

Nordiq Canada – Tier 1 Competition

Technical Package

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1. General Introduction

The following table outlines what parts of this document are just for information and what parts explain an obligation of one of the parties. In all cases these elements can be discussed with the Nordiq Canada Director of Events, and deviations may be allowed. The table has the following columns:

- CC – Canada Cups
- NAT – Nationals
- Cont – Continental Cups
- J23 – Junior and U23 Trials

In each of the columns the following shortforms are used. Note that some discretion for document brevity has been taken, so there may be some sections where all the details have not been fully allocated.

- Info – for information purposes
- NC – an obligation of Nordiq Canada
- OC-r – It is recommended requirement of the Organizing Committee
- OC-m – It is a mandatory requirement of the Organizing Committee
- S/C – An obligation of either skiers or coaches

	Event Type	CC	NAT	Cont	J23
2. Preliminary Information					
This Technical Package outlines the standards of quality that must be met by the Organizing Committee (OC) for the competitors, officials, spectators, and other participants. It is a working document that forms the foundation of the Hosting Agreement between Nordiq Canada and the Organizing Committee.		Info	Info	Info	Info
It is Nordiq Canada's role, via the Director of Events to set the necessary controls through the Technical Package and the latest version of the International Competition Rules/Canadian Competition Rules and Regulations (ICR-CCR) to ensure the meeting of the standards by the sanctioning bodies.		Info	Info	Info	Info
This Technical Package does not cover the details of every aspect involved in staging the event. As the relationships between provincial governments, municipal authorities, local sponsors, etc., are different throughout the country, it is not possible to recommend a single method of organization. Any adjustments or changes made must be approved by the Nordiq Canada Director of Events and the Organizing Committee.		Info	Info	Info	Info
2.1 Revisions					
26 09 03 – Added Para Section		Info	Info	Info	Info
26 10 09 – Section 7.2 – U20 and Senior/U23 sprint heats and finals are separate, rather than having U20 race with the Seniors in the Heats and Finals.		Info	Info	Info	Info
2.2 Event Objectives					
- To provide an opportunity for skiers to race with the best athletes of their age group in Canada - To identify development needs and address domestic gaps as identified by Nordiq Canada - To provide the opportunity for selection races - Provide results, applicable for calculation of the Canada Point List, Continental Cup Points and FIS Points		Info	Info	Info	Info
2.3 Definitions					

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• Event – several competitions which occur at a particular site, hosted by a particular event organization. This can be a multiple day event such as Nationals or a Canada Cup. • Competition – a group of races within an event, incorporating one or more age categories and both genders. For example, this might be the Classic Interval Start for all age categories. • Race – a specific grouping with a combined start time/distance based on age group and common distances. For instance, one race might be an interval start with U16 & U18 combined as they are skiing a common distance. One competition may have one or more Races as part of it. • Individual Competitions – For the purpose of this document this includes the interval start, the individual sprint and the mass start. It does not include the pursuit start. • Organizing Committee (OC) – a term which describes the organization within the hosting Nordiq Canada Club that is responsible for planning and executing an event. • Competition Model (CM) – The CM is a combination of technical parameters and recommendations that, aligned with the Long-Term Athlete Development model (LTAD), determine the ideal approach to and characteristics of competitive events and training for each LTAD stage.		Info	Info	Info	Info
2.4 Abbreviations					
• NC – Nordiq Canada • OC – Organizing Committee • DE – Nordiq Canada Director of Events • FIS – International Ski Federation • EOM – Events & Officials Manager • MEC – Marketing & Engagement Coordinator • CEO – Chief Executive Officer • HPD – High Performance Director • TD – Technical Delegate • ATD – Assistant Technical Delegate • HPC – High Performance Committee • DDC – Domestic Development Committee • CTC – Coaches Technical Committee • NCOWG – Nordiq Canada Officials Working Group • NST – National Ski Team • CCNS – Canadian Collegiate Nordic Series (Used for both CCNS and CCNC – Series and Championships)		Info	Info	Info	Info

