Competition Trip

Selection Criteria - OLY

2026-27

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1. Information and Objectives

1. This document establishes the eligibility criteria and procedures Nordiq Canada uses to select athletes for international competitions.

2. The Team Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy guide the process for the creation of selection criteria.

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.
    b. An athlete who wishes to appeal shall file an appeal with the SDRCC within 3 days 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 before the selection date.

6. It is each athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies.

2. Eligibility Criteria

1. Athletes seeking to be selected to international competitions under these Selection Criteria must, at the time of nomination, be Nordiq Canada members in good standing with a valid Canadian passport, a Nordiq Canada racing license, and a valid Canadian FIS license. In order to maintain eligibility after selection, athletes must continue to satisfy the aforementioned criteria, failing which their selection may be rescinded.

2. Athletes must meet FIS and other event entry standards for the competition(s) for which they qualified.

3. 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 on the basis of the aforementioned factors and/or 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 have been applied, the athletes will be ranked by the priorities in the order they appear in the criteria. Where two or more athletes are tied within the same criterion, priority shall be given to the athlete demonstrating the greater consistency of performance during the applicable 2026–27 World Cup period.

    An athlete is ranked according to the highest-priority criterion they meet, regardless of how many lower-priority criteria they also satisfy. Demonstrated consistency of performance shall be used to differentiate between athletes who qualify under the same criterion.

    Consistency shall be assessed using the following factors, applied sequentially:

        a. Number of qualifying results: The number of individual World Cup results meeting or exceeding the applicable performance standard;

b. Second-best result: The athlete's second-best individual World Cup final finish;

c. Third-best result: The athlete's third-best individual World Cup final finish, where applicable;

d. Average performance: The athlete's average individual World Cup final finish across their applicable World Cup results;

e. Current performance and readiness: Current performance and performance readiness, including performance readiness testing under Section 10.5, current and historical results, current and historical testing data, and current and historical training data.

If two or more athletes remain tied after application of the above criteria, the matter shall be referred to the HPD and High-Performance Committee (HPC) for consideration under Section 8.1. Any decision as to whether an athlete may be considered for nomination shall be reached by majority consensus of the HPC.

5. In the event a qualifying athlete is ineligible or otherwise unable to compete, the HPD may 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 2026-27 season unless otherwise indicated.

4. 2026-27 World Cup (WC) Selection Criteria

1. WORLD CUP PERIOD ONE (WC P1)	
Dates	November 15 – December 14, 2026
Selection Date	April 1, 2026
Announcement Date	September 1, 2026
Locations	Ruka, FIN / Trondheim, NOR / Davos, SUI
Objective	• Provide appropriate competition opportunities to athletes that have demonstrated the ability to achieve a World Cup (WC) Top 20 performance. • Support the Nations Cup Ranking overall.
Team Size	COC Leaders (1 Male / 1 Female) + up to 5 athletes per gender per race
Selection Criteria	
a.	**COC Leaders** Athletes identified as the COC Leaders on the April 2026 series ranking list.
b.	**World Ranking-RED Group** Any athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 in the applicable FIS World Ranking) at the conclusion of Period 4, 2026.
c.	**Top Ten OWG or World Cup Result** One (1) Top Ten (10) individual final finish at a 2025–26 World Cup or 2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) Individual final finish race result.
d.	**Top Five Relay Result** One (1) Top five (5) and top half 2026 OWG Team final finish race result (Team Sprint or Team Relay).
e.	**Two Top Twenty Results** Two (2) x Top twenty (20) Individual final finish race results at 2026 OWG or 2025-26 WC.
f.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section.

