

Competition Trip

Selection Criteria - OLY
2026-27



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1. Information and Objectives

1. This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes for international competitions in the 2026-27 competition season.
2. This document will be updated with the remaining 2026-27 Competition Trip Selection Criteria after the conclusion of the 2025-26 competition season. The purpose of announcing this policy in stages is so Athletes know the objectives and criteria for the competitions that will have 2025-26 season results included.
3. The process for the creation of selection criteria is guided by the [Nordiq Canada Team Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy](#).
4. Final decision authority for all selections lies with the Nordiq Canada High Performance Director (HPD) or their designate.
5. Selection decisions may be appealed under the [Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy](#).
6. The Nordiq Canada HPD, or their designate, has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date.
7. It is the Athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies.

2. 2026-27 WORLD CUP & WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS CRITERIA

1. 2026-27 WORLD CUP PERIOD ONE (WC P1)	
Dates	TBD
Locations	TBD
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 + TBD
Selection Criteria	
a.	COC Leaders
b.	Any Athlete in the Sprint or Distance RED group (Top 15 Ranking in the World) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 season.
c.	Top ten (10) 2025-2026 WC or 2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) Individual final finish race result.
d.	Top five (5) and top half 2026 OWG Team final finish race result (Team Sprint or Team Relay).

e.	Two (2) x Top twenty (20) Individual final finish race result at 2026 OWG or 2025-26 WC.
f.	HPD discretion as described in section 5
Note:	If additional WC quota spots are available after priorities a. through f. the remaining spots may be decided through priority g.
g.	Nordiq Canada WC P1 Trials (mid-November 2026).
Note:	Nordiq Canada is not obligated to select athletes up to the maximum number of allotted quota positions as per section 4.2. 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.

2. 2026-27 WORLD CUP PERIOD TWO - FOUR (WC P2-P4)

Dates	TBD
Locations	TBD
Note:	Selection Criteria TBA

3. 2027 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS (WSC)

Dates	February 21 st – March 7 th , 2027
Locations	Falun, SUI
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Maximum of 12 athletes, minimum 4 per gender
Selection Criteria	
a.	FIS RED Group status sprint or distance at conclusion of 2025-26 season.
b.	Top twelve (12) WC or OWG Individual final finish race result in the 2025-26 season.
c.	Performance standards from P1, P2 and/or P3 (TBD) in 2026-27 season.
d.	Domestic trials performances (TBD) in 2026-27 season.
Note:	Priorities c. and d. will be defined after the conclusion of the 2025-26 competition season.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- To be considered for Trip Competition Selection by Nordiq Canada, athletes must:
 - be a Nordiq Canada member in good standing including, without limitation, not having any outstanding debt toward Nordiq Canada;
 - be registered with a Nordiq Canada club;
 - have a valid Nordiq Canada race license; and
 - have a valid Canadian FIS license
- Athletes must meet FIS and other event entry standards for the competition(s) for which they qualified.

4. 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 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 has been applied, the athletes will be ranked by the priorities in the following order:
 - a. Their single best race result within the qualification selection criteria. If there is still a tie it will move to 2nd, 3rd, etc. best result.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the HPD will make the final decision. Depth of field will be required and considered for each event used to tie break.
5. In the event a qualifying Athlete is ineligible or otherwise unable to compete, the HPD may choose to 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.

5. High Performance Director (HPD) Discretion

1. HPD discretion will only be applied in exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances the HPD will consult with the High-Performance Committee (HPC), and a decision as to whether an athlete could be considered for nomination will be reached by majority consensus.
2. When assessing an athlete for discretionary nomination to a competition trip, the HPD will review the athlete's results from the season immediately prior to the season that ended before the start of the qualification period (the "Prior Season"). The HPD will evaluate such results against the objective criteria in the current selection criteria to determine whether the athlete should be nominated to a competition trip for the upcoming season. The HPD may also use the following evidence:

- a. Current and historical results
- b. Current and historical testing data
- c. Current and historical training data

6. Appendix A - Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures:

1. OWG – Olympic Winter Games
2. WC – World Cup
3. WSC – World Ski Championships
4. HPD – High Performance Director
5. HPC – High Performance Committee
6. U23 WSC – FIS Nordic U23 World Ski Championships
7. JR WSC – FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships
8. NST – National Ski Team
9. 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, 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 a race result.
10. 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.
11. Depth of Field Team Event: For a final finish race result to be achieved, the team must be top half of 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.