

## 2025 WORLD JUNIOR AND U23 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS – Schilpario, Italy

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the 2025 Nordic Junior and U23 World Ski Championship Team, competing in Schilpario, Italy from January 24 - February 10, 2025. Athlete selections are based on the *2024-25 Nordiq Canada Competition Selection Criteria*.

The deadline to appeal Team nominations is **Tuesday, January 15, 2025, 11:59 PM MST**. Submit an appeal in writing to Nordiq Canada’s Appeal Manager, Stefano Mingarelli, at [stefmingarelli@gmail.com](mailto:stefmingarelli@gmail.com).

A \$250 appeal fee must be paid to Nordiq Canada before an appeal can be reviewed. It is recommended athletes contact the selection authority (listed below) prior to submitting an appeal as issues can often be resolved outside the appeal process.

### Selection Rational

- In evaluating selections World Junior Ski Championship is a development competition; U23 World Ski Championships is a performance competition.
- Sprint and distance events are not ranked or weighted more than the other. Selection is based on achieving best performance in each event.
- Time behind winner evaluations were taken from the overall race winners time, not the category winner’s time.
- Team size was expanded from 20 to 22 to provide more international race opportunities and optimal team performance. This means fielding the athlete best suited to start the race to achieve an optimal result.
- There are no roll downs in the selection.

Athlete	WJR Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
<b>Alison Mackie</b>	6.3	STEP 1 Race Winner – Sprint Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> junior woman SP C qualifier
Alison Mackie 1 <sup>st</sup> place junior in all subsequent STEP 1 races. No roll down in selection. Selection moves to STEP 2.			
<b>Clara Hegan</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked junior woman
Next highest ranked athlete from both sprint and distance lists with 2 <sup>nd</sup> place finishes in all qualifying races.			
<b>Aramintha (Minty) Bradford</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> ranked junior woman
Next highest ranked athlete from both sprint and distance lists with 3 <sup>rd</sup> place finishes in 3 out of 4 of the qualifying races.			

<b>Constance Lapointe</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	4 <sup>th</sup> ranked junior woman
<p>Sprint selection prioritized to field four (4) sprint race starts with the fastest qualifiers. Constance Lapointe the next highest ranked athlete with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SP C Final. Third place in SP C Qualifier, Minty Bradford, already selected.</p> <p>Minimum 4<sup>th</sup> gender per age group reached.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 3.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 4.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 5.</p>			
<b>Anika Wallin</b>	6.3	STEP 5 – Selection to complete maximum team size	4 <sup>th</sup> junior woman 10k F
<p>Selection spot given to junior category to provide international development opportunity.</p> <p>Distance selection prioritized for junior women to fill four (4) distance race starts with fastest qualifiers. Anika Walkin and Sophie Jensen tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes in distance races. Anika Wallin breaks the tie with 4<sup>th</sup> in the 10k F and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 10k F, over Sophie Jensen who had 4<sup>th</sup> in the 10k F and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 20k MS.</p>			
<b>Finn Redman</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner Sprint Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> junior man SP C Qualifier
<b>Justin Boudreau</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner Sprint Final	1 <sup>st</sup> junior man SP C Final
<b>Jonas Rolseth</b>	6.3	STEP 1 - Race Winner 10k F	1 <sup>st</sup> junior man 10k F
<b>Eamon Wilson</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner 20k MS	1 <sup>st</sup> junior man 20k MS
<p>Criteria STEP 2 does not apply as minimum four (4) athletes per gender reached.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 3.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 4.</p> <p>Selection moves to STEP 5.</p>			
<b>Zachari Moreau</b>	6.3	STEP 5 – Selection to complete maximum team size	2 <sup>nd</sup> junior man 10k F
<p>Selection spot given to junior category to provide international development opportunity.</p> <p>Distance selection prioritized for junior men to fill four (4) race starts with fastest qualifiers.</p>			
<b>Ben Field</b>	6.3	STEP 5 – Selection to complete maximum team size	3 <sup>rd</sup> junior man SP C Qualifier 3 <sup>rd</sup> junior man SP C Final
<p>Selection spot given to junior category to provide international development opportunity.</p> <p>Sprint selection prioritized for to fill four race starts with fastest qualifiers.</p>			
<b>Athlete</b>	<b>U23 Criteria</b>	<b>Criteria Description</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<b>Amelia Wells</b>	6.3	STEP 1 - Race Winner Sprint Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> U23 woman SP C Qualifier

