

Criteria	Feedback	Feedback Rationale	Adjustment	HPD Rationale
Competition - Olympic	Select one (or two) positions for WJR before Christmas on CPL ranking list.	Allows athletes to prioritize training during holidays and time peak for Championships.	No adjustment	In our selections, we prioritize head to head racing when possible. We also no longer use CPL points in any of our selection criteria or benchmarks.
Competition - Olympic	Change P3 objective criteria 4.3.b to 2 x top 20.	Criteria biased towards athletes at Tour. 1 x top 20 is not difficult enough compared to 2 x top from P1 and factoring in potential lower depth of field at Tour during WSC year.	Change in 4.3 to top-15. Also adjusted 5.0.	This change aligns with P2.  Also promotes increased value of trials events and head to head racing.
Competition - Olympic	Why is trials not more prioritized for Seniors for P3 and WSC.	High cost of travelling to different events. More travel. Domestic events should be prioritized over US events.	Remove Cable Wisconsin events from P3 (4.3) and WSC (5.0).	Promote head to head racing at trials for Open athletes. Reduce financial and travel burdens for athletes and teams. Allow athletes to have more flexibility to create early season competition and training plans that align with goals.
Competition - Olympic	Why are FISU east trials at same time as US Super tour?	Athletes must choose one or other, miss out on a good opportunity.	No adjustment	Promote head to head racing for selection of teams. Eastern athletes and coaches have asked for FISU selections in east. Snow conditions do not allow an easter event to happen earlier in December. Firm deadlines for FISU registration does not allow for a later selection event.
Competition - Olympic	High priority of Cable, Wisconsin, advantages eastern athletes.	Higher cost for travel for western athletes. Why not just add a skate sprint at trials and prioritize this event more where top Open athletes will be competing.	Remove Cable, Wisconsin from selection criteria.	New ranking from trials in development.

Competition - Olympic	FISU games should be considered for WC and WSC criteria.	Believe it is impressive result.	No adjustment.	Currently we do not have enough data to use FISU for selections. Will look at collecting more historical data for future criteria.
Competition - Olympic	How is ranking list created for WJR?	Then, how is it used? Unclear how much discretion is used.	No adjustment	Ranking list created using “final finish place results”. Not sum of points or WC scoring. Selections are prioritized on the ranking lists. Discretion is only used between the ranking lists to ensure the strongest team is selected.
Competition - Olympic	Is there more information on B Tour?	Dates, schedule?	Dates and location added.	Full dates of the B tour will be posted with the trip information document.
Competition - Olympic	Overall, there is a lot of discretion in the criteria.	Greater use of objective criteria can be better.	Will review criteria to look at opportunities to provide more clarity and transparency around criteria.	We have taken lessons from last couple of years where discretion was used and applied those cases to create greater use of objective criteria. See points 4.3 and 5.0. Additionally, athlete and coach feedback over last two years has been consistently for more discretion to be applied.
Sprint Series	Value of sprint events in Cable, Wisconsin, unfairly penalizes athletes in west.	Add a skate sprint at trials.	In development.	In development.
Sprint Series	Why is there not the same emphasis on distance racing.			Historically as an NSO, we have had more bias built into our criteria and race opportunities in favour of distance events. More distance races in a year vs sprint – on average twice as many.

				COC series weighted more strongly for distance athletes. We have identified a major gap in our system on speed development. Creation of the Sprint Series is part of Nordiq Canada's multi-pronged approach to prioritizing speed development throughout our athlete pathway and to encourage athletes to prioritize sprint events as a viable pathway to international success without the need to be a distance or all-around athlete.
Sprint Series	What is the objective of the Sprint Series?	Is it just to give \$500 to the leader at the end of the year.		Intent of the Sprint series is to place a value on speed and sprint racing in a sport that has significant bias towards distance racing. Sprint leader after P2 qualifies for P3.
Competition - Olympic	Please ensure the wording for 6.0, WJR and U23s, is consistent with 2023-24.		Reviewed.	Wording is the same. This selection process has stayed consistent since 2022-23.
Competition - Olympic	4.1 P1 criteria top 15 and 2 x top 20 were not announced during last year.	Athletes did not know the standard last year, can also be viewed as criteria manipulation for Nordiq Canada.	No adjustment. This can be looked at by HPC for future criteria development.	Criteria for an upcoming season has historically been developed after another competition season. Criteria is ultimately always being manipulated to adapt to current athlete pool and to foster future potential performance.
Competition - Olympic	4.2 P2 team size should be increased.	Maximize FIS nations points in pursuit of Olympic quota	Increased max team size to 6.	