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2.5 Important References					
The host OC agrees that the most recent version of the policies and documents listed below are part of this agreement. It is the OC's responsibility to ensure they are familiar with and adhere to the policies of Nordiq Canada available in the Nordiq Canada Document Centre. Some text has been removed from this document as the requirements are outlined in the list of references below and the documents in the NC Document Centre. • The ICR and ICR-CCR • The Competition Officials Manual • The Nordiq Canada Race Licence Policy • SafeSport Policy Nordiq Canada reserves the right to update and or change these policies and will distribute the most current versions available through the usual Nordiq Canada communications.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
2.6 Official Languages					
English and French are the official languages of Canada. Sport Canada is committed to enhancing the vitality and supporting the development of the English and French linguistic minority communities in Canada and to fostering the full recognition and use of both official languages in Canadian society. Since the event is sanctioned by Nordiq Canada, the OC must: • Provide the race registration, event notice and the website in both official languages. • Communicate critical information such as course changes, start time changes, etc., in both official languages. • Actively offer services to members of the sport community and the public in both official languages. • Make translation available for TCM's The items listed above are applicable to all event material to inform the public, the participants or media about the event. This includes permanent and temporary signage installed specifically for the events or required for the smooth running of the event. For more information, you can consult the Sport Canada Contribution Guidelines on the Government of Canada website. Nordiq Canada can suggest potential translators to use for the event.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	

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2.7 SafeSport					
The OC plays a role in providing a safe sporting environment as all officials have been required to take the SafeSport course. However, SafeSport is a community responsibility that all entities must actively participate in, including NC, the PSO, the OC, and parents and coaches and skiers themselves. The OC will: - Ensure the Canadian Sport Helpline is promoted through the event website and a slide at the Team Captains meeting. Sample text: - Everyone has the right to a safe and inclusive environment, free from maltreatment. If you are experiencing, or you suspect someone else is experiencing, abuse, discrimination, violence or other forms of maltreatment, contact the Canadian Sport Helpline. They can connect you with support and help you file a complaint. For emergencies, call 911.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
2.8 Host Site Selection					
The event is to be held at a location with: - Terrain that is suited to this level of Event. - Homologated trails for the FIS sanctioned competitions. - Trained, experienced officials. - Suitable accessible infrastructure.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
2.9 Name, Dates and Location					
The name of the event will be agreed between the OC and the DE prior to publication of the event schedule. The dates, location and list and schedule of competitions for the event are set by Nordiq Canada based on collaboration between the OC, Division, DE, HPD, the CTC and the HPC. The DE, or their designate, will have final decision-making authority on the event schedule, in consultation with the assigned jury.	Info	Info	Info	Info	

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2.10 Technical Package and Agreement to Host					
Once Nordiq Canada has a verbal agreement with the host site, the OC is required to sign an “Agreement to Host” and thereafter is responsible for the organization and delivery of the event.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
2.11 Nordiq Canada Contact List					
Director of Events: Jeff Ellis (jellis@nordiqcanada.ca)		Info	Info	Info	Info
2.12 OC Contact List					
The OC must provide Nordiq Canada with a list of key contacts of the Event Organizing Committee and the Competition Committee. The OC must include the DE, TD and ATD on the email distribution list for regular event preparation updates and meeting minutes during the months leading up to the event. The OC will liaise directly with Nordiq Canada (through the DE) for guidance and assistance in the conduct of these events.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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3. Para Nordic					
3.1 General					
OCs are encouraged to host Para nordic categories at their events.		OC-r	OC-m	OC-m	OC-r
<u>Venue</u> When an event includes Para nordic categories, all facilities at the venue, including doping control, must be appropriately accessible for all participating athletes and their support. Trails must have appropriate homologation standards for the events that they are being used for. <u>Eligibility</u> Para athletes are either nationally or internationally classified. If national classification has not been possible, the athlete will default to the highest classification in their category (LW12, LW9, B3). Para nordic guide licenses are the responsibility of the visually impaired athlete.					
3.2 Registration/Results/Points					
Para Nordic guides are not expected to pay registration fees or trail fees, however all guides must sign the Nordiq Canada Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk form available from event hosting clubs. The confirmation and start lists must include the Para nordic category. Para nordic results must include Percentages for classic and free technique, Real Time and Calculated Time for Results and Hunting Start Lists. The results of Para nordic competition are derived through the application of a time- based percentage system. The process for this calculation can be found at www.paralympic.org rules and regulations. The OC should produce a separate result file for Para nordic competitions using the naming conventions for the race files as provided by the Nordic Canada Officials Working Group. Para nordic Canada Points List (PNCPL) points will be calculated for all individual Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals competitions and after the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals are over will be entered into the CPL ranking system for the appropriate points period as per the rules of the CPL.		OC-r	OC-m	OC-r	OC-r

