

Competition Trip Criteria

Selection Criteria

2020-21



- January 5, 2021 the following amendments were made:
 - Point 3.3.4 was amended to include a performance based trip fee reimbursement for athlete trip fees.
 - Point 5.5.2.c was amended to include the date of February 9th, 2021.
 - “Remaining team spots, to the maximum team size of 5, will be selected from the highest ranked World Cup finishes in an individual finish up to February 9th, 2021.”
- February 17, 2021 a footnote was added to clarify point 5.5.2.c.

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DISCLAIMER

Due to the changing and unpredictable events surrounding COVID-19, the terms, selection criteria, and competitions outlined in this document are subject to change at any time.

*Nordiq Canada's top priority is health of athletes and staffs. As such, it will follow best practices and recommendations from government health officials (domestic and international) in determining whether or not to proceed with any competition trip in this document. **Nordiq Canada reserves the right to cancel or amend any competition trip deemed unsafe.***

1. General Information and Objectives

- 1.1 To maximize Canada's nation ranking through world cup points, while managing risk associated with COVID-19 pandemic.** We will take Canada's most competitive performers to achieve these goals, as singularly, our goal is to achieve the necessary points for Canada to maintain or improve its nation rankings so as to secure quota spots 2022 Olympic Games.
- 1.2** This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes for international competition trips.
- 1.3** The process for the creation of Selection criteria is guided by the NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy.
- 1.4** Final decision authority for all selections is the Nordiq Canada High Performance Director (HPD) or their designate.
- 1.5** Selection decisions may be appealed under the Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy. Due to tight timelines, the appeal deadline is 24 hours after the Team notice has been announced on the Nordiq Canada website.
- 1.6** The Nordiq Canada HPD has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date under the following circumstances:
 - a.** In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Nordiq Canada that prevents the HPD from fairly and objectively implementing these selection procedures.
 - b.** When additional (or altered) information deemed relevant by Nordiq Canada to the criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, FIS, or any other relevant organization.
 - c.** To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the criteria.
 - d.** COVID-19 occurrences pertaining to, but not limited to: race cancellations or rescheduling, any country border limitations, travel restrictions, travel limitations, inability to maintain safety of athletes, etc.

- 1.7 Changes to this document will be communicated directly to the ski community by whatever means and wherever the original criteria was published. Nordiq Canada is not responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any amendments.
- 1.8 This policy does not require Nordiq Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
- 1.9 It is the Athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies. For clarification on the content of this document contact the HPD.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 Athletes must be Nordiq Canada members in good standing¹ with a valid Canadian passport, a Nordiq Canada racing license, and a valid FIS license.
- 2.2 Athletes will not be officially named to a competition Team until eligibility requirements have been verified by Nordiq Canada. Athletes selected to a competition Team will be notified by Nordiq Canada. The official Team will be announced by Nordiq Canada once all verification checks have been completed.
- 2.3 **Athletes must have the required FIS points to start in the 2020-21 World Cups in the event from the 2020-2021 NST list they are selected from OR have accumulated World Cup Points in the 2019-2020 competition season.**
- 2.4 Athletes must meet all FIS and other event entry standards for the competition(s) for which they qualified. The World Cup entry requirements are located on the [FIS website](#) (section 3.2).
- 2.5 Selected and pre-selected athletes must meet and sign-off on the following conditions to be eligible for a competition trip:
 - a. The athlete is in optimal health and completely recovered from any illness or injury 48 hours prior to the trip departure.
 - b. A negative COVID-19 test.
 - c. The athlete must be at a competitive ready performance level, as demonstrated throughout the training season and competition season. This assessment will be made by the NST Coach(s) and the HPD.
- 2.6 Curtailment of Competition (Curtailment of Health, Force Majeure):

¹ No outstanding payments to Nordiq Canada, Divisions, training groups, clubs, etc. Up-to-date club membership and licenses.

