

2026 MILANO CORTINA PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES – Athlete Nomination Synopsis and Rationale

Congratulations to the following athletes who have met criteria for official nomination to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) for selection approval to the Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team (PWGT) based on the Nordiq Canada [2026 Paralympic Winter Games Selection Criteria](#) (Internal Nomination Procedure).

This Synopsis and Rationale is not a team announcement and is only used to rationalize the athletes who have met criteria for nomination. The official CPC team announcement for the Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team Para Nordic team is January 30th, 2026.

Team Size:

Canada has qualified a total of 12 quota spots for the Para Nordic team (Para Cross-Country and Para Biathlon) including six (6) quota spots for females, and six (6) quota spots for males. The selection of Team Canada is made by the CPC at its sole discretion. Selection is subject to the athlete's satisfaction of all Para FIS and Para IBU eligibility requirements.

Nomination Rationale:

Name	Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
Collin Cameron	5.C.8	Top three (3) podium in an individual final finish race result at the Para FIS and IBU 2025-26 World Cup Period One races.	2 nd – 10KM Interval Sitting Start Classic – Canmore World Cup, 17.65 FIS points earned
Derek Zaplotinsky	5.C.8	SAME AS ABOVE	3 rd – 10KM Mass Start Sitting Classic – Canmore World Cup, 11.86 FIS points earned
Mark Arendz	5.C.8	SAME AS ABOVE	3 rd – 10KM Mass Start Standing Classic – Canmore World Cup, 49.15 FIS points

Jesse Bachinsky (+ guide)	5.C.10	Athletes achieving 180 FIS or IBU points at the qualification events listed in section 5.5 (Para FIS and Para IBU World Cup – Canmore AB, December 2025 and Para FIS COC – Canmore AB, November 2025)	5 th – 10KM Mass Start VI Classic – Canmore World Cup, 34.66 FIS points earned
Logan Lariviere (+ guide)	5.C.10	SAME AS ABOVE	8 th - 10KM Mass Start VI Classic – Canmore World Cup, 78.20 FIS points earned
Leo Sammarelli	5.C.10	SAME AS ABOVE	18 th - 10KM Mass Start Sitting Classic – Canmore World Cup, 128.74 FIS points earned
Natalie Wilkie	5.C.8	Top three (3) podium in an individual final finish race result at the Para FIS and IBU 2025-26 World Cup Period One races.	2 nd – 10KM Mass Start Standing Start Classic – Canmore World Cup, 11.11 FIS points earned
Madison Mullin (+ guide)	5.C.8	SAME AS ABOVE	2 nd – 10KM Interval Standing Start Classic – Canmore World Cup, 75.56 FIS points earned
Brittany Hudak	5.C.10	Athletes achieving 180 FIS or IBU points at the qualification events listed in section 5.5 (Para FIS and Para IBU World Cup – Canmore AB, December 2025 and Para FIS COC – Canmore AB, November 2025)	4 th - 10KM Interval Standing Start Classic – Canmore World Cup, 74.45 FIS points earned
Christina Picton	5.C.10	SAME AS ABOVE	7 th – 10KM Mass Start Sitting Classic – Canmore World Cup, 108.55 FIS points earned
Emma Archibald	5.C.10	SAME AS ABOVE	8 th – 1.5KM Sprint Final Standing Free – Canmore World Cup, 132.73 FIS points earned

The athlete below is selected based on being the only remaining athlete meeting IPC eligibility criteria for nomination to the Paralympic Winter Games Team (240 or less FIS/IBU points).

Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	5.C.11	Athletes meeting the minimum IPC Paralympic Games qualification criteria ranking list published on February 15, 2026.	11 th – 10KM Mass Start Sitting Classic – Canmore World Cup, 190.69 FIS points earned
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Alternate Athletes:

- No female athletes can be named as 'alternates' for Paralympic Games nomination as they have not met the IPC's Eligibility requirements.
- The following male athlete has met the IPC's Eligibility requirements and will serve as an 'alternate' should there be a need to replace one of the above nominated male athletes:

Yves Bourque	5.C.11	Athletes meeting the minimum IPC Paralympic Games qualification criteria ranking list published on February 15, 2026.	25 th – 10KM Mass Start Sitting Classic – Canmore World Cup, 168.69 FIS points earned
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Nomination Process:

Athlete nominations were made by the High-Performance Manager and reviewed by the High-Performance Committee (HPC) based on the [2026 Paralympic Winter Games Selection Criteria \(Internal Nomination Procedure\) – Amended Nov 18, 2025](#). The HPC oversaw the nomination process as per the [Nordiq Canada Nomination, Selection 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)

Final athlete selections were approved by Marshall Starkman, Para High-Performance Manager: mstarkman@nordiqcanada.ca

Selection decisions may be appealed under the Nordiq Canada [Dispute Resolution and Appeals Policy](#). Any dispute must be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code. An athlete who wishes to appeal shall file an appeal with the SDRCC within three (3) days of the nomination Synopsis and Rationale being posted to the Nordiq Canada website.