

Continental Cup Leaders

Selection Criteria

2025-26



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Amendment - Nov 19, 2025

1. 1.0 - Removed Vernon B.C. event due to cancellation
2. 2.a-2.d – Updated total races counted to determine COC leader to adjust for Vernon B.C. event cancellation.

1. COC Eligible Competitions in the 2025-26 Season

Date	Format	Place	Category
WC PERIOD 2/3 ELIGIBLE QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS			
Nov. 28, 2025	Interval Start CL	Vernon, BC. (Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre)	Nordiq Cup
Nov. 29	Sprint CL		
Nov. 30	Mass Start F		
Dec. 13	Interval Start CL	Prince George, BC. (Caledonia Nordic Centre)	2026 Olympic Winter Games Trials / Nordiq Cup
Dec. 14	Interval Start F		
Dec. 16	Sprint F		
WC PERIOD 4 ELIGIBLE QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS			
Jan. 29, 2026	Interval Start CL	Canmore, AB. (Canmore Nordic Centre)	World Junior and U23 Trials and Western Championships / Nordiq Cup
Jan. 31	Sprint F		
Feb. 1	Mass Start F		
WC PERIOD 1 2026-27 ELIGIBLE QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS			
Mar. 11	Sprint F	Mont-Sainte-Anne, QC.	2026 Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals / Nordiq Cup
Mar. 12	Mass Start F		
Mar. 14	Interval Start CL		

2. Nordiq Canada Selection of COC Leaders

Subject to section 4.0 in [Rules for the FIS Cross-Country Continental Cup](#), Nordiq Canada may select athletes to use the additional quota provided by FIS based on the following:

	Athletes Eligible for Selection	As of:	COC Series Ranking Based on:	Eligible for Selection for:
a.	Overall male and female COC series Leaders	Dec. 24, 2025	Total of highest 3 scores (out of 3 races) in sprint and/or distance	WC P2/P3
b.	Overall male and female COC series leaders	Jan. 14, 2026		
c.	Overall male and female COC series leaders	Feb. 24, 2026	Total of highest 5 scores (out of 6 races) in sprint and/or distance	WC P4
d.	Overall male and female COC series winners for 2025-26	Mar. 15, 2026	Total of highest 7 scores (out of 9 races) in sprint and/or distance	WC Period 1 2026-27

Nordiq Canada will only offer team and travel support to COC leaders at WC races outlined in the 2025-2026 Competition Selection Criteria.

3. Series Scoring

1. The World Cup Scoring system defined in Appendix A will be used to determine the overall leaders throughout the COC Series.
2. Athletes who do not hold a valid Canadian FIS race License will be included when assigning points in an individual race
3. Athletes who do not hold a valid Canadian passport, a valid Nordiq Canada race license, and a valid Canadian FIS license will not be included in the overall series leaders list
4. The principles to be applied for any tie-breaking situations is outlined in [the FIS World Continental Cup rules](#).

5. Cancellation, change of format, or relocation of any race in the series will result in a review of the number of results to be considered in each period; this reassessment will be made by the High Performance Director (HPD).

4. General Information

1. FIS Objectives: To assist in athlete development for participation in the World Cup (WC).
2. Nordiq Canada Objectives: To create competitive opportunities based on results from select domestic competitions to provide WC starts and stimulate the transition from domestic to future WC, World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games medalists.
3. These additional quotas are nominative; athletes cannot be substituted if they decline or are unable to start.
4. The athletes have to meet the World Cup entry requirements (see [FIS World Cup Rules](#) point 2.1).
5. General principles about qualification for the WC can be found in the WC rules (see [FIS World Cup Rules](#)).
6. Competitors with FIS licenses, entered in the open classes of individual races, will be eligible for points allocated for the series standings and 2025-2026 series winners.
7. All FIS requirements regarding additional quota for the COC Series leaders and winners are in the rules for the [FIS Cross-Country Continental Cup](#).
8. Nordiq Canada's (HPD) reserves the right to decide whether Canada will utilize these additional WC quota positions allocated by FIS in consideration of Canada's FIS Continental Cup Series.

9. Nordiq Canada will only consider for selection members in good standing who have a valid Canadian passport, a valid Nordiq Canada license, and a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards.
10. The COC series winners will receive travel subsidies according to the [FIS World Cup rules](#).
11. 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. Appendix A, Series Scoring

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