Competition - Olympic	4.3 P3 Nove Mesto canceled and moved to Cogne		Change made to Cogne.	Race formats not approved yet by FIS.
Competition - Olympic	5.0 - are WJR and U23 standards listed for team events also.	Much easier standard than for individual.	Clarification added	Standards are for individual events only.
Competition - Olympic	6.0 - why do we not include Cable, Wisconsin in COC series.	Most athletes will be there.	No adjustment.	We are removing Cable for selections due to high feedback.
Competition - Olympic	7.0 - suggest cancelling this tour.	With low budgets, suggest maximizing dollars to better support and lower costs for WC and WJR projects.	No adjustment.	Development is a high priority in the Nordiq Canada strategic plan. B tour provides not only an important opportunity for U18 and U20 athletes to race internationally, it is also an extremely important opportunity to strengthen our national coach and wax tech pathways. Leading and supporting international trips is a key step in NCCP certification.
Competition - Olympic	High cost of travel to athletes to go from Sovereign to Cable to do selection races for WC and U23s.		Removing Cable from criteria.	As highlighted in other responses. High feedback rate.
Sprint Series	Please clarify if the sprint list includes non-Canadian athletes.		Clarification added to criteria.	Yes, Sprint and COC ranking lists include all athletes regardless of nationality.

NHPP - Olympic	Far too much discretion	Too much power in the hands of the HPD	No adjustments	All discretionary nominations are done in consultation with the High Performance Committee members, who's input has extremely strong weighting in all discretionary nominations.
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NHPP – Olympic	Curtailement of health should be used as little as possible.	No rationale provided.	No adjustments	Curtailement of Competition is designed to protect the health of the athlete.
NHPP - Olympic	There is no team sprint qualifier at nationals	Development team criteria should be adjusted/	Removal of team sprint from U18 sprint ranking list.	
NHPP - Olympic	Can there be a criteria for a national group for an exceptional result at FISU.	Less opportunities for senior athletes to qualify for NHPP due to no domestic WC.	No adjustments.	Currently we do not have enough data to use FISU for selections. Will look at collecting more historical data for future criteria. Additionally, FISU is not a priority event for Nordiq Canada HP programs, it falls under our Development priorities.
Competition - Olympic	Too much weighting for a relay result on World Cup.	Relays should be made up of best athletes on the day.	No adjustments.	We agree that relays should be comprised of best athletes on the day, this is historically how relays are selected. However, the relay is an event, no different than an individual event. Statistically it is the best opportunity for

				<p>medals at championships. Important that an athlete can prioritize a team event the same way they might prioritize an individual event.</p> <p>This is simply another pathway for an athlete to be nominated.</p>
<p>Competition - Olympic</p>	<p>Too much discretion has been used.</p>	<p>No rationale provided.</p>	<p>No adjustments.</p>	<p>All discretionary nominations are done in consultation with the High Performance Committee members, who's input has extremely strong weighting in all discretionary nominations.</p> <p>NHPP discretionary nominations have been consistent over last two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athletes who have virtually met a criteria (21<sup>st</sup> for top 20).</li> <li>- Athletes who have achieved an exceptional performance (gold medal U23s)</li> <li>- Two-years for athletes who have met an objective criteria</li> </ul>
<p>Competition - Olympic</p>	<p>Why do we need Curtailment of Heath.</p>	<p>HPD discretion can be used.</p>	<p>No adjustments.</p>	<p>Curtailment of health is a best practice for selection criteria under the policies of Sport Canada and Nordiq Canada's governance. Curtailment of Competition is designed to protect the health of the athlete.</p>

Competition - Olympic	4.2.d, 4.4.e and 5.c should include top half		No adjustments	All criteria unless specifically stated, must meet the definitions in 9.4-7, which includes “top half”.
Competition - Olympic	4.3.h this should be ranked higher.	Trials should always have selections to be achieved.	See updated draft 2.	We value head to head racing. We also value exceptional international results. In this case, we have set the standard at top-15, which we feels far exceeds the performance required to be nominated to the team via a trials.
Competition - Olympic	5.h.i is irrelevant,	already listed in 5.e	Adjusted in draft 2 as 5.d, now top-15	
Competition - Olympic	5.h.ii-iii should be ranked below domestic events.	Unless U20 and U23 athletes win in Thunder Bay, should not be ranked ahead of seniors from trials.	No adjustments.	Purpose of trials is to select athletes to compete internationally. Priority selection for WSC is athletes who achieve an exceptional performance at an international event at a time of year that is much closer to the WSC, a better indication of form and ability to perform internationally than a ranking list at a trials in early January.