

Paralympic Winter Games

Selection Criteria

2026



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1. General Information

1. This document defines the process and criteria used by Nordiq Canada to nominate athletes to the Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team (PWGT).
2. The nomination process objective is to prioritize selection of athletes who have medal performance potential at the Games in a clear and transparent manner using international benchmarks for performance and provide Games experience for 2030 Paralympic potential medalists.
3. Team size is based on available quota spots as determined by the Federation International de Ski (FIS), International Biathlon Union (IBU) and International Paralympic Committee qualification system.
4. Nomination is the process of Nordiq Canada submitting its final team names to the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) for selection approval.
5. Selection approval by the CPC is the final confirmation of the athlete's position on the team subject to their compliance with Sections 4 and 7.
6. Satisfying the criteria in one of the priorities listed in Section 5 does not guarantee nomination to the team. Only after all selection events have been completed and Nordiq Canada has reviewed all Section 6 applications, will a final team nomination announcement will be made.
7. Nomination by Nordiq Canada does NOT guarantee selection. The selection to 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. ¹
8. The PWGT nominations including alternates will be announced by Nordiq

¹ The hyperlinked version of the FIS eligibility requirements is the version that is in force as of the date of publication of this INP. In the event FIS modifies its eligibility requirements, Nordiq Canada is bound by these modifications, and will update the hyperlink as soon as reasonably possible and announce any modifications on the Nordiq Canada website. However, if due to time constraints or other circumstances that prevent Nordiq Canada from updating the hyperlink in a timely manner, this is not possible before a nomination decision needs to be made, the most recent version of the FIS eligibility requirements shall be considered applicable for the purposes of this INP.

Canada following the last qualification event as per the Nordiq Canada *NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement* policy.²

9. The PWGT announcement will be announced in conjunction with the CPC.
10. For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, contact Chris Jeffries, High Performance Director (cjeffries@nordiqcanda.ca).

2. Decision Making Authority

1. The High Performance Director (HPD), as per the Nordiq Canada *NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement* policy, is responsible for developing, and approving the selection process and procedures for the team to be nominated to the CPC for the 2026 PWG.
2. The HPD has the final decision-making authority over the nomination of the PWGT pursuant to the selection criteria. The HPC will confirm the final nomination of the PWGT adhered to the selection criteria in this INP and that it was made in an objective and impartial manner.
3. In cases pertaining to Section 6 and Section 7, the Integrated Support Team (IST), led by the IST Lead and comprised of the para-medical lead, medical team doctor, physiologist, strength and conditioning coach, performance dietician and mental performance coach may be consulted in the decision.
4. All Nordiq Canada nominations are subject to CPC approval.
5. Nominated athletes are not guaranteed race starts. The Paralympic Games Head Coach, in consultation with the HPD and other support staff, has decision making authority for 'race day' and 'field of play' decisions concerning start lists, seeding, relay order, and prioritization of resources while at the 2026 Games. These decisions cannot be appealed.

3. International Federation (IF) Eligibility and IBU Qualification Criteria

1. FIS and IBU set the International Federation Paralympic Qualification

² Please see footnote 1, which applies, modified accordingly for the circumstances. All Nordiq Canada policies can be found on the Nordiq Canada website.

System, which is approved by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The 2026 PWG national participation quota will be based on the 2024-25 season and athlete rankings on the Para Cross Country and Para Biathlon lists, including athletes who have scored 240 FIS points or less. This quota will apply to Nordiq Canada's 2026 PWGT selection.

2. The Para FIS and IBU qualification system will prevail in the case of any discrepancy with this INP.

4. Athlete Eligibility Requirements

1. All eligibility requirements listed below must be met before the start of any event used by Nordiq Canada for selection to the 2026 PWGT.

CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

2. To be eligible for nomination to the CPC for Paralympic Team selection, an athlete must:
 - a. Be eligible to represent Canada as determined by the IPC Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games [qualification regulations](#).
 - b. Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire on or before September 30, 2026;
 - c. Comply with Para FIS, and IBU requirements for Paralympic Games eligibility;
 - d. Sign and submit the Nordiq Canada Competition Agreement if not already under the Athlete Agreement with Nordiq Canada;
 - e. Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with the review date after the 2025-26 season.
 - f. Sign, submit and comply with the CPC Athlete Agreement and organizing committee (PCOG) Conditions of Participation Form and any other CPC requirements prior to January 15th, 2026. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, their parent or legal guardian must also sign these agreements;
 - g. Be a member in good standing of Nordiq Canada (Please refer to the [Nordic Canada bylaws](#)).
 - h. Athletes named to compete in the PWGT will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the Nordiq Canada and the CPC. This will include the Official Team Competition Clothing policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing policy;
 - i. Have paid all outstanding expenses to Nordiq Canada;

Doping Requirements

- j. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by PN FIS, IBU and/or CCES pursuant to the FIS and/or IBU Anti-Doping Rules or the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), as applicable;
- k. The athlete must not be serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional suspension in force at the time of nomination for or during the PWG.

Alternate Athlete Requirements

- l. Alternate athletes selected must comply with all requirements contained in this INP and ensure all administrative and financial obligations are fulfilled within 24 hours of notification of their pending team nomination.

PN FIS CROSS COUNTRY AND PARA BIATHLON IBU ELIGIBILITY

- 3. Please refer to the PN FIS and Para Biathlon IBU eligibility requirements. Athletes seeking nomination to the 2026 Milano Cortina PWGT must satisfy all PN FIS and Para Biathlon IBU eligibility requirements. This includes, but is not limited to:

Para cross country skiing events:

- a. Hold an active 2025-26 FIS license for competing in Para cross-country events 2025-26 season;
- b. Have participated in at least one (1) FIS sanctioned competition in the 2024-25 season or in at least one (1) FIS sanctioned competition in the 2025-26 season; and
- c. Be ranked and have achieved 240 points or less on the Para Cross Country Skiing Ranking Points List as of 15 February 2026.

Para biathlon events:

- a. Hold an active 2025-26 IBU athlete license for competing in Para biathlon events for the 2025-26 season;
- b. Have participated in at least one (1) IBU sanctioned competition in the 2024-25 season or in at least one (1) IBU sanctioned competition in the 2025-2026 season, and

- c. Be ranked and have achieved (TBD) points or less on the Para Biathlon Ranking Points List as of 15 February 2026.

5. Selection Criteria

A. PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

1. The qualification period for the 2026 Milano Cortina PWG is from July 1, 2024, to February 15, 2026.

B. PROCESS

2. Athletes will be nominated to the CPC for selection to Nordiq Canada's PWGT if they satisfy the PN FIS, IBU and CPC eligibility criteria as outlined in Section 4, and in accordance with the priorities as outlined below.
3. Athletes will be selected until quota spots are filled per gender.
4. If Canada cannot meet its quota allocation in gender through qualified athletes, the quota allocation cannot be re-allocated to the other genders.
5. **Qualifying competitions* will include:**
 - Para FIS and Para IBU World Cup – Canmore, AB December 2025
 - Para FIS and Para IBU COC – Canmore, AB, November 2025

Where it is deemed necessary to host a Trials, Nordiq Canada will announce the date no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the event. Trials will be held no later than the weekend of January 10/11th, 2026.

**Qualifying competitions must have a depth of field as defined below.*

6. Definitions

- a. **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 heat, pre-qualification times, team relay, or team sprint times are NOT considered Individual Final Finish Race Result. An athlete must complete the race and obtain PN FIS or IBU points for any result to be considered a race result.
- b. **Depth of Field:** For an individual final finish race result to be considered for qualification, there must be three (3) PN FIS/IBU points ranked competitors, including one (1) competitor with 60 or fewer PN/IBU FIS

points during the qualifying period, that have started the race, and result must be in the top half of the field.

7. The following seasons are defined as:

- a. 2024-2025 Season:** on-snow PN FIS or IBU sanctioned competitions beginning November 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025.
- b. 2025- 2026 Season:** on-snow PN FIS and IBU sanctioned competitions beginning November 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026.

C. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 8. Priority 1:** Top three (3) podium in an individual final finish race result at the Para FIS and IBU 2025-26 World Cup Period One races.
- 9. Priority 2:** Athletes meeting injury, illness and exceptional circumstances.
- 10. Priority 3:** Athletes achieving 180 FIS or IBU points at the qualification events listed in 5.5.
- 11. Priority 4:** Athletes meeting the minimum IPC Paralympic Games qualification criteria ranking list published on February 15, 2026.
 - a.** The ranking list is based on an athlete's best single result, using lowest PN FIS/IBU points, at one of the identified qualifying race during the qualification period.
 - b.** Only individual final finish race results will be counted.
 - c.** When calculating PN FIS/IBU points for ranking, distance points will be ranked higher than sprint points by a factor of 1.1 to 1.

D. GUIDE SELECTION

- 12.** Final selection of Guides for the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games is made by the High Performance Director in conjunction with Nordiq Canada Para Nordic coaches and the athlete.

E. TIE BREAKING

- 13.** In the event of a tie the ranking will be based on the athlete's second best finish (using lowest PN FIS/IBU points) in the respective category in an individual qualifying race. If there is still a tie in the rankings, the third best finish will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.

F. ALTERNATE ATHLETES

- 14.** In announcing the final nominations for the 2026 PWGT, one alternate athlete per gender may be announced as a replacement for a selected athlete who is unable to compete at the 2026 PWG for any reason.
- 15.** Alternate athletes will be next in line for selection for their gender as per the qualification criteria outlined in Section 5.
- 16.** Alternate athletes' information will be submitted to the CPC at the same time as the quota nominated athletes' information.
- 17.** Alternate athletes are subject to the IPC Late Athlete Replacement policy.
- 18.** Alternate athletes must confirm their willingness to comply with the team preparation plan as set by the Team Head Coach and make themselves available for selection.
- 19.** Alternates will not travel with the PWGT or be considered a member of the Team unless they are officially named to the Team.
- 20.** Substitutions to replace a selected athlete are subject to the IPC Late Athlete Replacement policy, the CPC's Team Selection Committee and must comply with all the procedures in this document.

G. BIPARTITE INVITATION ALLOCATION

- 21.** Nordiq Canada can submit a request to the CPC to apply for additional allocation slots through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation. CPC reviews and approves the request and sends it to the IPC who decides if the slots will be awarded.
- 22.** Additional quota spots received through Bipartite invitation allocation will be allocated in the same priority order as outlined in criteria 5.C.

6. Exceptional Circumstances, Injury, Illness, Pregnancy

- 1.** Nordiq Canada reserves the right to offer a nomination exemption to an athlete who is unable to meet the qualification criteria described in this document due to injury, illness, pregnancy, or other exceptional circumstances. These circumstances must be clearly documented before

the qualifying event in question and must be supported by a member of Nordiq Canada's medical team or by another approved equivalent before Nordiq Canada will submit the nomination for the consideration of the CPC. The CPC is the sole and final authority in determining if an exceptional nomination under this clause will be accepted

2. Nordiq Canada's HPD has the right to accept or reject any applications made under this Section.
3. Accepted curtailment of competition applications will be ranked as per 5.9.

QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECTION 6 FOR ILLNESS OR INJURY

4. Athletes seeking nomination to the 2026 PWGT pursuant to this Section 6 illness or injury must satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. In the case of injury or illness, the athlete's injury or illness must be documented by a licensed, qualified, and relevant medical health practitioner, which must be validated by the Nordiq Canada IST Lead and Team Doctor;
 - b. The athlete must submit a written application to the HPD within 7 days of being diagnosed with an injury or illness by a licensed, qualified, and relevant medical health practitioner.
 - c. The application must include the following:
 - i. A medical certificate completed by a licensed, qualified, and relevant medical health practitioner indicating the date and nature of the athlete's injury or illness with the prescribed rehabilitation program and an estimated recovery period, as well as the practitioner's opinion regarding whether the athlete will return to their normal state of health and 2024-25 Season level of performance prior to the commencement of the athlete's first competition at the 2026 PWG. Nordiq Canada may require the athlete to submit to a second evaluation and opinion;
 - ii. The IST and coaching staff's written recommendation regarding whether the athlete is unable to continue to compete during the 2025-26 season due to their injury or illness in order to allow

them to recover from their injury or illness prior to the commencement of their first competition at the 2026 PWG;