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3.3 Awards					
<u>Categories:</u> Based on the FIS Parasport classification rules and regulations, the OC may offer competition for two categories Standing and Sit Skier by combining Standing classes ([LW2-9 and B1-3] and Sit Ski classes [LW10-12]) for each gender. The following categories are to be used by the OCs at Para nordic events: • Sit Ski • Standing • Visually Impaired	Info	info	Info	info	
<u>Cash:</u> For each category • 1st – \$100 • 2nd – \$75 • 3rd – \$50		NC	NC		
<u>Medals:</u> For each category: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	OC-r	NC	NC	OC-r	
<u>Merchandise:</u> For each category: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	OC-r	OC-m	OC-m	OC-r	

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4. Organizing Committee Responsibilities					
4.1 General					
In addition to other items covered in this document the OC shall:					
Provide a high-quality sound system.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Provide a race announcer or announcers, with appropriate capabilities in both official languages.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Provide high speed wireless internet service that can manage essential services of the races and event.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Create a coaches' WhatsApp group, or similar platform, to assist with rapid distribution of information.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Provide a photographer to cover events and podium ceremonies. Nordiq Canada to have access and rights to use the photographers' images for non-commercial use.	OC-r	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
If requested and practical, provide Nordiq Canada and/or Divisions with the ability to run concurrent TD and/or Officials' courses during the Event that will allow the opportunity for 'live' competition experiences or the delivery of presentations on critical competition issues or international updates. The additional cost to the OC is the responsibility of NC, the OC is not to make a profit from doing this and must provide proof of costs to NC.		OC-m			
4.2 Public Liability Insurance					
The OC must subscribe to the Nordiq Canada insurance policy through its membership in a Division and must be in good standing with both the Division and Nordiq Canada.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
4.3 Event Funding and Accountability					
Financial support from Nordiq Canada will be outlined in the Agreement to Host. If a competition is cancelled, Nordiq Canada may negotiate refund of the financial subsidy based on the state of the overall event budget. Beyond the support pledged by Nordiq Canada in this document and the Agreement to Host, the OC is responsible for all financial obligations related to the conduct of the event.	Info	Info	Info	Info	

