

# National Ski Team

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Selection Criteria

**2021-22**



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NOTE: This version of the criteria was approved and translated prior to changes to the 2020-21 Competition Trip Criteria and domestic race calendar, as such this document will be amended accordingly. Amendments to the document will be announced and posted to the website once approved.

Nordiq Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact the criteria for National Ski Team selection. Situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the criteria. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this criteria, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Nordiq Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

## **1. General Information**

- 1.1** This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes to the National Ski Team.
- 1.2** This document is created following the NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy.
- 1.3** Final decision authority for National Ski Team selections is the Nordiq Canada High Performance Director (HPD) as per the NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy.
- 1.4** Selection decisions may be appealed under the Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy.
- 1.5** The Nordiq Canada HPD, or acting representative, 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.

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.

- 1.6 Athletes and coaches are responsible for reading and understanding the contents of this and supporting documents and policies. For clarification contact the HPD.

## 2. Selection Guidelines

- 2.1 Only Nordiq Canada members in good standing<sup>1</sup> with a registered Nordiq Canada club, a valid Canadian passport, a valid Nordiq Canada race license and FIS license will be considered for NST selection.
- 2.2 The only races considered for NST selection are the World Ski Championships, World Cup, World JR/U23 Ski Championships, Canadian Trials Races, and the Canadian Nationals.
- 2.3 Selection races must reflect a competitive depth of field that will be assessed using the following: number of nations in attendance, and the number of red group and seeded group athletes attending the event.
- 2.4 Selection criteria are based on performance benchmarks an athlete achieved in order to be podium competitive at that development stage.
- 2.5 Curtailment of Training and Competition for Health-Related Reasons (COH) – Members of the NST and Prospects program unable to achieve objective qualification due to illness or injury must make a written declaration of submission to the HPD (or HPM in absence of) as to why they failed to achieve qualification. This provision only applies when athlete performance is compromised because they have not been able to train or compete for an extended period and has a positive prognosis within 8 to 12 months. An athlete who starts a race is deemed healthy and fit to compete, as such their results

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<sup>1</sup> Examples of 'good standing' would be a positive relationship with no outstanding payments or obligations to any organization operating under or supporting Nordiq Canada.

stand for any and all selection criteria. To be considered for COH the following conditions must be met:

- Notification to the HPD/HPM at the time the injury or illness occurs
- Consistent communication of the athlete's health and performance status to the HPD or HPM during the time the athlete is unable to train or compete
- documentation confirming diagnosis by a licensed medical physician
- a letter from the athlete's coach outlining the impact of the illness, or injury
- a return to training and competition plan for the current and upcoming season
- supporting documentation (i.e. physiotherapist/ massage therapist) of the athlete's treatment

Medical documents will be reviewed by the NST team physician. In the case the team physician is unavailable, another physician will be appointed by Nordiq Canada to review the documentation.

Athletes meeting the COH conditions outlined above will be evaluated using objective data. The data must support the premise the athlete would have qualified for the NST if not for the injury or illness. Objective data reviewed could include, but not be limited to; current and previous season FIS points, race performance results, etc.

Athletes with an accepted COH will be ranked within the NST criteria for that season using a combination of their current and previous season's results.

The declaration and all documentation must be submitted to the HPD before **April 4, 2021 11:59 AM MST**. Submissions will not be accepted after this deadline.

### **3. National Ski Team Programs**

- 3.1** The National Ski Team is comprised of the Senior and Junior programs.
- 3.2** Athletes named to the NST will receive access to high performance resources based on their qualification priority. For example, an athlete who qualifies on selection criteria A will have access to more resources than an athlete who qualifies on criteria B or C regardless of which program they are selected to.
- 3.3** **Senior Program**
  - a.** The Senior Program is to develop athletes with the ability to be consistently competitive on the World Cup circuit.
  - b.** The objective of the program is to create consistent progression in World Cup rankings.

- c. Only athletes in the senior age category (YOB 2001 and under) are eligible for this program as per the Nordiq Canada Competition Pathway model.

### **3.4 Junior Program**

- a. The Junior program is to develop athletes who have demonstrated potential to be competitive on the World Cup and transition to the Senior Program.
- b. The objective of this program is to incorporate and prepare junior athletes for being part of the NST high performance program and provide international competition and training experience.
- c. Only athletes in the junior (JR) age category (YOB 2002-2003) are eligible for the Junior program as per the Nordiq Canada Competition Pathway model.