2. WORLD CUP PERIOD TWO (WC P2) – Tour de Ski	
Dates	December 28 – January 10, 2027

Selection Date	December 21, 2026
Announcement Date	December 23, 2026
Locations	Les Rousses, FRA/Oberstdorf, GER / Val di Fiemme, ITA
Objective	• Provide appropriate competition opportunities to athletes that have demonstrated the ability to achieve a World Cup (WC) Top 20 performance. • Support the Nations Cup Ranking overall.
Team Size	COC Leader (1 Male / 1 Female) + up to 5 Males and 5 Females = Maximum 12
TDS Quota	If the number of athletes meeting priority objectives 2.a through 2.g exceeds the FIS nation quota, athletes will be selected in priority sequence from 2.a through 2.g until the quota is met.
Selection Criteria	
a.	**COC Leaders** Athletes identified as the COC Leaders on the December 21, 2026 series ranking list.
b.	**2027 World Championships Team** Athletes nominated to the 2027 World Championships Team as per selection criteria from 2025-2026.
c.	**World Ranking-RED Group** Any athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 in the applicable FIS World Ranking) at the conclusion of Period 1.
d.	**Top Ten World Cup Result** One (1) Top Ten (10) individual final finish at a 2026–27 World Cup.
e.	**Team Sprint Result** One (1) Top Five (5) and Top half final finish race result in the Team Sprint at a 2026–27 World Cup.
f.	**Top Twenty World Cup Result** One (1) x Top twenty (20) Individual final finish race result at 2026-27 World Cup.
g.	**Top Thirty World Cup Result** One (1) x Top thirty (30), but outside the Top twenty (20), individual final finish race result at a 2026–27 World Cup.
h.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section.

3. WORLD CUP PERIOD THREE (WC P3)	
Dates	January 22 – February 15, 2027
Selection Date	January 10, 2027
Announcement Date	January 14, 2027
Locations	Engadin, SUI/Toblach, ITA/Lahti, FIN
Objective	2027 World Ski Championships preparation
Team Size	COC Leader (1 Male / 1 Female) + up to 5 athletes per gender per race
Selection Criteria	
a.	**COC Leaders** The COC Leaders from the January 10, 2027 COC series ranking list shall be selected. COC Leaders are additional to, and shall not count toward, the maximum of five (5) additional athletes per gender selected under these criteria.
b.	**2027 World Championships Team** Athletes nominated to the 2027 World Championships Team as per selection criteria from 2025-2026.
c.	**World Ranking-RED Group** Any Athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 in the applicable FIS World Ranking) list at the conclusion of Period 2.
d.	**Top Ten World Cup Result** One (1) Top Ten (10) individual final finish at a 2026–27 World Cup.

e.	**Team Sprint Result** One (1) Top Five (5) and Top Half final finish race result in the Team Sprint at a 2026–27 World Cup.
f.	**Top Twenty World Cup Result** Two (2) x Top twenty (20) Individual final finish race result at 2026-27 World Cups.
g.	**Top Thirty World Cup Result** Two (2) x Top thirty (30), but outside the Top twenty (20), individual final finish race result at a 2026–27 World Cups.
h.	**U.S. Ski Nationals** A Top Three (3) Individual final finish race result at the 2027 U.S. Ski Nationals, January 2–7, 2027.
i.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section.

4. 2027 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS (WSC)	
Dates	February 22-March 8, 2027
Selection Date	February 7, 2027
Announcement Date	February 10, 2027
Locations	Falun, SWE
Objective	• Support excellence and podium performances as outlined in the 2030 Strategic Plan • Provide appropriate competition pathway opportunities to athletes who can contribute to Nordiq Canada's long-term objectives.
Team Size	The 2027 World Ski Championships Team could consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) athletes, with a minimum of four (4) athletes per gender, subject to applicable FIS and event quota requirements.
Selection Criteria	
a.	**Top Ten World Cup Result** One (1) Top Ten (10) Individual final finish race result at a 2026–27 World Cup.
b.	**Top Twelve World Cup Result** One (1) Top twelve (12) WC or OWG Individual final finish race result in the 2025-26 season.
c.	**Team Sprint Result** One (1) Top Five (5) and Top Half final finish race result in the Team Sprint at a 2026–27 World Cup.
d.	**Two Top Twenty World Cup Results** Two (2) Top Twenty (20) Individual final finish race results at 2026–27 World Cups.
e.	**Two Top Thirty World Cup Results** Two (2) Top Thirty (30), but outside the Top Twenty (20), Individual final finish race results at 2026–27 World Cups.
f.	**World Junior/U23 Championships** Athletes achieving a podium performance at the 2027 World Junior/U23 Championships.
g.	**Domestic Trials** Performance at the designated domestic selection trials, including Nakkertok and the Eastern Championships, will be considered in the context of the athlete's demonstrated ability to contribute to the performance objectives of the 2027 World Ski Championships Team. Race winners at the designated domestic selection trials will be eligible for selection where quota positions remain available after application of the preceding selection criteria. Selection of a race winner is not automatic and will remain subject to applicable FIS and event quotas, the maximum team size of fourteen (14) athletes, the minimum requirement of four (4) athletes per gender and whether Nordiq Canada, in its discretion, considers that the athlete will contribute to the performance objectives of the 2027 World Ski Championships Team.