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4.4 Back-up Site and Event Cancellation					
Nordiq Canada will follow the instructions of the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the appropriate provincial and municipal health organizations with respect to potential impacts on being able to hold the event. In the case of non-weather-related impact on the event, Nordiq Canada and the OC will work together to find a mutually acceptable response, in line with the requirements of all governing agencies. Priorities will be on the health and safety of all participants while still allowing an opportunity for athletes to compete.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
If NC deems a backup site is required, NC will identify and coordinate with the backup venue and OC.	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
The OC may need to apply fertilizer to maintain snow conditions during the event. Preliminary work should include obtaining all necessary clearances and permits from landowners, application experience in different weather conditions and access to materials and spreaders on short notice. Consideration must also be given to stockpiling snow in high traffic areas along the course and stadium.		OC-r	OC-r	OC-r	
A decision on event cancellation or change of site will be made by the DE, no later than 10 days prior to the event, in consultation with the HPD, DE, CEO, OC, the backup venue OC and the TD. In the event of the backup site being required, the DE, OC and backup venue OC will work together to facilitate the transfer, including the financial terms of the transfer. The intention being that neither site should lose money to host the event.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
Should the event be cancelled, the OC will provide a refund of registration fees less: any costs incurred to plan and execute the event to the date of cancellation, minus any retained value that the OC attributes to those costs incurred for items that may have been purchased and may have a future use. The attributed value shall be done in consultation with NC.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
4.5 Nationals Banquet					
It is expected that the OC will host an Event Banquet. The Event Banquet should provide the following: Health protocols or other protocols as necessary.		OC-m			

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• Accessibility. • A serving style that ensures quick and even distribution of food (e.g. buffet). • A menu that accommodates identified dietary needs. It is the OC’s responsibility to provide an opportunity for participants to identify dietary restrictions. In particular vegetarian and gluten free options. • Sufficient food to accommodate all attendees. • A facility that accommodates the attendance of visiting parents, coaches, support staff, etc. To a maximum of 600 participants, or what reasonable local facilities can handle. Priority is to be given to the attendance of athletes. A cost of \$50-55 per head is permitted. Anything more must be approved by the DE.					

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5. Competition Sanctioning, Registration and Event Communications					
5.1 Sanctioning					
The Open category at FIS competitions is sanctioned by FIS and Nordiq Canada. The OC is responsible for registering and paying for sanctioning via Zone4 online.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Nordiq Canada will sanction the Open events with FIS.	NC	NC	NC	NC	
Variance from the FIS rules may be considered by the TD when local conditions require change to maintain a safe and equitable competition. However, in all circumstances the TD must follow the spirit and intent of the Competition Regulations and document all necessary changes in their FIS TD report.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
5.2 Event Notice					
The Event Notice must be produced in draft and forwarded to the Jury and DE for review no later than 45 days before the event, and 90 days for Nationals. Event Notices must include a suitable cancellation and/or postponement clause. The OC should recognize that most coaches will not be familiar with the technical package so all relevant information should be included within the Event Notice (or linked from there). Once the Event Notice has been published, decisions and changes made regarding the event, should be published on the event website. The OC must respect privacy according to all applicable municipal, provincial, and federal laws.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
5.3 Event Website					
The OC is required to develop and maintain a bilingual section of the OC's website for event's event-related information. Information posted on the site includes the following: • Event Notice • Information updates made during the event	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	

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• Confirmation lists • TCM Minutes • Results: live-streamed, unofficial and official.					
5.4 Registration System					
A Nordiq Canada approved online race management software package must be used. Race registration should be open a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the competition. The registration form should include the following fields, in addition to typical athlete identification and registration fields. The OC has no obligation to ensure the fields are filled in correctly: • FIS and Nordiq Canada licence numbers. • Club, Team • University (when a CCNS Race is included) • Coach/Team Leader contact information Starting at least 4 weeks prior to the event, or as soon as registration is live, whichever is the later, the OC will make available a live confirmation list on the website which contains all registered competitors containing club, division, team, and school affiliation, Nordiq Canada and FIS licence numbers, year of birth, race category, and the list of competitions for which the competitor is registered. The Race Notice should specify a registration deadline no earlier than seven (7) days and no later than two (2) days before the first competition.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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* Categories contain more than 2 years Open Category – The Open Category at FIS Level events is sanctioned by FIS and Nordiq Canada. U20 and senior skiers may be seeded together in The Open Category. The results may include sub-categories composed of U20, U23 and seniors. CCNS Category – The Open category may also include a CCNS division. Before registering as being in the CCNS category, it is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that they meet the requirements. If a competition is designated as a CCNS event, separate results must be produced for the university categories. Those results should be similar to all other results, but must include the name of the CEGEP, College or University. Younger Categories – OCs may elect to offer development level races for U18 and younger in the competitions as part of a Tier 2 event. Races should be modified to reflect the recommendation in the Nordiq Canada Competition Model. Combined Categories – In the case of competitions that have common courses and distances it is recommended to combine the categories listed below, unless there are mitigating circumstances due to conditions. Final decision for combining categories will be done by the Jury. • Senior, U23 and U20 (Open) • U18 and U16																																																																																																																																																																																							