- a. An athlete starting in an event is deemed healthy and fit to compete, as such their results stand for any and all selection criteria.
- b. If an athlete does not start an event, a written exemption can be submitted requesting and explaining the rationale for not competing. This rationale must be submitted to the HPD within an hour prior to or after the race.
- c. Medical documentation confirming diagnosis from a licensed physician must be submitted to the HPD within 48 hours of the start of the selection race.
- d. Nordiq Canada reserves the right to have all submissions reviewed by the NST medical doctor or another licensed medical doctor.
- e. Acceptance of a curtailment of competition will be evaluated by the HPC for the trip.
- f. Acceptance will be evaluated and based on the most recent comparative objective data and proven international success, in the current and past competition season supporting the fact the athlete would have expected to qualify if they had been able to compete.
- g. Accepted curtailment of competition applications will be ranked in the subjective nominations. If there are no subjective nominations, they will be ranked against the last objectively qualified athlete using the most recent comparative data.
- h. Submission or acceptance of curtailment of competition does not guarantee event qualification.

3. Selection Guidelines

- 3.1 Only events listed in this document are considered for selection rankings and standards.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise stated in the specific event selection criteria, in the event of a tie after the selection criteria has been applied, it will be broken by the number of 1st place finishes, then the number of 2nd place finishes, etc. in the selection competitions. If there is still a tie, the HPD will make the final decision.
- 3.3 Team size has been established to be up to a maximum of 5 people per gender per age category. The HPD reserves the right to choose a number within this maximum to ensure the health and competitiveness of the team.
- 3.4 Trips fees are estimated costs and subject to change. Athletes are eligible for a performance-based trip fee reimbursement based on the following achievements and conditions:

- a. The following percent of trip fees² will be reimbursed to athletes achieving the following performance benchmarks in individual World Cup, World Ski Championships or World Junior/U23 Ski Championship races:
 - i. Top 20 final result = 50% reimbursement of total trip fee
 - ii. Top 12 final result = 75% reimbursement of total trip fee
 - iii. Top 6 final result = 100% reimbursement of total trip fee
 - b. Only official and final results will count; sprint qualifications and 'time of day' results will not be considered.
 - c. Reimbursements are not cumulative in a trip; only one reimbursement is applied per trip. If more than one performance benchmark is achieved the highest reimbursement percentage of the achieved performance benchmarks will be applied.
 - d. Reimbursements are not carried forward to other trips; they are only applied to the trip in which the performance benchmark was achieved. For example, a reimbursement applied to WC P3 for a top 20 finish is not applied to the World Ski Championship trip fee.
- 3.5 Athletes will not be eligible for a competition team unless they are healthy and in competition ready condition at the time of the competition trip departure. Athletes may be asked to provide a negative COVID-19 test before being allowed to leave the country. *See point 2.5.b.*
- 3.6 In the event a qualifying athlete is ineligible or otherwise unable to compete, the HPD may choose to select the next qualifying athlete for that trip.
- 3.7 Selection according to the criteria outlined in this document does not qualify an athlete for participation in any FIS event if the athlete does not meet eligibility requirements or qualifies in a lower ranking and the quota is filled.

4. World Cup (WC) Selection Criteria

- 4.1 Athletes must have the required FIS points to start in the 2020-21 World Cups in the event from the 2020-2021 NST list they are selected from OR have accumulated World Cup Points in the 2019-2020 competition season.
- 4.2 Team status on the World Cup does not include full funding from Nordiq Canada except for athletes in the FIS World Cup Red Group as per FIS rules.

² Trip fees reimbursements are inclusive of airfare and the \$165/day trip fee only as invoiced by Nordiq Canada. It does not include athlete expenses incurred outside of these costs.

4.3 Subject to quota spots, eligible athletes are selected in priority order as per the criteria outlined in the competition trip.

4.4 Team size is inclusive of the COC Leaders.

4.5 WORLD CUP PERIOD 1 (DECEMBER 1 – 20, 2020)

Races: Lillehammer, Davos, Dresden

Canada will not be attending due to Covid considerations.

