

FISU World University Games

Selection Criteria

2025



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

*FISU's deadline for nomination, registration and fee payment is November 13, 2024. Prior to this, and **NON-NEGOTIABLE**, is that all athletes that are interested in attending FISU **MUST** submit an expression of Interest and deposit by October 4th, 2024, and the required documentation **by November 1, 2024**. Documentation will only be shared with those who have successfully submitted their Expression of Interest.*

1. General Information and Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of this document is to describe the selection criteria that will be used to select athletes for the cross-country and Para cross-country ski teams to represent Canada in the 2025 FISU World University Games.
- 1.2 This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes to the 2025 FISU University Games.
- 1.3 The process for the creation of selection criteria is guided by the [NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement policy](#).
- 1.4 Final decision authority for all selections is the Nordiq Canada HPD or their designate.
- 1.5 Selection decisions may be appealed under the [Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal policy](#). Due to tight timelines, the appeal deadline is 24 hours after the Team notice has been announced on the Nordiq Canada website.
- 1.6 The Nordiq Canada HPD, or their designate, has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date under the following circumstances:
 - a. In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Nordiq Canada that prevents the HPD from fairly and objectively implementing these selection procedures.
 - b. When additional (or altered) information deemed relevant by Nordiq Canada to the criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, FIS, or any other relevant organization.
 - c. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors, or omissions in the criteria.
 - d. Events or situations (i.e. pandemics, natural disasters, war, etc.) but not limited to race cancellations or rescheduling, any country border limitations, travel restrictions, travel limitations, inability to maintain safety of athletes, etc.

- 1.7 This policy does not require Nordiq Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
- 1.8 It is the Athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies. For clarification on the content of this document contact the Sport Development Director.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 Athletes must be Nordiq Canada members in good standing¹ with a valid Canadian passport, a Nordiq Canada racing license, and a valid Canadian FIS license.
- 2.2 Athletes will not be officially named to the FISU team until eligibility requirements have been verified by Nordiq Canada. Athletes selected will be notified by Nordiq Canada. The official Team will be announced by Nordiq Canada once all verification checks have been completed. Athletes are required to sign the Nordiq Canada Competition Agreement.
- 2.3 Athletes must meet all FISU World University Games eligibility and event entry standards in the [Regulations for the FISU World University Games](#) such as:
 - a. All athletes must be a national of the country they represent
 - b. Olympic stream athletes must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007).
 - c. Paralympic stream athletes must be at least 18 and no older than 28 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event (i.e. born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2007).
 - d. Athletes participating in FISU sport events must represent the same country as in their respective IF events. Changes of sport nationality must follow respective IF rules.
 - e. Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding toward a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country.
 - f. Former students of the institutions mentioned in a), who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.
 - g. All Para nordic athletes must be internationally classified with a Sport Class Confirmed (C), Review (R) with a Fixed Review Date 2025 or later, or Review (R) in accordance with art. 12202 of the Para Nordic ICR, prior to the start of competition.
 - h. Athletes are required to complete all documentation to prove eligibility. Please see Section 3.
- 2.4 Selected athletes must meet and sign-off on the following conditions to be eligible to compete:
 - a. The athlete is in optimal health and completely recovered from any illness or injury 48 hours prior to the trip departure as supported by a Nordiq Canada approved medical doctor. Historical blood results comparisons may be

¹ Refer to Nordiq Canada By-Laws for conditions of membership.

requested and reviewed to support optimal athlete health.

- b. The athlete must be at a competitive ready performance level, as demonstrated throughout the training season and competition season. This assessment will be made by the HPD or their designate.
- c. Once an athlete has accepted a position on the team after the team is selected, that athlete is responsible for all costs associated with the trip that are incurred as per pt. 6.3. These costs are listed in pt. 6.2. Selected athletes who opt out of attending the competition after the December 17th selections and prior to departure will be responsible for all expenses incurred.

2.5 Curtailment of Competition (Curtailment of Health, Force Majeure).

- a. **An athlete starting in an event is deemed healthy and fit to compete, as such their results stand for any and all selection criteria.**
- b. If an athlete does not start an event, a written exemption can be submitted requesting and explaining the rationale for not competing. This rationale must be submitted to the HPD within an hour after the race.
- c. Medical documentation confirming diagnosis from a licensed physician must be submitted to the HPD within 48 hours of the start of the selection race.
- d. Nordiq Canada reserves the right to have all submissions reviewed by the NST medical doctor or another licensed medical doctor.
- e. Acceptance of a curtailment of competition will be decided by the HPD.
- f. Acceptance will be evaluated and based on the most recent comparative objective data and proven international success, in the current and past competition season supporting the fact the athlete would have expected to qualify if they had been able to compete.
- g. Accepted curtailment of competition applications will be ranked as per the specific Project criteria.
- h. Submission or acceptance of curtailment of competition does not guarantee event qualification.

3. Selection Guidelines

- 3.1 Athletes must have registered an Expression of Interest (EOI) by **October 4th at 11:59 PM MST** on [Zone4](#) to be considered for selection. A \$750 deposit is required, which will be refunded if the athlete does not qualify.
- 3.2 All documentation must be completed and submitted to Julie Beaulieu (jbeaulieu@nordiqcanada.ca) by **November 1st**. Failure to submit documentation will result in the athlete being deemed ineligible.
- 3.3 Only events listed in this document are considered for selection rankings and standards.
- 3.4 In the event of a tie after the selection criteria has been applied athletes will be ranked on their single best race result. If there is still a tie it will move to 2nd, 3rd, etc. best result in all eligible competitions. If a tie still exists, the athlete will be ranked by the lowest FIS points in either discipline.

