2026-27 ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the athletes who will be nominated to Sport Canada to receive Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding under the Athlete Assistance Program Selection Criteria 2026-27. All nominations were reviewed and supported by the High-Performance Committee.

Selection Rationale

- The goal of the AAP selection criteria is to select athletes who are following the performance pathway progression in relation to global competitors to achieve podium success at the Olympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships.
- AAP carding nominations are not finalized and subject to change upon review and acceptance by Sport Canada.
- AAP criteria descriptions are abbreviated versions of the criteria. Selection was competed using the full criteria description within the selection documents.
- Athletes must meet all eligibility requirements in the AAP carding selection criteria to be selected or nominated.

The deadline to appeal the AAP nominations is by May 18th, 2026 at 11:59PM in the athlete's residing time zone. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the SDRCC - File an Appeal | Tribunal | SDRCC

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)

Final athlete selections were approved by Eric de Nys, High-Performance Director: edenys@nordiqcanada.ca .

AAP CARDING SELECTION				
Athlete	Card Type	Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence
Thomas Stephen	SR1	4.1.a	Top-8 AND top half of field at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG)	5th – 4x7.5km Relay Classic/Free at OWG; 9th – 10km F at OWG
Antoine Cyr	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE ; 11th – 50km C at OWG
Xavier McKeever	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE; 13th – Skiathlon 10/10km C/F at OWG
Remi Drolet	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE; 19th – 10km F at OWG
Alison Mackie	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th – Team Sprint Free at OWG; 8th – 10km F at OWG
Liliane Gagnon	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE; 17th – 10km F at OWG
Jasmine Drolet	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	8TH – 4x7.5km Relay Classic/Free ; 17th – 50km C Mst at OWG
Sonjaa Schmidt	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE; 25th – 50km C Mst at OWG
Maxmillian Hollmann	SR2	4.1.b	Athletes with an SR1 card for the 2025-26 carding cycle are eligible for nomination for an SR2 card for the 2026-27 carding cycle.	SR1 card in 25-26 carding cycle; 14th – 5km F at Toblach WC (21.65 FIS pts)
Olivier Léveillé	SR2	4.1.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SR1 card in 25-26 carding cycle; 31st – 20km F Mst at Lake Placid WC (75.92 FIS pts); 54.83 FIS pts on the FIS pts Distance Ranking list
Katherine Stewart-Jones	SR	4.2.c	Top twenty (20) WC or OWG individual final finish race result, with equal to or less than fifty-five (55) FIS points.	18th – 20km F Mst at Ruka WC (47.30 FIS pts) ; 20th - 20km C Mst at Goms WC (59.15 FIS pts)
Graham Ritchie	SR	4.2.d	Health-Related Reasons as described in section 8 for athletes who received SR carding in the 2025-26 carding cycle.	Unable to complete the season due to Health-Related Reasons
Sasha Masson	SR	4.2.e	Two (2) top thirty (30) WC or OWG individual final finishes race results, with equal to or less than sixty-five (65) FIS points per race.	19th – Sprint F Final at Lake Placid WC (57.69 FIS pts) ; 22nd – Sprint F Final at Lahti WC (32.08 FIS pts)
Ruby Serrouya	D	4.3.d	Top ten (10) JR WSC individual final finish race result.	4th, 20km F Mst at JR World Ski Championship
Zachari Moreau	D	4.3.d	SAME AS ABOVE	5th, 20km F Mst at JR World Ski Champsionship
Louison Dubief	D	4.3.d	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, 20km F Mst at JR World Ski Championship
Raleigh Tarte	D	4.3.d	SAME AS ABOVE	7th, Sprint F Final at JR World Ski Championship
Eula Palmer-Bird	D	4.3.d	SAME AS ABOVE	8th, 10km C at JR World Ski Championship
Finn Redman	D	4.3.d	SAME AS ABOVE	9th, Sprint F Final at JR World Ski Championship
Luke Allan	D	4.3.e	Top ten (10) U23 WSC individual final finish race result.	10th, Sprint F Final at U23 World Ski Championship
Thierry Olivier	D	4.3.f	Top twenty (20) JR WSC individual final finish race result and top half of field.	13th, 10km C at JR World Ski Championship
Sarah-Eve Picard	D	4.3.f	SAME AS ABOVE	16th, 10km C at JR World Ski Championship
Madeleine Wilkie	D	4.3.f	SAME AS ABOVE	18th, Sprint F Final at JR World Ski Championship

Ella Fuller	D	4.3.i	Top thirty (30) JR WSC individual final finish race result and top half of field	21st, 10km C at JR World Ski Championship
Teo Wadsworth	D	4.3.i	Top thirty (30) JR WSC individual final finish race result and top half of field	24th, 10km C at JR World Ski Championship
Eamon Wilson	D	4.3.i	SAME AS ABOVE	25th, 20km F Mst at JR World Ski Championship
Ry Prior	D	4.3.j	Top thirty (30) U23 WSC final finish race result and top half of field.	30th, Sprint F Final at U23 World Ski Championship