

Competition Sanctioning

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1. Preamble

For the purposes of this document, competitions include cross country ski and para nordic competitions and roller ski competitions. This document also applies to other approved competitions Nordiq Canada clubs may host including, as an example, approved fun runs.

As the sport governing body for cross-country skiing, including para nordic and roller skiing, Nordiq Canada is responsible for providing direction so that Canadian cross-country ski competitions at all levels are scheduled, organized, and officiated to an approved and consistent standard.

In addition, Nordiq Canada has specific responsibility for the scheduling and conduct of nationally sanctioned competitions that will provide high quality domestic and international competition experiences to further develop Canadian ski racers.

Sanctioning is the mechanism through which Nordiq Canada discharges several competition-related responsibilities to ensure that:

- an approved standard of competition is provided regarding issues such as competition organization, rules, and safety;
- competition organizers and designated participants are protected by third-party general liability and directors and officers insurance;
- competition results are recognized within Nordiq Canada's high performance and athlete development systems through the Canada Points List; and
- the competition is formally integrated into the Nordiq Canada calendar, and the information is distributed to the national skiing community.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide direction for sanctioning Nordiq Canada-insured competitions.

3. Authority

This operational document is published under the authority of the CEO in consultation with the Sport Development Director.

4. Relevant Documents

This and the following related documents are available on the Nordiq Canada website, in the [Document Centre](#):

- Competition Officials Manual
- Cross Country Rules and Regulations (CCR)
- Hosting Major Events Policy
- Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
- Insurance Manual
- Race License Policy

5. Definitions

- Event.** Several competitions, which may include popular events and loppets, hosted by an Organizing Committee that occur at a particular site in a specified period.
- Competition.** An individual race on its own or within an event, incorporating one or more competition categories. Competitions can range from internal club events (e.g., Toonie Tuesday racing) to the highest level of competition.
- Canada Points List (CPL).** A national points system administered by Nordiq Canada that enables the results of each competitor holding a Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License or Development License to be compared to a national and international standard. Further information is available on the Nordiq Canada website, under Racing.
- Organizing Committee (OC).** The organization within the hosting Nordiq Canada member club(s) that is(are) responsible for planning and executing a competition or an event. For major events such as the Canadian Ski Nationals, the OC will include both an Event Organizing Committee (EOC) and a Competition Committee (CC).

- e. **Technical Delegate (TD).** A Nordiq Canada Level 3, Level 4 or Federation International de Ski (FIS)-trained Level 5 official who has the knowledge and experience required to provide guidance to OCs on the organization and conduct of ski competitions in accordance with current and approved rules and standards. The TD is one of the representatives of Nordiq Canada to the OC and is the guarantor that a competition will be conducted safely and according to Nordiq Canada rules.
- f. **Technical Advisor (TA).** A Nordiq Canada trained official who has the knowledge and experience required to provide guidance to OCs on the organization and conduct of competitions in accordance with current and approved rules and standards. The level of training required will depend on the complexity of the competition. The TA is one of the representatives of Nordiq Canada and the Division to the OC and is the guarantor that a competition will be conducted safely and according to Nordiq Canada rules.
- g. **Tier 1 Event.** An event that is multi-Divisional or national and primarily for the U20 and Open categories in the Learning to Compete-1 (L2C) to Train to Win (T2W) development stages. Designated racers earn FIS and CPL points. A Tier 1 event is sanctioned by FIS (Federation international de ski) and Nordiq Canada.
- h. **Tier 2 Event.** An event that is Divisional and primarily for the Train to Train (T2T) to Learn to Compete 2 (L2C-2) development stages. Designated racers earn Canada Points List points. A Tier 2 event is sanctioned by Nordiq Canada and the Division.
- i. **Tier 3 Event.** A competition or event that is neither Tier 1 nor Tier 2, is open to racers or participants who are not members of the host club, and for which more than \$5 per participant is collected. Tier 3 events may be primarily for the Fundamentals to T2T/L2C-1 development stages, inter-club events, or participation-focused community or popular events. A Tier 3 event is sanctioned by the Division.
- j. **Club Event or Club Competition.** An event or competition that is hosted by one club solely for its members. To be covered by third-party general liability insurance, there