## **4. NST Selection Criteria**

- 4.1 Selection for the Senior and Junior Programs will be done in order of priority ranking as listed below with 4.6.a being the highest ranking and 4.8.m being the lowest ranking.
- 4.2 All criteria are for competitions held in the 2020-21 season.
- 4.3 World Cup points always refers to World Cup points achieved in an individual race. World Cup points achieved from a relay or team event do not count toward individual World Cup points required for this selection criteria.
- 4.4 Athletes may qualify under a criteria above their age grouping, and will be ranked according to that criteria ranking; however they will remain within the NST program appropriate to their development. Ex. A JR athlete can qualify on a U25 criteria however they will remain in the Junior Program.
- 4.5 Athletes meeting the same criteria will be ranked on their single best race results in all eligible races until the tie is broken.

28+ = Athletes born in or before 1993

U27 = Athletes born in 1994 - 1995

U25 = Athletes born in 1996 - 1997

U23 = Athletes born in 1998 – 1999

U21 = Athletes born in 2000

U20 = Athletes born in 2001

JR-19 = Athletes born in 2002

JR-18 = Athletes born in 2003

WSC = World Ski Championships

OWG = Olympic Winter Games  
WC = World Cup  
WJR = World Junior Ski Championships  
U23 WSC = U23 World Ski Championships

#### 4.6 **Selection Criteria A**

- a. 28+ One top 3 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- b. 28+ Two top 6 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- c. 28+ 60 World Cup individual race points
  
- d. U27 One top 6 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- e. U27 Two top 12 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- f. U27 44 World Cup individual points
  
- g. U25 One top 12 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- h. U25 Two top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- i. U25 22 World Cup individual points
  
- j. U23 One top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- k. U23 Two top 30 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- l. U23 One top 6 U23 WSC individual final finish race result
  
- m. U21 one top 30 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- n. U21 two top 40 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- o. U21 one top 10 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
  
- p. U20 One top 10 WJR individual final finish race result
- q. JR-19 One top 15 WJR individual final finish race result
- r. JR-18 One top 20 WJR individual final finish race result

#### 4.7 **Selection Criteria B**

- a. 28+ One top 6 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- b. 28+ Two top 12 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- c. 28+ 44 World Cup individual points
  
- d. U27 One top 12 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- e. U27 Two top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- f. U27 22 World Cup individual points
  
- g. U25 One top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- h. U25 Two top 25 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- i. U25 11 World Cup individual points
  
- j. U23 One top 30 WSC/OWG/WC **open** individual final finish race result
- k. U23 One top 12 U23 WSC individual final finish race result

- l. U21 one top 40 WSC/OWG/WC **open** individual final finish race result
- m. U21 one top 16 U23 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
  
- n. U20 One top 20 WJR individual final finish race result
- o. JR-19 One top 25 WJR individual final finish race result
- p. JR-18 One top 30 WJR individual final finish race result

**4.8 Selection Criteria C**

- a. 28+ One top 12 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- b. 28+ Two top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- c. 28+ 22 World Cup individual points
  
- d. U27 One top 20 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- e. U27 Two top 25 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- f. U27 11 World Cup individual points
  
- g. U25 One World Cup individual point
  
- h. U23 One top 40 WSC/OWG/WC individual final finish race result
- i. U23 One top 18 U23 WSC individual final finish race result
  
- j. U21 one top 22 U23 WSC individual final finish
  
- k. U20 One top 25 WJR individual final finish race result
- l. JR-19 One top 30 WJR individual final finish race result
- m. JR-18 Top 50% WJR individual final finish race result

4.9 In the event the minimum NST requirements are unable to be filled with the above criteria, the HPD has the discretion to select the highest ranking athlete from the U23 and Junior ranking lists (see Definitions).

## 5. NST Team Composition

- 5.1 Team size is determined by the HPD based on budget, available program support and athlete potential for podium success at the 2022 and 2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG). Team size will be determined prior to Team selection.
  
- 5.2 The NST will be comprised of the following minimum numbers to a maximum size of 16 (as per 5.5.1):

	Female	Male
24+	No minimum	No minimum
U23	1	1
U20	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

## 6 Definitions

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 U23 Ranking List – The U23 Ranking list is comprised of the FIS points from an athlete’s two best distance and one best sprint results in eligible races that all athletes have access to. If a ranking list is unable to be created with 2020-21 race results then 2019-20 race results will be used from comparable races (i.e. Nationals, Trials).
- 6.4 Junior Ranking List – The Junior Ranking list is comprised of the FIS points from an athlete’s two best distance and one best sprint results in eligible races that all athletes have access to. If a ranking list is unable to be created with 2020-21 race results then 2019-20 race results will be used from comparable races (i.e. Nationals, Trials).