- 3.5 The HPD or their designate reserves the right to choose or modify team size, within the operational trip budget, to ensure the optimal health and competitiveness of the team.
- 3.6 Team size
 - a. Olympic stream - 8 men and 8 women. Only 6 athletes of each gender may start any event. Each athlete is guaranteed 2 race starts.
 - b. Paralympic stream – 6 men and 6 women.
- 3.7 Athletes will not be eligible for a competition team unless they are healthy and in competition ready condition at the time of the competition trip departure. *Refer to point 2.4.*
- 3.8 All qualification race results are Individual Final Finish Race Results (see Definitions), unless otherwise indicated.

4. Selection Criteria – Cross Country Skiing

4.1 SELECTION RACES OLYMPIC STREAM ATHLETES

Nordiq Cup Sovereign Lake: Dec 6-8, 2024

- Dec 6 – 7.5km individual start free individual final finish race result
- Dec 7 - Sprint free Qualification Round Ranking Result
- Dec 8 – Back-up race day

Canada Cup Nakkertok: December 13-15, 2024

- Dec 13 – Back-up race day
 - Dec 14 - Sprint Classic Qualification Round Ranking Result
 - Dec 15 – 7.5 km Individual Start Free Individual Final Finish Race Result
- a. Separate gender specific ranking lists, comprised of FISU eligible athletes will be created for the Eastern and the Western Canada Cup using the World Cup scoring system as outlined in Appendix B.
 - b. Races from different regions may not be combined for a ranking list (e.g. Sprint from Sovereign + Mass start from Nakkertok)
 - c. Athletes may race both weekends and be ranked on both lists.

4.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. Accepted Curtailment of Competition as per pt. 2.5. Athletes will be evaluated based on their results from the 2024 Canadian Ski Nationals against the athletes ranked in the respective event (Eastern or Western Canada Cup) that the athlete has applied against. If an athlete is selected by COC, they will be ranked ahead of athletes on the respective ranking list.
- b. Top 4 males on the Eastern Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- c. Top 4 females on the Eastern Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2

racers.

- d. Top 4 males on the Western Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- e. Top 4 females on the Western Canada Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.

4.3 Ties will be handled as per point 3.4.

4.4 Alternates will be chosen in the following order:

- a. from the ranking lists of the declining athlete's event
- b. If the list is exhausted from one area (e.g. West) the alternates will then be selected from the other region's ranking list (e.g. East)

5. Selection Criteria – Para Cross Country Skiing

5.1 SELECTION RACES

Canmore, AB: November 19-21st, 2024

- Nov 19 – Back-up race day
- Nov 20 - TBD
- Nov 21 - TBD

- a. Separate gender specific ranking lists, comprised of FISU eligible athletes will be created using the World Cup scoring system as outlined in Appendix B.

5.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. Accepted Curtailment of Competition as per pt. 2.5. Athletes will be evaluated based on their results from the 2024 Canadian Ski Nationals against the athletes ranked in the respective event. If an athlete is selected by COC, they will be ranked ahead of athletes on the respective ranking list.
- b. Top 6 eligible males on the Canmore Continental Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.
- c. Top 6 eligible females on the Canmore Continental Cup FISU ranking list counting best 2 of 2 races.

5.3 Ties will be handled as per point 3.4.

Alternates will be chosen in the following order from the ranking lists of the declining athlete's event

6. Project Information

6.1 The trip starts January 13 and ends January 23, 2025.

6.2 The trip fee is ~\$4,925 and must be paid in full by November 13, 2024. The fee includes:

- a. FISU fee (\$1,600)
- b. 15 nights' accommodations/meals/ground transportation (\$1,755)
- c. Coaching, wax services, travel medical insurance (~\$1,250)
- d. Canadian competition race suit (\$318)

The trip fee does not include transportation to the FISU Games. Athletes are responsible for their own flight and ground transportation to and from the airport to the FISU Games.

USport and FISU reserve the right to change the FISU fee without NSO approvals and is not under Nordiq Canada control.

- 6.3 As Nordiq Canada has to front the cost of the FISU Games, without refund, we are unable to issue refunds once the fee has been paid. The only circumstance in which a refund would be given is if an alternate athlete was able to attend in an athlete's place.
- 6.4 Athletes can enter all individual races up to a maximum of 6 athletes per gender per event. Where more than 6 athletes are selected and wish to race, the Team Leader and coaches will rank starts in conversation with the athletes, their DTE coaches, the athlete health, performance to date, and potential for performance. Team event selections will be made at the event by the Team Leader and Coaches based on athlete performance at the Games, health and WUG ranking lists. This decision cannot be appealed.

7. APPENDIX A – Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures.

WUG: World University Games

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, prequalification times, team relay, or team sprint times are not considered individual final finish race results. World Cup (WC) points must be awarded for any result to be considered a WC race result.

Competition Ready: Defined as the athlete's ability to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) achieved in qualifying.

8. APPENDIX B – World Cup Points Scoring System

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