	Where more than one athlete (i.e., a race winner) is eligible for a remaining position through the Domestic Trials, selection will be based on the athlete's overall performance at the designated trials and their demonstrated ability to contribute to the performance objectives of the 2027 World Ski Championships Team. The Selection Committee is not obligated to fill all available quota positions through the Domestic Trials.
h.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section.

5. WORLD CUP PERIOD FOUR (WC P4)	
Dates	March 8 – March 22, 2027
Selection Date	March 5, 2027
Announcement Date	March 8, 2027
Locations	Oslo, NOR/Drammen, NOR/Ulricehamn, SWE
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 Leader (1 Male / 1 Female) + up to 5 athletes per gender per race
Selection Criteria	
a.	**COC Leaders** The COC Leaders from the February 16, 2027, COC series ranking list shall be selected. COC Leaders are additional to, and shall not count toward, the maximum of five (5) additional athletes per gender selected under these criteria.
b.	**World Ranking-RED Group** Any Athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 in the applicable FIS World Ranking) list at the conclusion of the 2027 WSC.
c.	**Top Ten World Cup Result** One (1) Top Ten (10) Individual final finish at a 2026–27 World Cup or WSC.
d.	**Top 5 Relay Result** One (1) Top Five (5) 2026-2027 WSC Relay final finish race result - (Team Sprint or Team Relay)
e.	**Top Twenty WSC Result** One (1) Top Twenty (20) Individual final finish race result at 2027 WSC.
f.	**Two Top 30 WSC or WC Result** Two (2) x Top Thirty (30) Individual final finish race result at 2027 WSC or 2026-27 World Cup with the athlete achieving less than or equal to **75 FIS pts in each race result.**
g.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section

5. 2027-28 World Cup (WC) Selection Criteria

1. WORLD CUP PERIOD ONE (WC P1) – 2027	
Dates	November-December 2027
Selection Date	April 23, 2027
Announcement Date	TBD
Locations	Scandinavia

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	TBD; quotas will be known at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 World Cup season.
Selection Criteria Distance	
a.	**COC Leaders** The COC Leaders from the April 22, 2027 COC series ranking list shall be selected. COC Leaders are additional to, and shall not count toward, the maximum of five (5) additional athletes per gender selected under these criteria.
b.	**World Ranking-RED Group** Any Athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 in the applicable FIS World Ranking) list at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 World Cup season.
c.	**Top Ten World Cup Result** Top ten (10) 2026-2027 WC or 2027 World Ski Championships (WSC) Individual final finish race result.
d.	**Top 5 Relay Result** One (1) Top five (5) and top half 2027 WSC Team final finish race result (Team Sprint or Team Relay).
e.	**Two Top Twenty WSC or WC Result** Two (2) x Top twenty (20) Individual final finish race results at 2027 WSC and/or 2026-27 WC.
f.	**Three Top 30 WSC or WC Result** Three (3) x Top thirty (30) Individual final finish race results at 2027 WSC and/or 2026-27 WC.
g.	**World Junior/U23 Championships** Any athlete that achieves a podium performance at the 2027 World Junior/U23 Championships.
h.	**HPD Discretion** HPD discretion as described in Section 8.1 may be applied only in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the process and evidentiary considerations set out in that section
Note:	If additional WC quota spots are available after priorities a. through f. the remaining spots may be decided through priority h.
i.	Nordiq Canada WC P1 Trials (mid-November 2027)-location TBD
Note:	Nordiq Canada is not obligated to select athletes up to the maximum number of allotted quota positions. A WC P1 Trials will only be required if there are additional quota spots available, and the decision to send additional athletes who have not met criteria's a. through f.

6. 2027 JR/U23 World Ski Championships

1. 2027 JR/U23 World Ski Championships	
Dates	January 18 – 24, 2027
Selection Date	December 21, 2026
Announcement Date	December 24, 2026
Location	Otepaa, EST
Objective	Top 3 performances in Individual and Team Events
Team Size and Eligibility	Up to 20 athletes
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 the WJRs must be born in 2007, 2008, or 2009. This represents a strategic shift from previous selection criteria, better aligning athletes with competition appropriate to their age.
c.	Athletes eligible for U23s must be born in 2004, 2005,2006 in accordance with FIS rules.
Selection Criteria	
a.	**2027 World Ski Championship Team** Athletes selected to the 2027 World Championships Team, Falun, SWE will have priority for selection subject to athlete acceptance, eligibility and availability
b.	**Top 30 World Cup Result** Eligible athletes placing one (1) time in the top thirty (30) in any Individual Final Finish in 2026-27 WC
c	**P1 Nomination** Eligible athletes nominated to P1 will be selected, subject to athlete acceptance, eligibility and availability.
d.	**Designated Selection Trials** Designated Selection Trials – World Junior/U23 Trials, Nakkertok, ON, December 17-21, 2026.