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The combined category is to be seeded as one grouping based on seeding requirements for that group. Where categories are combined, awards and prizes will still be provided for each of the categories. Results publications must provide combined results and separate results for all categories. “Racing Up” – (the practice of competitors entering and competing in age categories older than their own) will not be permitted, with the following exception: For the 2026/2027 season only, a second year U18 athlete will be permitted to race up to U20 at the Junior/U23 trials.					
6.2 Entry Fees					
The per competition entry fee is a maximum of \$50 CDN + GST for the 2026/2027 season. Only with the approval of the DE may entry fees exceed this. An example of where this may be considered is when a venue is independent of the OC and trail fees are being charged to the OC by the venue. Skiers must be able to access the competition trails two (2) days prior to the competitions. Entry fees must cover trail fees for all official training and competition days. Entry fees only cover the athlete and their coaches. All others must abide by the policies of the hosting venue. All participants are responsible to pay trail fees outside the official training and competition days. The DE may sanction a “snow enhancement fee” of \$5 per athlete competition day to cover the incremental costs of snow making/storage as part of their snow management program. The incremental fee collected must be separately identified in the event statement of revenues and expenses and must be directly related to preparation of the event tracks. The OC is responsible for presenting a plan to the DE for approval eight (8) weeks prior to the event start. The OC is not required to provide a refund if an athlete does not participate after having registered. There are no obligated complimentary entry fees. If it is desired to provide a complimentary entry, the cost of the entry will be borne by the requesting agency (OC, NC, other).	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info

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7. Licenses, Seeding and Start Order						
7.1 Licensing						
The following table describes the licensing required to participate in a Tier 1 event. Note that age categories that are not part of Tier 1 racing are included as they are often included as part of Tier 1 events. The categories below indicate the category in which the athlete is racing, rather than the age category of the athlete. Note that the requirements to earn points (FIS and CPL) may be different than the requirements to participate in an event.		Info	Info	Info	Info	
Canadian		Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
Open	FIS Licence					
U20	FIS Licence					
U18/U16	NC Race Licence					
U14 & Below	Not Eligible					
Non-Canadian						
Open	FIS Licence					
U20	FIS Licence					
U18/U16	NC Associate Licence					
U14 & Below	Not Eligible					
7.2 Seeding/Start Order						
The current CPL lists will be available on the Nordiq Canada website. Changes to the verified seeding lists will only be considered by the Jury in exceptional circumstances.		NC	NC	NC	NC	
GENERAL CPL Points (Distance or Sprint as appropriate) are used for seeding for all events with the exception of the final day of a pursuit start. (For information refer to the Canada Points List Publications & Event policy document on the Nordiq Canada website under Results/Points - CPL). The DE may make recommendations on special seeding requests to the Jury based upon a written submission from the athlete's Division to the DE at least one week in advance of the start of the event. However, such requests must indicate an extraordinary reason for		Info	Info	Info	Info	

