



2023-2024 Nordiq Canada Events Primer

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A complete definition of Competition Sanctioning and Events can be found [here](#).

DOMESTIC RACE SCHEDULE

Date	Title	Selections	Race Formats	Event Location
Dec. 2 Dec. 3	Western Canada Cup / Coupe Canada de l'ouest		Sprint CL 10km F Mass	Sovereign Lake, BC.
Dec. 9 Dec. 10	Tier 2 Alberta Cup	National YOG Selections	Sprint F 7.5km Classic	Canmore, AB
Dec. 12 Dec. 13 Dec. 16 Dec. 17	SuperTour and Nordiq Cup (COC)/ SuperTour et Coupe Nordiq (COC)	COC event Sprint Series Event Tour de Ski	Sprint F Mass Start CL Sprint CL Mass Start F	Anchorage, Kincaide Park, AK.
Dec. 15 Dec. 16 Dec. 17	Eastern Canada Cup / Coupe Canada de l'Est		Sprint F 5km F Interval (U18 Sprint) 10km CL Interval	ENGNE Nakkertok, QC.
Jan. 4 Jan. 6 Jan. 7	Nordiq Canada Selection Trials Nordiq Cup (COC) / Essais de Nordiq Canada et Coupe Nordiq (COC)	COC event Sprint Series Event Development Team Criteria Jr/U23 Worlds Selection U20 USA SuperTour WC P3, P4, P5	Sprint F 10km CL Interval 20km F Mass Start	Mont Sainte-Anne, QC.
Jan. 12 Jan. 13 Jan. 14	Western Championships Canada Cup / Championnats de l'Ouest		Sprint F 15km Interval CL 5km F Mass Start	Canmore, AB
Feb. 2 Feb. 3 Feb. 4	Eastern Championships Canada Cup / Championnats de l'Est		Sprint F 5km CL Interval 10 F Mass Start	Bishops, Sherbrook, QC.



Mar. 9	2024 Nordiq Canada	COC Event	Training	ENGNE Nakkertok, QC.
Mar. 10	Ski Nationals / Nordiq	Sprint Series Event	10km F Interval	
Mar. 11	Canada Ski Nationals /	Development Team Criteria	U16/U18 Sprints CL	
Mar. 12	Championnats		U20/Open Sprints CL	
Mar.13	Canadien de ski	U18 USA Tour	OFF	
Mar. 14	Nordiq Canada 2024	U20 USA Super Tour	Team Sprint F	
Mar.15			U16/U18 CL Mass	
Mar. 16			Open Mass CL	

A. CANADA CUPS

December 2-3– Sovereign Lake, Vernon, B.C. West

December 15-17 – Nakkertok Nordic Centre, Gatineau, QC. East

- Emphasis on providing developmentally appropriate regional racing and reducing travel and costs to athlete and clubs. Building from East/West series.
- Tier 1 - FIS sanctioned for the combined Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups.
- A Canadian athlete participating in the FIS sanctioned races aiming to obtain FIS points must have:
 - An active Nordiq Canada Race License, **AND** an active FIS license
- Combined with regional Tier 2 (non-FIS sanctioned) events and regional race series
- CPL points awarded to holders of Nordiq Canada racing licenses.

NORDIQ CANADA SELECTIONS AT CANADA CUPS

- None

B. WESTERNS/EASTERNS

January 12-14 – Canmore, AB Westerns

February 2-4 – Bishops, Sherbrook, QC. Easterns

- Emphasis on providing developmentally appropriate regional racing and a regional celebration
- Tier 1 - FIS sanctioned for the combined Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups.
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 - An active Nordiq Canada Race License, **AND** an active FIS license.
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NORDIQ CANADA SELECTIONS AT EASTERNS/WESTERNS

- None

C. NORDIQ CUPS – Continental Cup (COC) series

Historically, Nordiq Canada has used the FIS COC event term 'NorAm' series for selection of our Continental Cup leaders. NorAm is outdated terminology and has been replaced with the name 'Nordiq Cups'.

- Tier 1 - FIS sanctioned for the combined Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups.
- For 2023-2024, the Nordiq Cups will be held in conjunction with:
 - US SuperTour
 - Nordiq Canada Selection Trials
 - 2024 Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals
- A Canadian athlete participating in the FIS sanctioned races aiming to obtain FIS points must have:
 - An active Nordiq Canada Race License, **AND** an active FIS license
 - Tier 2 Event Licenses are not permitted in the FIS categories
- For US Super Tours Canadians must hold a FIS license, or U.S. Ski & Snowboard Short-Term memberships

a. Nordiq Cup and US SuperTour

December 12-13 and 16-17 – Kincaide Park, Anchorage, AK.

- Tier 1

NORDIQ CANADA SELECTION PURPOSES

- COC leader – Tour de Ski

b. Nordiq Canada Selection Trials

January 4, 6, 7 – Mont Sainte-Anne, QC

- Tier 1
 - Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups, only
 - U16/U18 add on event

NORDIQ CANADA SELECTION PURPOSES

- 2024 FIS World Junior and U23 Nordic Ski Championship Team
- COC leader P3, P4 and P5
- World Cup P4
- U20 USA B Tour
- Development Team Part 1 (U20)



c. Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals

March 10-16 - Nakkertok Nordic Centre, Gatineau, QC.

