

2025-2026 PARA NORDIC NATIONAL SKI TEAM AND AAP NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been nominated to the Paralympic stream of the National Ski Team based on the criteria outlined in the *Para Nordic Canada National Ski Team (PNST) Selection Criteria 2025-26* and to athletes who will be nominated to Sport Canada to receive AAP carding under the *Para Nordic Athlete Assistance Program Selection Criteria 2025-26*.

Selection Rationale

- The goal of PNST and AAP selection criteria is to select athletes who demonstrate the potential for a podium performance.
- Prospect athlete selection is targeted at newly identified Para nordic athletes. Athletes who meet objective criteria but have been supported through other program levels (Development, NextGen, World Cup) are not eligible for selection.
- Athletes exceeding the number of years to remain at a development level, can be renominated to that level if they are showing performance progression.

The deadline to appeal PN nominations is **May 9, 2025 11:59 PM** in the time zone of the athlete's current residence. Appeals must be submitted in writing to Nordiq Canada's Appeal Manager, **Stefano Mingarelli**, at stefmingarelli@gmail.com.

There is a \$250 fee payable to Nordiq Canada upon submission of an appeal. It's highly recommended having a discussion with the HPD before submitting an appeal.

Athlete	WC Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	FIS PN Points	Card Type
Mark Arendz	4.1.a	One (1) race result of 40 FIS PCC and/or IBU PB points or less in the 2024-25 season at a sanctioned WC or WCH events.	5.2.a	Top eight (8) and top half of field at a World Ski Championship or PWG event.	1 st 12.5 km individual Para Biathlon WCH, Pokljuka, SLO	0 pts	SR1
Natalie Wilkie	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	1 st 12.5 km individual Para Biathlon WCH, Pokljuka, SLO	0 pts	SR1
Derek Zaplotinsky	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	2 nd 12.5 km individual Para Biathlon WCH, Pokljuka, SLO	0 pts	SR1
Brittany Hudak	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	4 th 12.5 km individual Para Biathlon WCH, Pokljuka, SLO	0 pts	SR1
Collin Cameron	4.1.b	Accepted Curtailment of Health	5.2.c.i	Athletes with SR1/SR2 in preceding carding cycle with documented injury.	1 st Sprint World Cup, Prince George 2024	0 pts	SR2I
Athlete	NG Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	FIS PN Points	Card Type
Emma Archibald	4.2.a	Two (2) results of 120 FIS PCC and/or IBU PB or less in the 2024-25 season at sanctioned WC or WCH events	5.3.b	Athletes qualified for NextGen Team on point 4.2.	Sprint C WC Vuokatti, FIN 20 km F WCH Toblach, ITA	82 pts 91 pts	SR
Christina Picton	4.2.b	Accepted Curtailment of Health	5.3.c	2024-25 SR carded athletes with an accepted health related reason.	2024-25 NextGen Team	90.37 96.09	SR
Ethan Hess	4.2.b	Accepted Curtailment of Health	5.3.c	SAME AS ABOVE	2024-25 NextGen Team	107.91 113.75	SR

Athlete	DEV Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	FIS PN Points	Card Type
Madison Mullin	4.3.a	Two (2) results of 240 FIS PCC and/or IBU PB points or less in a 2024-25 season at sanctioned WC or WCH events.	5.4.a	Athletes qualified for the PN Dev team in 2024-25 in order of qualification.	Sprint C WC Val di Fiemme, ITA Sprint C WC Vuokatti, FIN	145 pts 152 pts	D
Logan Lariviere	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.4.a	SAME AS ABOVE	10 km F WC Vuokatti, FIN Sprint C WC Vuokatti, FIN	147 pts 151 pts	D
Jesse Bachinsky	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.4.a	SAME AS ABOVE	10 km C WC Val di Fiemme, ITA 10 km F WC Vuokatti, FIN	154 pts 155 pts	D
Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.4.a	SAME AS ABOVE	10 km F WC Vuokatti, FIN 10 KM F WC Vuokatti, FIN	160 pts 177 pts	D
Charles Lecours	4.3.c	HPD Discretion	5.4.a	SAME AS ABOVE	3 rd Para FISU Games Sprint C WC Vuokatti, FIN	201 pts 267 pts	D
RATIONALE: Charles achieved objective criteria at FISU Games. FISU races were not included in the selection criteria as the para races were not confirmed to take place until a later date. Charles' development will greatly benefit from being part of the Development program to address gaps in his DTE programming and support.							
Athlete	Prospect Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	FIS PN Points	Card Type
Angela Oakley	4.4.b	One (1) race result of 320 FIS PCC and/or IBU PB points or less at sanctioned CC or USA PN National events.	N/A	N/A	COC West Yellowstone, USA	283 pts	N/A

The HPC oversaw the athlete nomination selection process as per the *Nordiq Canada Selection, Nominations and Announcement* policy. Committee members are:

- Graham Nishikawa (athlete rep – Para)
- Devon Kershaw (athlete rep – Olympic)
- Maria Lundgren (BC)
- Pauline Nadlersmith (MB)
- 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.