- iii. The athlete's written agreement that, for the period of time during which they are unable to fulfill their training and competition commitments as specified in their Athlete or Competition Agreement, they will train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of Nordiq Canada coaches and IST team at a level which minimizes risk to the athlete's health, and ensures optimum return to full training and competition at the earliest possible date; and
 - iv. The athlete's written confirmation of their intention to return to full high performance training and competition at the earliest date possible following the illness or injury.
5. When determining whether an athlete may be nominated pursuant to this Section 6, Nordiq Canada reserves the right to require that the athlete submit to a performance readiness test, the results of which will be kept confidential between the athlete, their coach and medical practitioner(s) and Nordiq Canada staff and the Nordiq Canada HPC (where relevant).
 6. The performance readiness test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial and the athlete will be given reasonable notice of the date of the test or trial, taking into account the circumstances of the athlete's illness or injury. 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 the Paralympic level.
 7. 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 for the 2026 PWG at their normal state of health and at the level of performance that would have otherwise justified their nomination to the 2026 PWGT. When making any of the aforementioned determinations, the HPD may consult with the IST Lead, Nordiq Canada medical doctor, the HPC or any other individual with relevant expertise.

8. If an athlete is required to undergo a performance readiness test as described above, the athlete will not be nominated to the 2026 PWGT 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 2026 PWGT.
9. If the athlete satisfies all the requirements described in this Section 6, including, if requested, satisfactory performance of a performance readiness test, they may be nominated pursuant to the appropriate priority in Section 5.
10. However, if the athlete does not satisfy all the requirements described in this Section 6, including, if requested, satisfactory performance of a performance readiness test, they shall not be nominated pursuant to Section 5.
11. The final decision to nominate an athlete to the CPC for the 2026 PWGT pursuant to this Section 6 shall be made by Nordiq Canada's HPD.

QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECTION 6 FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE

12. Athletes seeking nomination to the 2026 PWGT on the ground of an exceptional circumstance pursuant to this Section 6 must submit a written application to the HPD within two (2) days of the occurrence of the exceptional circumstance that prevented the athlete from competing in any competition during the 2025-26 season. The HPD may extend this deadline at their sole discretion depending on the nature of the exceptional circumstance.
13. The athlete's application must include evidence of the exceptional circumstance that prevented them from competing in any competition during the 2025-26 Season detailing they exhausted every reasonable avenue to compete, as well as any evidence that demonstrates that the athlete's performances were at the same level or better than their performances that allowed them to satisfy the performance requirements for nomination in Section 5.
14. When determining whether an athlete may be nominated pursuant to this Section 6 due to the occurrence of an exceptional circumstance, Nordiq Canada reserves the right to require that the athlete submit to a

performance readiness test, the results of which will be kept confidential between the athlete, their coach and medical practitioner(s) and Nordiq Canada staff and the Nordiq Canada HPC (where relevant).

15. The performance readiness test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial and the athlete will be given reasonable notice of the date of the test or trial, taking into account the nature of the exceptional circumstances. 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 the Paralympic level.
16. The objective of a performance readiness test shall be to determine whether the athlete's performances were at the same level or better than their performances that allowed them to satisfy the performance requirements listed in Section 5. When making any of the aforementioned determinations, the HPD may consult with the IST lead, Nordiq Canada Medical Doctor, the HPC or any other individual with relevant expertise.
17. If the athlete satisfies all the requirements described in this Section 6, including, if requested, satisfactory performance of a performance readiness test, they may be nominated pursuant to the appropriate priority in Section 5.
18. However, if the athlete does not satisfy all the requirements described in this Section 6, including, if requested, satisfactory performance of a performance readiness test, they shall not be nominated pursuant to Section 5.
19. The final decision to nominate an athlete to the CPC for the 2026 PWGT pursuant to this Section 6 shall be made by Nordiq Canada's HPD.