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consideration for improved seeding. If a request is successful, the athlete will start with the assigned points as per the decision of the Jury. When foreign skiers are entered, they will be seeded as determined by the Jury regarding the competitors CPL points. In the rare instance a foreign skier has no CPL ranking; the Jury will use its discretion in seeding the skier.					
The OC must use the Validation Function available on Zone4 to verify Nordiq Canada & FIS Licence numbers. The OC must work with Zone4 to reconcile differences. The OC should notify any athletes when the licensing issue would prevent the athlete from participating in the event. Seed lists shall be published by the OC by midnight two days before the competition. Coaches must provide all comments on the seed lists to the race office no later than noon on the day before the competition. Seed lists should include all skier withdrawals and confirm spelling, age sub-categories, CPL and FIS points, Nordiq Canada and FIS licences, club, team, and national affiliation of each competitor. CCNS skiers are to be seeded into the Open category and then identified from the results for university awards. For seeding of categories that are not part of the Tier 1 races, OCs are to use the Nordiq Canada rules or host division guidelines.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
INTERVAL START In interval start competitions that feature large open fields and/or where track conditions may severely impact performance the Jury may modify the start order of the top 30 ranked athletes by providing preferred start positions for this group. In this situation, the seeding protocol identified for the competition format should be followed for this group. e.g. In sprints, skiers with the best points within the group start first.	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
INDIVIDUAL SPRINT Sprint competitions, must have a consistent time between each round of heats. Time between heats is dependent on the distance of the course. The OC should strive to allow 1.5 – 2 hours rest between the end of the qualifying round and the first quarterfinal heat. There should be a minimum of 10 minutes between when an athlete has finished a previous round and has to start their next round. Shorter times may be considered for younger age categories, but is subject to jury approval.	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
Qualification for Senior, U23, and U20 athletes may be combined into a single event. Heat selection for both the Open and U20 categories will be based on results from the Open	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info

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qualification races if combined. - Round 1 – OPEN (1-30) - The Top 30 senior and U23 athletes from the qualifier - Round 2 – U20 ONLY (1-30) - Top 30 U20 athletes from the qualifier If the qualifications round does not combine U20 into Open then the Heats and Finals will also be run as above.				

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8. Event Info Not Covered Elsewhere					
8.1 Team Events					
Sequence The team events shall be as follows: • Odd Years – Divisional Mixed Team Relay (2 legs per gender). • Even Years – Club Team Sprints (Women, Men, Mixed). • Will be reviewed in 2030 for 2031 and beyond			Info		
General Para Cross-Country athletes may be integrated into their age-appropriate team where it is appropriate for them to ski the competition course. Divisional Teams consist of skiers from the same division. Club teams consist of skiers from the same club. Foreign skiers may enter the Open Team Sprint competition provided they are a member of the same registered club or university program but they, and their team, are not eligible for the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals medals. Regional training centers are not allowed to field official teams. The sprint qualifier for the team sprint will be open to all athletes, regardless of if they are on a team or not, and will count for CPL/FIS points. Teams will be seeded in the starting grid irrespective of nationality. Waxing pits are only permitted for classic grip wax and only in designated areas and will only be allowed after review by the Jury of the stadium size, competition format and size of the heats. Only one service team personnel and one wax bench per Club is permitted in this area.			Info		
Categories & Formats: Athletes are permitted to participate in more than one Team Event category (e.g., Open and CCNS). Team sprints will have the following categories and formats: • Free technique • Gender sequence will alternate from previous event of the same type			Info		