A Distance and Sprint Ranking list will be created for the Designated Selection 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.

SPRINT Ranking List	**Distance Ranking List**
Sprint Qualifier	10KM Interval Start
Sprint Final	20KM Mass Start

Nomination Process Through Priority C.	
Step 1	Race winners will be selected to the 2027 JR/U23 World Ski Championships team from the following races. Each athlete may occupy only one selection position in Step 1. Where an athlete wins more than one event, no additional athlete is selected because of the duplicate win (i.e., the second place finisher in such event is not considered the winner), and the resulting unfilled position remains available for Step 2.

JUNIOR WOMEN	**JUNIOR MEN**	**U23 WOMEN**	**U23 MEN**
Sprint Qualifier	Sprint Qualifier	Sprint Qualifier	Sprint Qualifier
*Sprint Final	*Sprint Final	*Sprint Final	*Sprint Final
10 KM	10 KM	10 KM	10 KM
20 KM	20 KM	20 KM	20 KM
***Final rankings will be from the results of the U20 category heats**	***Final rankings will be from the results of the U20 category heats.**	***Final rankings will be from the results of the open category heats.**	***Final rankings will be from the 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 two (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.

7. 2027 U18 International Development

1. 2027 U18 International Racing Experience	
Dates	January 23-February 8, 2027
Selection Date	December 21, 2026
Announcement Date	December 24, 2026
Location	Ulricehamn, SWE & Oslo, NOR
Objective	• International Racing Exposure • Performance Development • Travel and Logistics Education • Technical and Tactical Learning • Athlete Professionalism • Personal Growth and Resilience • National Team Pathway Development
Team Size and Eligibility	Up to 5 U18 Males & 5 U18 Females
	Eligible athletes must be born in 2009 and/or 2010.
Selection Criteria	
a.	The top 3 male and female 2009 and/or 2010 distance athletes from the U18 Distance Ranking List will be nominated.
b.	The top 2 male and female 2009 and/or 2010 sprint athletes from the U18 Sprint Ranking List will be nominated.

A Distance and Sprint Ranking list will be created for the **Trials** event, happening in **Nakkertok, ON, December 17-21, 2026.**

- **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 5 KM Interval Start and 10 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.

SPRINT Ranking List	**Distance Ranking List**
Sprint Qualifier	5KM Interval Start
Sprint Final	10KM Mass Start

U18 WOMEN	**U18 MEN**		
Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 5 KM 10 KM ***Final rankings will be from the results of the U18 category heats**	Sprint Qualifier *Sprint Final 5 KM 10 KM ***Final rankings will be from the results of the U18 category heats.**		

8. Appendix A - Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures:

1. HPD discretion: HPD discretion will only be applied in exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances, the HPD will consult with the 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 8.5
    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 after 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 valid.

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 in the top half of the 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. Top half means a final placing equal to or better than the mathematical ceiling of 50% of all teams that start the event.

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, considering 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 & U18 Sprint Ranking List Scoring System

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

1st place =	100 points	26th place =	30 points
2nd place =	95 points	27th place =	28 points
3rd place =	90 points	28th place =	26 points
4th place =	85 points	29th place =	24 points
5th place =	80 points	30th place =	22 points
6th place =	75 points	31st place =	20 points
7th place =	72 points	32nd place =	19 points
8th place =	69 points	33rd place =	18 points
9th place =	66 points	34th place =	17 points
10th place =	63 points	35th place =	16 points
11th place =	60 points	36th place =	15 points
12th place =	58 points	37th place =	14 points
13th place =	56 points	38th place =	13 points
14th place =	54 points	39th place =	12 points
15th place =	52 points	40th place =	11 points
16th place =	50 points	41st place =	10 points
17th place =	48 points	42nd place =	9 points
18th place =	46 points	43rd place =	8 points
19th place =	44 points	44th place =	7 points
20th place =	42 points	45th place =	6 points
21st place =	40 points	46th place =	5 points
22nd place =	38 points	47th place =	4 points
23rd place =	36 points	48th place =	3 points
24th place =	34 points	49th place =	2 points
25th place =	32 points	50th place =	1 point

10. Appendix C – JR / U23 & U18 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