7. Competitive Readiness, Illness or Injury – Nominated Athletes

1. All selected Team members, following approval of nominations by the CPC, will need to demonstrate competitive readiness up to and including the 2026 Milano Cortina Paralympic Winter Games.
 - a. "Competitive readiness" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the 2026 Milano Cortina Paralympic Winter Games, as compared

- to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying through Section 5.
- b.** Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the Team at any time and replaced with an alternate athlete or none at all. Following nomination to the CPC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the HPD.
 - c.** Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2026 Milano Cortina PWG to the Nordiq Canada HPD.
 - d.** All nominated athletes will have their injury/health status assessed by Nordiq Canada prior to the CPC nomination deadline.
 - e.** In the case of injuries or illnesses, the HPD will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician, and the IST, or any other individual with relevant expertise in making the final decision.
 - f.** Nordiq Canada reserves the right to require any athlete nominated for the 2026 PWG be subject to a performance readiness test to assess their fitness.
 - g.** The HPD will make the final decision on competitive readiness.
- 2.** The performance readiness tests will consist of a controlled performance test such as a competition or observed test or trial and will be relevant to testing an athlete's readiness related to their stated injury or illness, and the athlete will be given reasonable notice of the date of the test or trial, taking into account the circumstances of the athlete's illness or injury. 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 Olympic level.
 - 3.** Any athletes subject to a performance readiness test will not travel with the Team to the 2026 Milano Cortina Paralympic Games or to any related training camp(s) until this requirement has been satisfied.
 - 4.** If the athlete's injury or illness occurs after they have travelled to the 2026

Milano Cortina Paralympic Games or any related training camp(s), the HPD may require the athlete to undergo a performance readiness test as described above at the training camp or in Milano (as applicable). If, following such a performance readiness test, it is determined by the HPD that the athlete is not competition ready, the athlete may be removed from the 2026 PWG Team and asked to return home immediately.

5. If the HPD, or COC personnel discover that an athlete has not disclosed an injury or illness after their selection to the 2026 PWG Team, the HPD may remove the athlete from the Team, and they may be asked to return home immediately.

8. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated

1. In addition to the reasons mentioned in Section 7 above, the HPD may, at any time, remove an athlete from the 2026 PWGT for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to maintain the training standards that were communicated to the athlete;
 - b. Failure to meet previously communicated performance standards in competition;
 - c. Failure to meet Competitive Readiness as defined in Section 7;
 - d. Failure to partake in mandatory training organized by Nordiq Canada;
 - e. Violation of Nordiq Canada's Code of Conduct or any other Nordiq Canada, FIS, IBU or CPC policies;
 - f. Behaviour counterproductive to creating a positive team environment and that disrupts Team cohesiveness;
 - g. Detrimental conduct to the Team or image of Nordiq Canada's national team program; or
 - h. Failure to adhere to the anti-doping rules or requirements of any Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the athlete.

9. Confirmation of Entries

1. Nominations to the CPC will be submitted immediately at the end of the qualifying period. The deadline for nominations to the CPC is February 17, 2026.
2. The list of nominated athletes, with rationale, will be made public at the time it is submitted to the CPC.

3. The CPC will approve and announce the final Paralympic Team selections on or before February 19, 2026.

10. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

1. This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Nordiq Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the HPD will, where possible, consult with the HPC to determine if the circumstances justify that competition or nomination take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the HPD shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.
2. Should it be necessary to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP that is conducted under the authority of Nordiq Canada, such decision shall be made by the HPD.
3. Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP shall be made: a) only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date (for example, due to public health restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of Nordiq Canada and b) as soon as reasonably possible after Nordiq Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.
4. If any event specified in this INP is canceled, Nordiq Canada's HPD shall determine whether it is feasible to reschedule the event in a different location and on a different date than previously scheduled and shall communicate any such decisions to reschedule the event to all impacted individuals as soon as reasonably possible, taking into account the time needed for athletes to prepare for the rescheduled event and for any logistical matters in relation to the event to be addressed, including, but not limited to, any matters related to Nordiq Canada's organization of the

event, as well as athlete and athlete entourage travel to the location of the rescheduled event.

