

## 2026-27 PARA NORDIC NATIONAL SKI TEAM SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the athletes who have been selected to the Para Nordic National Ski Team based on the criteria outlined in the Nordiq Canada [2026-27 Para National Ski Team Selection Criteria](#). All selections were reviewed and supported by the High-Performance Committee.

### Selection Rationale

- The goal of the PNST selection criteria is to select athletes who are following the performance pathway progression in relation to global competitors to achieve podium success at the Paralympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships.
- Team criteria descriptions are abbreviated versions of the criteria. Selection was completed using the full criteria description within the selection documents.
- Athletes must meet all eligibility requirements in the PNST carding selection criteria to be selected or nominated.

The deadline to appeal the PNST nominations is **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 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:

- Fergus Foster (ON)
- Devon Kershaw (athlete rep – Olympic)
- Maria Lundgren (BC)
- Pauline Nadlersmith (MB)
- John Lofranco (Athletics Canada)

Final athlete selections were approved by Marshall Starkman, High-Performance Manager: [mstarkman@nordiqcanada.ca](mailto:mstarkman@nordiqcanada.ca)

**SENIOR NATIONAL SKI TEAM**

Athlete	Criteria	Team Criteria Description	Example/Evidence
Natalie Wilkie	3.1.a	Top-8 AND top half of field at the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG)	1st, Biathlon Ind; 3rd, Sprint Final at PWG (0 FIS pts)
Mark Arendz	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	2nd, Biathlon Ind ; 3rd, Interval Start at PWG (23.84 FIS pts)
Brittany Hudak	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	3rd, Interval Start at PWG (58.93 FIS pts)
Collin Cameron	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Interval Start at PWG (20.69 FIS pts); 2nd Sprint Final & 2nd Interval Start at Canmore WC
Madison Mullin	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Sprint Final at PWG (91.39 FIS pts)
Brooke Ailey (Guide)	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
Emma Archibald	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Interval Start at PWG (150.95 FIS pts); 8th, Sprint Final at PWG
Derek Zaplotinsky	3.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	7th, Interval Start at PWG (38.18 FIS pts); 3rd Mst at Canmore WC (11.86 FIS pts)
Jesse Bachinsky	3.1.d	One (1) individual final finish race result with equal to or less than sixty (60) FIS/IBU points.	5th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (34.66 FIS pts); 7th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (45.50 FIS pts)
Levi Nadlersmith (Guide)	3.1.d	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
Christina Picton	3.1.d	Two (2) individual final finish race results with equal to or less than one hundred twenty (120) FIS/IBU points.	7th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (108.55 FIS pts); 9th, Sprint Final at PWG (111.33 FIS pts)
Logan Lariviere	3.1.d	SAME AS ABOVE	8th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (78.20 FIS pts); 9th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (93 FIS pts)
Joe Hutton (Guide)	3.1.d	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE

**NEXTGEN SKI TEAM**

Athlete	Criteria	Team Criteria Description	Example/Evidence
Lyne Marie Bilodeau	3.2.a	Two (2) results of 240 or less FIS and/or IBU points in the 2025-26 season at FIS and/or IBU sanctioned events.	13th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (222.01 FIS pts); 11th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (190.69 FIS pts)
Leo Sammarelli	3.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	18th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (128.74 FIS pts); 17th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (168.09 FIS pts)
Yves Bourque	3.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	25th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (168.69 FIS pts); 26th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (216.26 FIS pts)

**DEVELOPMENT SKI TEAM**

Athlete	Criteria	Team Criteria Description	Example/Evidence
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<b>Kara Douville</b>	3.3.a	Two (2) individual final finish race results with equal to or less than two hundred forty (240) FIS/IBU points.	14th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (291.85 FIS pts); 14th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (308.17 FIS pts)
<b>Ethan Hess</b>	3.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	27th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (261.80 FIS pts); 28th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (186.50 FIS pts)
<b>Charles Lecours</b>	3.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	18th, Sprint Final at Canmore WC (204.53 FIS pts); 18th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (288.78 pts)

## 2026-27 PARA NORDIC ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the athletes who have been nominated to who will be nominated to Sport Canada to receive Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding under the [Para Nordic Athlete Assistance Program, Paralympic Stream – Selection Criteria](#). All nominations were reviewed and supported by the High-Performance Committee.

### Selection Rational

- 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 Paralympic Winter Games and World Ski Championships.
- AAP carding type 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 PNST carding selection criteria to be selected or nominated.

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## INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA -

Athlete	Card Type	Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence
Natalie Wilkie	SR1	4.1.a	SR1: Top eight (8); and top half of the field at the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG)	1st, Biathlon Ind; 3rd, Sprint Final at PWG (0 FIS pts)
Mark Arendz	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	2nd, Biathlon Ind ; 3rd, Interval Start at PWG (23.84 FIS pts)
Brittany Hudak	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	3rd, Interval Start at PWG (58.93 FIS pts)
Collin Cameron	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Interval Start at PWG (20.69 FIS pts)
Madison Mullin	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Sprint Final at PWG (91.39 FIS pts)
Brooke Ailey (Guide)	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Sprint Final at PWG (91.39 FIS pts)
Emma Archibald	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6th, Interval Start at PWG (150.95 FIS pts); 8th, Sprint Final at PWG
Derek Zaplotinsky	SR1	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	7th, Interval Start at PWG (38.18 FIS pts); 3rd Mst at Canmore WC (11.86 FIS pts)
Jesse Bachinsky	SR	4.2.c	One (1) individual final finish race result with equal to or less than sixty (60) FIS/IBU points.	5th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (34.66 FIS pts); 7th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (45.50 FIS pts)
Levi Nadlersmith (Guide)	SR	4.2.c	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
Christina Picton	SR	4.2.d	Two (2) individual final finish race results with equal to or less than one hundred twenty (120) FIS/IBU points.	7th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (108.55 FIS pts); 9th, Sprint Final at PWG (111.33 FIS pts)
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Joe Hutton (Guide)	SR	4.2.d	SAME AS ABOVE	8th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (78.20 FIS pts); 9th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (93 FIS pts)
<b>AAP CARDING ALLOCATION REACHED – Athletes after this point will ONLY be nominated for carding if funding becomes available.</b>				
Leo Sammarelli	D	4.3.a	Two (2) individual final finish race results with equal to or less than two hundred forty (240) FIS/IBU points.	18th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (128.74 FIS pts); 17th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (168.09 FIS pts) - avg 148.42 FIS pts from qualifying races
Yves Bourque	D	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	25th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (168.69 FIS pts); 26th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (216.26 FIS pts) - avg of 192.48 FIS pts from qualifying races
Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	D	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	13th, Interval Start at Canmore WC (222.01 FIS pts); 11th, Mass Start at Canmore WC (190.69 FIS pts) - avg of 206.35 FIS pts from qualifying races