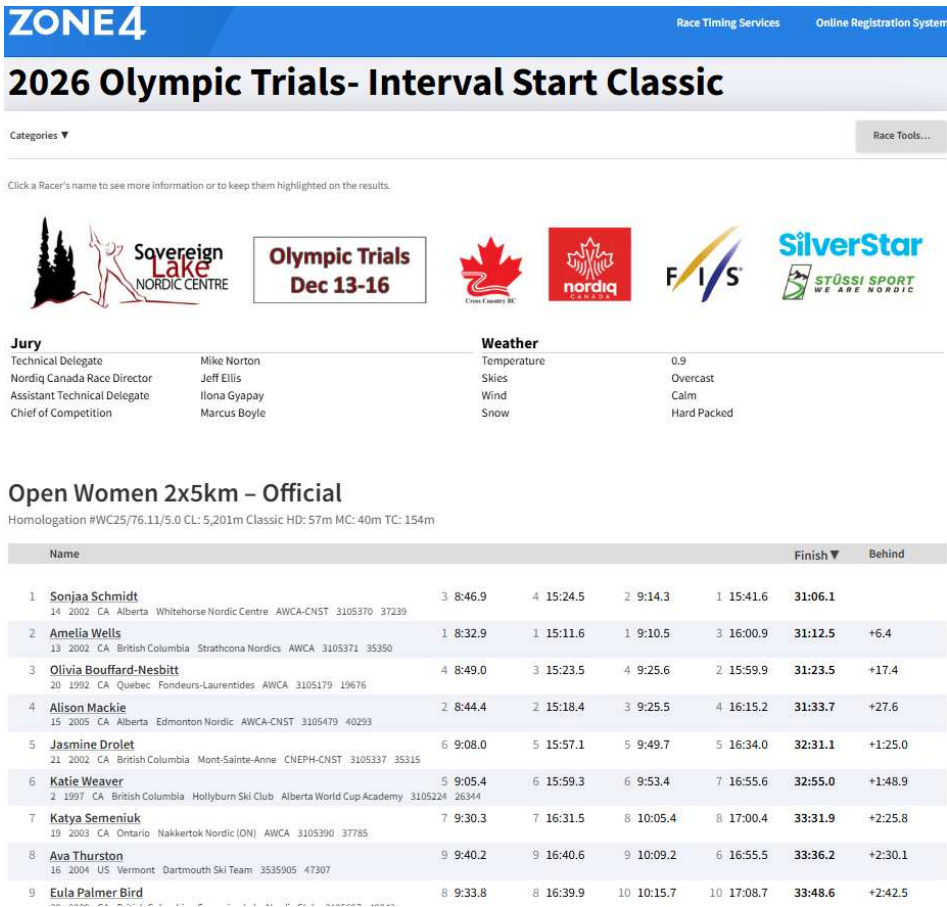
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- Teams are identified by 4pm the day before the event or one hour before the TCM, whichever is earlier. - Teams qualify for heats based on the sum of the individual qualifying times. Top times go into Heat A, next teams into Heat B, etc. - Open Women Heats A, B, C, etc – 2 x 4 laps x ~0.75 km. - CCNS Women – 2 x 4 laps x ~0.75 km. - Open Men Heats A, B, C, etc – 2 x 4 laps x ~0.75 km. - CCNS Men – 2 x 4 laps x ~0.75 km. - U16/18 Girls Heat A, B only – 2 x 2 laps x ~0.75 km. - U16/18 Boys Heat A, B only – 2 x 2 laps x ~0.75 km. - U16/18 Mixed Heat A, B only – 2 x 2 laps x ~0.75 km. - U16/18 Challenge Heats A, B, C, etc. Challenge heats can be any combination of athletes – 2 x 2 laps x ~0.75 km. Team relays will have the following categories and formats: 2 classic technique legs followed by 2 free technique legs. Teams will consist of 2 males and 2 females in any order. - Open – 4 x 5km laps - CCNS – Canadian schools only, with any combination of ages of university students (or as defined by CCNS) – 4 x 5km laps - U18 – 4 x 2.5km laps - U16 – 4 x 2.5km laps				