5. Nordiq Canada's HPD may also determine, at its sole discretion, following consultation with the HPC, to hold alternative replacement events or assessments for the purpose of nomination to the OWG Team, including virtual events, but only where feasible and where the nomination procedure indicated in this INP, including the stated performance objectives, are not prejudiced.
6. Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled, or replaced, Nordiq Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
7. Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal and do not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Nordiq Canada.
8. In such circumstances, Nordiq Canada will determine if alternate events may be attended as a substitute for the event that Nordiq Canada has decided not to participate in and, if so, will modify this INP accordingly, publish the new version on Nordiq Canada's website, and inform all impacted individuals as soon as possible.
9. When making decisions regarding Nordiq Canada's travel to and participation in events for safety reasons, Nordiq Canada will endeavor to minimize any impact of such decisions on Olympic qualification, obtaining Olympic quota spots and domestic nomination to the Team. However, depending on the circumstances, athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety may be prioritized based on the advice of medical and public health safety experts.

11. Appeals

1. Athletes wishing to appeal decisions regarding team selection must follow the Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy. The Nordiq Canada appeal deadline will

be posted on the Nordiq Canada website with the team selection announcement.

2. If Nordiq Canada needs to submit nominations within 14 days of the nomination deadline to CPC, appeals MUST be directed to SDRCC and bypass the NSO appeals process. Special considerations will be made pending the final ranking eligibility time frames outlined in the Milano Cortina Qualification Regulations.

12. Staff Selections

ACCREDITED STAFF

1. The HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff for the 2026 PWG.
2. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of special lists best capable of assisting athletes to achieve podium performances at the PWG.
3. All staff selection decisions are subject to CPC approval.
4. Staff selection will be based on final confirmation of CPC quota allocations.
5. All coaches must be a registered or chartered professional coach with the Coaching Association of Canada by January 7, 2026.
6. Have a valid passport that does not expire for up to six (6) months after the Games (September 30, 2026).
7. Be in compliance with all certifications, including but not limited to relevant CPC, IF, and IOC eligibility requirements.
8. Sign, submit and comply with the CPC Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee Conditions of Participation form.
9. Be 18 years of age or older.
10. Be a member in good standing of Nordiq Canada.

NON-ACCREDITED STAFF

11. Notwithstanding CPC staff quota allocations noted above, Nordiq Canada may consider the selection of support staff in a non-accredited capacity. Non-accredited staff must comply with all CPC requirements. Costs may be incurred by the individual associated with this position.

13. Timeline Summary

Date	Event
June 2, 2025	FIS and IBU confirm to NSOs the number of World Ranking Factor, Compensation and Representation slots allocated.
July 1, 2025	NSOs confirm in writing to FIS and IBU use of allocated World Ranking Factor, Compensation and Representation slots.
October 24, 2025	Deadline for 2026 Paralympic Organizing Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NSOs ('Long List')
January 12, 2026	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process.
February 13, 2026	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations to FIS and IBU.
February 15, 2026	Deadline for athletes to achieve Para biathlon and Para cross-country skiing ranking points for eligibility purposes.
February 16, 2026	FIS and IBU confirm awarding of reallocation slots to Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.
TBD	Nordiq Canada nomination announcement for PWGT.
February 17, 2026	Deadline for Nordiq Canada to submit PWGT nominations to CPC for approval.
February 19, 2026	Final deadline for CPC review and approval of PWGT.
February 20, 2026	PN FIS/IBU confirms in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
February 20, 2026	Final day for CPC to register Canadian Paralympic Team with the Milano Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee.
TBD	CPC PWG Team announcement
March 2, 2026	Tentative Team arrival at Milano Cortina PWG site
March 6, 2026	2026 Milano Cortina Paralympic Winter Games

14. Funding Support

1. Funding support for selected athletes and staff will be in alignment with CPC Paralympic Team Size Policy and dependent on Nordiq Canada available resources.