Amelia Wells also winner of SP C Final.			
<b>Sonjaa Schmidt</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner 10k F	1 <sup>st</sup> U23 woman 10k F
Race winner of 20k MS, Amelia Wells, already selected. All race winners selected. Selection moves to STEP 2.			
<b>Katya Semeniuk</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 woman 20k MS
Next highest ranked athlete taken from distance ranking with a 2 <sup>nd</sup> in 20k MS and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 10k F.			
<b>Helen McCulligh</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 woman SP C Final
Helen McCulligh tied with Clara Barrington-Craggs with 2 <sup>nd</sup> place finishes in SP C. McCulligh is ranked higher with a 2 <sup>nd</sup> and next best result of 4 <sup>th</sup> (10k F). Clara Barrington-Craggs has a 2 <sup>nd</sup> and next best result of 8 <sup>th</sup> (10k F). Minimum 4 <sup>th</sup> gender per age group reached. McCulligh not able to attend the event but spot does not roll down. Selection moves to STEP 3.			
<b>Jasmine Drolet</b>	6.3	STEP 3 – Curtailment of Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> 2024 U23 WSC mixed relay
Submission of curtailment of health adhered to procedure and duly accepted. Athlete was accepted on previous results that indicate had she been able to race she would have an expectation to achieve qualification. Past performance provided evidence of podium potential at the event. Selection moves to STEP 4.			
<b>Liliane Gagnon</b>	6.3	STEP 4 – HPD Discretion	1 <sup>st</sup> 2024 U23 WSC mixed relay
Athlete was participating at Tour de Ski at time of the Trials so unable to attend. Discretionarily selected based on evidence of podium potential at the event.			
<b>Xavier McKeever</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner SP C Qualifier	1 <sup>st</sup> U23 man SP C Qualifier
Xavier McKeever race winner of SP C Final.			
<b>Max Hollmann</b>	6.3	STEP 1 – Race Winner 10k F	1 <sup>st</sup> U23 man 10k F
Race winner of 20k MS, Xavier McKeever, already selected. Selection moves to STEP 2.			
<b>Tom Stephen</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 man ranked athlete
Next highest ranked athlete with three (3) 2 <sup>nd</sup> place finishes in SP C Final, 10k F, and 20k MST.			
<b>Luke Allan</b>	6.3	STEP 2 - Selection from ranking list to fill gender minimum of 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 man SP C Qualifier

Minimum 4 <sup>th</sup> gender per age group reached. Selection moves to STEP 3. Selection moves to STEP 4. Selection moves to STEP 5.			
<b>Derek Deuling</b>	6.3	STEP 5 – Selection to complete maximum team size	3 <sup>rd</sup> U23 man 10k F
Selection spot given to U23 male category to fill four (4) distance race starts with fastest qualifiers. Other 3 <sup>rd</sup> place distance athlete, Max Hollmann, already selected.			
<b>Ry Prior</b>	6.3	STEP 5 – Selection to complete maximum team size	3 <sup>rd</sup> U23 man SP C Qualifier
Selection spot given to U23 male category to fill sprint race starts with the fastest qualifier.			

Athlete nominations were made by the High Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2024-25 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 (MB)
- John Lofranco (Athletics Canada)
- Julie Beaulieu (Nordiq Canada)
- Chris Jeffries (Nordiq Canada)

Final athlete selections were approved by [Chris Jeffries](#), High Performance Director.

## SUMMARY OF SELECTIONS

### **World Junior Ski Championship Team**

Alison Mackie, Edmonton Nordic Ski Club, AB - AWCA  
 Clara Hegan, Nakkertok Nordic, ON  
 Minty Bradford, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT  
 Constance Lapointe, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT  
 Anika Wallin, Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club, BC - AWCA  
 Finn Redman, Telemark Nordic, BC

Justin Boudreau, Club de ski de fond Montériski, QC - CNEPH  
 Jonas Rolseth, Canmore Nordic Ski Club – AWCA  
 Eamon Wilson, Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club, BC  
 Ben Field, Canmore Nordic Ski Club, AB – AWCA  
 Zachari Moreau, Club Nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne, QC

**World U23 Ski Championship Team**

Sonjaa Schmidt, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT - AWCA

Liliane Gagnon, Skibec/Léviski La Balade, QC - CNEPH

Jasmine Drolet, Black Jack Ski Club, BC

Amelia Wells, Strathcona Nordics, BC – AWCA

Katya Semeniuk, Nakkertok Nordic, ON - AWCA

Helen McCulligh, Kanata Nordic Ski Club, ON

Xavier McKeever, Foothills Nordic Ski Club, AB - AWCA

Max Hollmann, Big Thunder Nordic Ski Club, ON – AWCA

Luke Allan, Nakkertok Nordic, ON

Tom Stephen, Foothills Nordic Ski Club, AB – AWCA

Derek Deuling, Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club, YT

Ry Prior, Club Chelsea Nordiq, QC - AWCA