4.6 WORLD CUP PERIOD 3 (JANUARY 19– FEBRUARY 8, 2021)

Races: Lahti, Falun, Ulricehamn

Team Size: up to a maximum of 5 women, 5 men

Trip Fee: \$165/day + flights

SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. COC Leaders
- b. Athletes who met Senior Program objective criteria from the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria* in order of priority of NST qualification. Objective criteria is all criteria listed under 4.51. and 4.52.I-IV. It does not include selection via ranking lists.
- c. Where team size is not complete and where the HPD agrees to select to maximum team size, remaining athletes will be ranked from the CPL selection lists used in the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria*³. Specifically, Distance 4 and Sprint 3 lists, as defined in Section 8 Appendix A of this document, will be used to objectively qualify and rank athletes. There will be no age restriction to the ranking lists.
 - i. Athlete selection will be made first from the Sprint 3 List, then the Distance 4 List.
 - ii. Any additional quota places will be allocated to 2nd place ranked athlete from the Sprint 3 List, then Distance 4 List. The process is repeated using 3rd place, 4th place, etc. finishers in the same list order until maximum team size is reached.
 - iii. This is NOT a roll down. Selection occurs across race rankings. For example, if a 2nd place athlete is already qualified the spot goes to the 2nd place athlete in the next priority race – it does not move down to the 3rd place athlete in the race with the already qualified 2nd place athlete.

4.7 WORLD CUP FINAL - PERIOD 5 (MARCH 10 – MARCH 14)

Races: Beijing, China. Oslo, Norway (12-14 March, 2021)

NOTE: At this time, the Beijing Test event has been cancelled.

³ Document can be located on the Nordiq Canada website or on request from the Nordiq Canada HPD or HPM

SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. Athletes selected to the 2021 Senior World Championship Team
- b. COC leader

5. 2021 Senior World Ski Championships (WSC) / P4 Selection Criteria

February 20 – March 7, 2021

Races: WC Nove Mesto, WSC Oberstdorf

Team Size: up to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women

Trip Fee: TBD

5.1 The designated Head Coach is the on-site authority at the WSC. Team selections and decisions will be made by the Head Coach in consultation with the HPM/HPD.

5.2 Selection Criteria

- a. Athletes who achieved a Top 30 WC individual final finish race result in 2020-21;
- b. Athletes who have a Top 12 U23 Championships individual finish 2021;
- c. Remaining team spots, to the maximum team size of 5, will be selected from the highest ranked World Cup ⁴finishes in an individual finish up to February 9th, 2021.
- d. **NOTE:** for P4, if the COC leader has not qualified for World Championships, they are still eligible to start Nove Mesto. In this exceptional circumstance, they will be in addition to the 5-team gender maximum. All Covid considerations will be followed and adhered to in this circumstance.

6. 2021 U23 Ski Championships Selection Criteria

January 30 – February 7, 2021

Races: WU23 Championships; Vuokatti, FIN

Trip Fee: \$3,000

6.1 Trip authority at the training camp and the Championships is the Team Head Coach.

6.2 Team Size

- a. Maximum of 5 athletes per gender for the U23 Championships.
- b. Maximum Team size is 10 athletes.
- c. The FIS quota is a maximum of 4 race starts per gender for each race. Each athlete is guaranteed one start at the World Championships.

⁴ To add clarification, the World Cup finishes referred to in point 5.2.c. are from the 2020-21 season. The intention of this selection criteria is to provide priority ranking for athletes with WC finishes from the 2020-21 season.