- Tier 1 and 2 event
 - Combined with Nordiq Cup (COC) races

NORDIQ CANADA SELECTION PURPOSES

- COC Leader selection for P1 2024-2025
- U18 USA B Tour
- U20 USA B Tour
- Development Team

D. Alberta Cup 1&2

December 9-10, Canmore, AB.

- Tier 2 (non-FIS sanctioned)

NORDIQ CANADA SELECTION PURPOSES

- Youth Olympic Games
- Athletes must have an active Nordiq Canada Race License, **AND** an active FIS license

RELEVANT CRITERIA

Consult the Nordiq Canada Document Center:

- Competition Sanctioning and Licensing
- Race License Policy
- 2023-2024 Competition Trip Criteria
- 2023-2024 Continental Cup Selection Criteria
- 2024-2025 National High Performance Program Selection Criteria
- 2024 Youth Olympic Games Selection Criteria
- 2024-2025 Athlete Assistance Program

SPRINT STRUCTURE AND RANKING LISTS

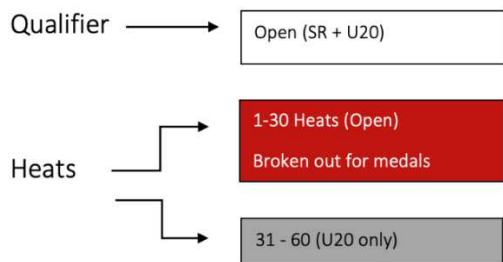
CANADA CUPS, NORDIQ CUPS, EASTERNS, WESTERNS, NORDIQ CANADA SKI NATIONALS

- There will only be one category for these events: Open (U20 + Senior)
 - U20's MUST REGISTER AS A U20 however If a U20 makes top 30 in the qualifier they WILL BE PLACED in the Open category for heats and finals
 - There will be another round of heats and finals for the next best 30 ranked U20s only
- Athletes are to register in their date of birth age categories
- Heats will be separated into:



- A. Open (1 – 30) – which will be the Top 30 athletes of U20 and Senior age categories
- B. U20 only (31 – 60) – comprised of the next best U20s who did not qualify for the Top 30.
- If a SR does not qualify in the top 30 Open, they do not carry onto heats.

SPRINT STRUCTURE



HEAT EXAMPLE

Heats = 1-30 (U20 / SR)

29. U20

30. SR

31. U20 – 31 place for heats

32. SR

33. SR

34. U20 – 32 place for heats

35. SR

36. U20 – 33 place for heats

Medals, Awards and Ranking Lists

- Final ranking lists for medals, merchandise awards and Competition Trip and NST selections will be done from the Open Final rankings then the U20 Final rankings

OPEN FINALS – EXAMPLE OF FINAL RANKING LIST

Final Open Heat Ranking	Senior Awards/Medals COC RANKING	U20 Awards/Medals	U20 World Championship Trials Race Selection Ranking List	U23 World Championship Trials Race Selection Ranking List
1. Senior (U23)	First			First



2. U20	Second	First	First	Second
3. U20	Third	Second	Second	Third
4. Senior (U23)	Fourth			
5. Senior	Fifth			
6. U20		Third	Third	
7. Senior (U23)				

- Once ranking in the Open heats are complete, ranking will continue into the U20 Heats

DOMESTIC EVENT TIERS

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.

Nordiq Cup (COC):

The primary purpose is to select Continental Cup (COC) leaders. The name 'NorAm' is outdated terminology and has been replaced with the name 'Nordiq Cups'.

- Tier 1 - FIS sanctioned for the combined Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups
 - Examples of Nordiq Cups can include Nordiq Canada Selection Trials, Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals, Nordiq Cup (COC) series.

Canada Cups:

Emphasis on providing developmentally appropriate regional racing and reducing travel and costs to athlete and clubs. Building from East/West series.

- Tier 1 - FIS sanctioned for the combined Open category – consisting of the Senior, U23, U20 age groups.
- Combined with regional Tier 2 (non-FIS sanctioned) events and regional race series
 - Examples of Canada Cups can include Eastern and Western Championships and Canada Cup Series.

Tier 2 Events:

An event that is Divisional (PTSO) 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.

- Examples of Tier 2 Events can include provincial and territorial championships, provincial cups and Canada Winter Games.

Tier 3 Events:

A competition or event that is neither a Tier 1 nor a 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/L2C1 development stages, inter-club events, or participation-focused community or popular events.

- 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.

Club Event or Club Competition:

An event or competition that is hosted by one club solely for its members.

SPRINT SERIES

Nordiq Canada Sprint Series Objectives:

Nordiq Canada is introducing the Sprint Series to meet the following objectives:

- Value the development of speed as an athletic ability in our system
- Address the speed gap currently in our system
- Emphasize and value domestic racing
- Create opportunities and additional pathways for AAP selection

Eligible Competitions in the 2023-2024 season:

Date	Place	Category	Format
Period 1			
December 12-17, 2023	Anchorage, AK, USA	Nordiq Cup	SP F, SP C
Period 2			
January 4, 2024	Mont Sainte-Anne, QC	Nordiq Cup	SP F
Period 3			
January 12, 2024	Canmore, AB	Canada Cup	SP F
February 2, 2024	Sherbrooke, QC	Canada Cup	SP F
Period 4	NO EVENTS		
Period 5			
March 9-16, 2024	Nakkertok, QC	Nordiq Cup/2024 Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals	SP C



For eligibility, series scoring, and prizing, consult Nordiq Canada Sprint Series 2023-2024, as posted in the Nordiq Canada Document Center.