- must be a public record (e.g., club minutes, website, social media) that the event or competition is to occur before the event or competition is held.
- k. **Club Activities.** All club registered programs and planned activities that are outside of events and competitions (e.g., coaching, officiating, time trials, pre-season activities, fundraising, social events) as approved by the club Board of Directors or Executive, as well as any incidental programs conducted by the club.
 - l. **Event Sanctioning.** A Tier 1, 2, or 3 competition is sanctioned when, through an approved application, an OC deemed to be competent by Nordiq Canada or the Division agrees to meet the criteria established by the sanctioning body (FIS, Nordiq Canada, Division) as outlined by policies, technical packages, and insurance requirements.

6. Policy

Nordiq Canada will establish the national race calendar and determine conditions for sanctioning in alignment with competition rules, development purposes, and other considerations designed to achieve Nordiq Canada objectives.

7. Insurance and the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement

- a. All events and competitions, regardless of level, must comply with the Nordiq Canada Insurance Manual, including having a public record of the event or competition. This is essential to protect the club, OC, and individuals. See the Insurance Manual for details.
- b. Every participant must sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement (ICAAR) annually, before participating in an activity, competition, or event. If the participant is under the age of majority in the province or territory in which the individual resides, a parent or guardian must sign the agreement on behalf of the participant. Coaches cannot sign an Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement in place of parents or legal guardians.

- c. Individuals who are Nordiq Canada club members or who hold a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License do not need to complete an Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement as part of registering for a competition; they will have signed the agreement already. It is the OC's responsibility to ensure that everyone else has signed the waiver and to keep the signed waivers for a period of 12 months.

8. FIS World Cups, World Championships and Equivalent Events

Refer to Nordiq Canada's Hosting Major Events Policy.

9. Tier 1 Events

- a. **Definition:** An event that is multi-Divisional or national and primarily for the U20 and Open categories in the Learning to Compete-1 (L2C) to Train to Win (T2W) development stages. Designated racers earn FIS and CPL points. A Tier 1 event is sanctioned by FIS (Federation international de ski) and Nordiq Canada.
- b. Examples of Tier 1 events can include the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals, the Nordiq Cup series, Nordiq Canada Selection Trials, the Canada Cup Series, the Eastern and Western Canadian Championships, and the Gatineau Loppet Open FIS category.
- c. The Sport Development Director schedules Tier 1 events in consultation with the High Performance Directors, the Events and Officials Manager, the Coaches Technical Committee, the Officials Working Group, OCs and their parent Division.
- d. Nordiq Canada will apply for FIS sanctions. OCs must complete the Nordiq Canada online sanction application by August 15 and are responsible for paying the FIS and Nordiq Canada sanction fee.
- e. FIS Competitions sanctioned at this level must take place on FIS homologated courses. OCs will work with Nordiq Canada to arrange homologation and are responsible for associated costs.

- f. Nordiq Canada will list all Tier 1 events on the Nordiq Canada calendar and the FIS calendar.
- g. Tier 1 events are run in accordance with current FIS and Nordiq Canada rules and regulations and are further governed by technical packages published by Nordiq Canada.
- h. Competition Committees follow the following minimum structure:
 - I. Technical Delegate – Level 5 FIS TD appointed by Nordiq Canada
 - II. Assistant Technical Delegate – Level 3 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by Nordiq Canada
 - III. Chief of Competition – Level 2 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by the OC
 - IV. Race Director – Level 3 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by Nordiq Canada
- i. OCs will identify Level 2 officials at all major levels of the Competition Committee. See Nordiq Canada Competition Officials Manual in the Nordiq Canada Document Centre for details on Competition Committee structure.
- j. Racers must hold a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License. See Race Licensing Policy for more details.
- k. Racers with a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License or FIS License will receive CPL points. Foreign FIS license holders are also included on the CPL when they include their FIS number in race registration. Racers with a FIS license will receive FIS points.
- l. OCs will post results to Zone4. If the OC does not use Zone4 for race registration and results, the OC must submit the results to Nordiq Canada on the Race Results Template (see Appendix A) before the end of the current CPL period for inclusion in the Canada Points List.
- m. The OC must incorporate the wax rules into the race notice and support Nordiq Canada in the transition to fluoro-free.