6.3 Selection Criteria

- a. Objective criteria from *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria* team selection in order of NST team qualification; Objective criteria is all criteria listed under 4.51. and 4.52.I-IV. It does not include selection via ranking lists. Objective criteria does not include criteria achieved through a ranking list.
- b. Eligible athletes ranked from CPL Lists used in the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria*. Specifically, Distance 4 and Sprint 3 lists will be used to objectively qualify and rank athletes, as defined in Section 8 Appendix A of this document.
 - i. For graduating Juniors (2000 YOB) athletes, we will apply their results from the CPL Sprint 2 List and use their points scored on that list for comparison with the other eligible U23s who will be evaluated with the Sprint 3 races.
 - ii. Athlete selection will be made first from the Sprint 3 List, then the Distance 4 List.
 - iii. Any additional quota places will be allocated to 2nd place ranked athlete from the Sprint 3 List, then the Distance 4 List. The process is repeated using 3rd place, 4th place, etc. finishers in the same list order until maximum team size is reached.
 - iv. This is NOT a roll down. Selection occurs across race rankings. For example, if a 2nd place athlete is already qualified the spot goes to the 2nd place athlete in the next priority race – it does not move down to the 3rd place athlete in the race with the already qualified 2nd place athlete.

7. 2021 World Junior Championships

January 30 – February 7, 2021

Races: WJR Championships; Vuokatti, FIN

Trip Fee: \$3,000

7.1 Team Size

- a. Maximum of 5 athletes per gender for the Junior Championships.
- b. Maximum Team size is 10 athletes.
- c. The FIS quota is a maximum of 4 race starts per gender for each race. Each athlete is guaranteed one start at the World Championships.

7.2 Selection Criteria

- a. From the adjusted trials ranking list (removal of graduated Juniors) from the 2019-2020 Designated Selection Trials - Mont-Sainte-Anne (January 31 – February 2, 2020):
 - i. First place JR male and female in the mass start skate race;
 - ii. First place JR male and female final result in the sprint skate race;
 - iii. First place JR male and female in the distance classic race

- 7.3 Any additional quota places will be allocated to 2nd place finishers from the selection criteria 7.a.i, 7.a.ii, and 7.a.iii. The process is repeated using 3rd place, 4th place, etc. finishers in the same order until maximum team size is reached.
- 7.4 This is NOT a roll down. Selection occurs across race rankings. For example, if a 2nd place athlete is already qualified the spot goes to the 2nd place athlete in the next priority race – it does not move down to the 3rd place athlete in the race with the already qualified 2nd place athlete.

8. APPENDIX A - Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures

- 8.1 Distance Races - For these selection criteria, all races longer than 2.0 km will be designated as a Distance Race. This could be an individual start, mass start, pursuit or skiathlon competition. An Athlete selected or identified in a Distance Race will be referred to as a distance athlete.
- 8.2 Sprint Events - For these selection criteria, all individual races that are shorter than or equal to 2.0 km and two-athletes team events where each leg is shorter than or equal to 2.0 km are designated individual sprints or team sprints. These races will be designated as a Sprint Event. An athlete selected or identified in a Sprint Event will be referred to as a sprint athlete. All references to sprint results in these criteria are references to final results unless otherwise noted.
- 8.3 Tier One Selection Events – A categorization of races used for team selection and trip standards that is limited to domestic and international FIS sanctioned races that count towards the FIS points list.
- 8.4 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 heats, pre-qualification times, team relay, or team sprint times are not considered individual final finish race results. World Cup (WC) points must be awarded for any result to be considered a WC race result.
- 8.5 Competition Ready: Defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
- 8.6 Sprint 3 List – The sprint selection ranking list comprised of CPL points from the 3 best sprint races from the 2019-20 competition season as referenced and outlined in the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria* and used in the selection of the 2020-21 NST.

- 8.7 Distance 4 List - The distance selection ranking list comprised of CPL points from the 4 best distance races from the 2019-20 competition season as referenced and outlined in the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria* and used in the selection of the 2020-21 NST .

- 8.8 Sprint 2 List - The sprint selection ranking list will be comprised of CPL points from the 2 best sprint races at the 2019-20 competition season as referenced and outlined in the *2020-21 NST Selection Criteria* for designated criteria selection events for the Junior Development and Prospect programs and used in the selection of the 2020-21 NST.