection rankings and standards.
2. Nordiq Canada is not obligated to select athletes up to the maximum number of allotted quota positions. Selection decisions will be made in consideration of the FIS nation quota, available budget, team resources, and the athlete's readiness and suitability for international competition. Even if an athlete meets the qualification criteria, they may not be selected if it is determined that participation would not align with the objectives of the team.
3. The HPD reserves the right to determine or adjust team size based on the operational budget, where doing so supports athlete health, performance readiness, and the overall competitiveness of the team.
4. In the event of a tie after the selection criteria has been applied, the athletes will be ranked by the priorities in the following order:
 - a. Their single best race result within the qualification selection criteria. If there is still a tie it will move to 2nd, 3rd, etc. best result.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the HPD will make the final decision. Depth of field will be required and considered for each event used to tie break.
5. In the event a qualifying athlete is ineligible or otherwise unable to compete, the HPD may choose to select the next qualifying athlete for that competition.
6. Only qualifying race results that meet the definitions in Appendix A – Definitions will be used for selections.
7. All race results referred to in the selection criteria are from the 2025-26 season unless otherwise indicated.

8. Appendix A - Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures:

1. High Performance Director (HPD) discretion: HPD discretion will only be applied in exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances the HPD will consult with the High Performance Committee (HPC), and a decision as to whether an athlete could be considered for nomination will be reached by majority consensus. The HPD and HPC may use the following as evidence:
 - a. A performance readiness test as per section 10.5
 - b. Current and historical results
 - c. Current and historical testing data
 - d. Current and historical training data
2. 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, or pre-qualification times are not considered individual final finish race results. An athlete must complete the race and obtain FIS points for any result to be considered a race result.
3. Team Final Finish Race Result: The final time and ranking attributed to a team at the end of an entire team event, i.e., qualification rounds are not considered. A team must complete the race and obtain a final finish time to be considered a race result. Also see Depth of Field Team Event definition for further final finish result requirements.
4. Depth of Field Team Event: For a final finish race result to be achieved, the team must be top half of field, including all teams that start the event, i.e., teams that are lapped out, disqualified or not permitted to start will count towards the total field size.
5. Performance Readiness Test: The performance readiness test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. The athlete will be given reasonable notice of the date of the test or trial, taking into account the circumstances of the athlete's illness or injury.
 - a. Tests may also include, but are not limited to physiotherapy assessment, medical assessment/clearance and time trial/race results to confirm health and readiness to compete at a high-performance level.
 - b. The objective of a performance readiness test shall be to determine whether it is more likely than not that the athlete will be ready to return to competition at their normal state of health and at the level of performance that would have otherwise justified their nomination to the international competition trip. When making any of the determinations, the HPD may consult with the IST Lead, Nordiq Canada team doctor, the HPC or any other individual with relevant expertise.
 - c. If an athlete is required to undergo a performance readiness test as described above, the athlete will not be nominated to the competition trip team until they have undergone the test and until the HPD is satisfied that the athlete will return to their normal state of health and at the level of performance that would have otherwise justified their nomination to the competition trip team.

9. Appendix B – JR / U23 World Ski Championships Sprint Ranking List Scoring System

The first 50 athletes will get the following World Cup points in all individual competitions:

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

10. Appendix C – JR / U23 World Ski Championships Distance Ranking List Scoring System

Rank	Athlete	10 km (Rank)	20 km (Rank)	10km (FIS Points.)	20km (FIS Points.)	Total FIS Points.
1	A	3	1	16.95	0	16.95
2	B	1	5	0	46.55	46.55
Athlete A and B selected (Race winners)						
3	C	2	2	9.01	4.02	13.02
4	D	4	3	25.96	10.92	36.88
5	E	5	4	28.08	28.73	56.81
6	F	7	6	36.14	46.62	82.76