10. Tier 2 Events

- a. **Definition:** An event that is Divisional and primarily for the Train to Train (T2T) to Learn to Compete 2 (L2C-2) development stages. Designated racers earn Canada Points List points. A Tier 2 event is sanctioned by Nordiq Canada and the Division.
- b. Examples of Tier 2 events include provincial and territorial championships and provincial cups.
- c. Competitions are scheduled (date and venue) in accordance with decisions taken by Divisions in consideration of Nordiq Canada's event calendar.
- d. OCs apply for sanction and pay a sanction fee using Nordiq Canada's online system no later than 45 days in advance of the competition.
- e. Tier 2 events are listed in the Nordiq Canada calendar and the Division calendar.
- f. Tier 2 events are run in accordance with the current Nordiq Canada Competition Rules and Regulations (CCR) rules and regulations and are further governed by technical packages issued by Nordiq Canada and the Division.
- g. Competition Committees follow the following minimum structure:
 - I. Technical Delegate – Level 3 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by the Division
 - II. Chief of Competition – Level 2 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by the OC
 - III. Third Jury member – Level 2 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by the Division
 - IV. Race Director – Optional appointed by the Division (when implemented it is usually filled by a divisional events/official staff member)
- h. Racers in the U14 and older race categories must hold a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License. See Race License Policy for more details. Where they are permitted, Tier 2 Event Licenses (formerly called SMDL) must be sold to racers who do not hold a Nordiq Canada Race license, Associate Race License or FIS License as part of the online registration process.

- i. Racers with a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License or FIS License will receive CPL points. Foreign FIS license holders are also included on the CPL when they include their FIS number in race registration.
- j. OCs will post results to Zone4. If the OC does not use Zone4 for race registration and results, the OC must submit the results to Nordiq Canada on the Race Results Template (see Appendix A) before the end of the current CPL period for inclusion in the Canada Points List.
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11. Tier 3 Events

- a. **Tier 3 Event.** A competition or event that is neither Tier 1 nor Tier 2, is open to racers or participants who are not members of the host club, and for which more than \$5 per participant is collected. Tier 3 events may be primarily for the Fundamentals to T2T/L2C-1 development stages, inter-club events, or participation-focused community or popular events. A Tier 3 event is sanctioned by the Division.
- b. Examples of Tier 3 events can include the Canadian Ski Marathon, the Canmore Nordic Canada Day Run, and the Coupe des Fondeurs school ski races.
- c. Competitions are scheduled (date and venue) in accordance with decisions taken by Divisions.
- d. OCs apply to the parent Division for a sanction, including any applicable fees, in advance of the competition.

- e. Tier 3 events should be listed in the Division calendar.
- f. Tier 3 ski events are run in accordance with current Nordiq Canada Competition Rules and Regulations (CCR) unless otherwise determined by the Division.
- g. A competition committee is required and will include, at a minimum, a Chief of Competition who shall be a Level 1 Nordiq Canada Official appointed by the Competition Committee. The Division will appoint a technical advisor.
- h. Racers must purchase a Tier 3 Event License. See Race License Policy for more details.
- i. Results are not eligible for CPL points.

12. Club Events

- a. **Definition:** An event that is hosted by one club solely for its members. A club event is registered at the Division level. To be covered by third-party general liability insurance, there must be a public record (e.g., club minutes, website, social media) that the event or competition is to occur before the event or competition is held.
- b. Club events must comply with the Insurance Manual.

Appendix A: Race Results Template for Points Competitions Administered Outside of Zone 4

Race Name	Template – Canmore Rollerski Trials			
Location	Canmore AB			
Date	Month/day/year			
Category	Roller ski			
Gender	W			
Distance	10			
Time	FirstName	LastName	NordiqCanadaLicense	FISLicense
30:30.2			22610	
31:02.6			17570	