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9. Courses					
9.1 Race Distances, Techniques and Scheduling					
The DE will work with the HPD, the OC, the CTC, the NCOWG and the HP staff to provide and approve the schedule of events. These will be outlined in the host agreement. All race formats will follow the most current ICR-CCR unless stated otherwise in this technical package. The formats and distances for categories other than Open will be agreed upon by the DE, PSO, OC and be in line with the Nordiq Canada Competition Model.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
9.2 Race Courses					
All FIS sanctioned races must be run on FIS homologated courses. The host site must have FIS homologated courses to provide for the various competition formats it has been assigned at the Open level. There must be reasonable terrain that can accommodate additional U18 and younger categories that fall within the limits set out in Competition Regulations section 311. Course markings must be as per the Competition Regulations and Officials Manual. Signage should be clear as to the direction in which skiers must go.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
9.3 Grooming Equipment					
The OC shall have the capability to produce the best possible track for racing, including under adverse weather conditions; including ice, heavy snow, and rain. Grooming resources must be sufficient and flexible enough to allow grooming at a time which will ensure optimum trail preparation.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
9.4 Course Marking and Inspection					
During official training day(s), the course, including the stadium, must be prepared and marked as it will be during the competition. Signage should be clear as to the direction in which skiers must go.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	

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- Merges, diversions and intersections must be clearly marked with respect to the direction of all courses. - V-boards, fencing or similar obstacles must be placed where there are trail diversions that the courses do not go. - Course maps with elevation must be available online for all competitions at least one (1) week prior to the event. - For multiple day events, priority is to be given to either the more complicated event days or the earlier days. Jury input should be sought if there is doubt.					

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10. Timekeeping and Results					
10.1 Timing Standards/Results Production					
Zone4 is the only currently approved software for timing and results. Other software may be used, but only with the written approval of the DE. Live results are to be available for all races. The OC should test the live results module with a test race to ensure systems are compatible prior to the race weekend. Unofficial and Official are to be posted in a timely manner and in a way that is accessible to coaches and athletes. The FIS Data Timing Report must be completed by the Timing Service Provider on a timely basis after each competition day to allow the FIS results to be validated for points.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
10.2 Timing Equipment					
The OC shall be responsible for providing the following requirements: • An enclosed and heated timing building. • Electronically generated start/finish times with a completely independent back-up system. • For Interval Start competitions, an electronic start gate must be used at the start of interval start races in conjunction with a large format display/count-down clock. The start gate must have a post on either side to ensure a skier cannot leave, in either technique, without opening the gate. • At the finish, an electronic beam signal is required to capture the time of the athlete as he/she crosses the finish line. • All competitions using mass start or sprint formats must include approved digital photo finish line equipment. Event personnel must be trained in the use of this system. • Course controllers should be provided with training in video capture equipment, or other suitable equipment, to verify technique or other violations at key locations during the competition. For all new FIS timing requirements please refer to the FIS Timing Manual.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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10.3 Start Lists					
The Start List shall show: - Per set of results: the members of the Jury, competition format, location of the event. - Per category: title of category, race distance, number of laps comprising the distance, homologation #. - Per athlete: start time, bib number, name, club, team, CCNS team (where applicable), division. The Title and Sponsor's logo must accompany the Nordiq Canada and OC logos in the Header on each results page. OC sponsors and public partner logos should be placed on the Footer of each results page. The start list for the next competition day shall be published by the OC by midnight of the day before the competition.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
10.4 Results					
The Results shall show: - Per set of results: the event banner, members of the Jury, weather conditions, location of the event. - Per category: title of category, race distance, number of laps comprising the distance, homologation #. - Per athlete: rank, bib number, name, YOB, club, team, CCNS team (where applicable), Nordiq Canada licence number, FIS Licence number, total time, time behind, the nation the athlete is competing for (this can be different than the address for the athlete, needs to be a separate field). - Summary: athletes sanctioned by the Jury with the rule number and the reason		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
Per athlete: division to be included			OC-m		

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For the Open category, the FIS Timing Report (done to FIS specifications) must be filed by the Timing Service provider within 24 hours of the end of each competition. Separate results shall be available for each category, including CCNS. The name of the race files should include the event name, race format/ open distances and designate whether the posting is a start list or final results (e.g., Western Canada Cup–Int. 10/15 km CI Final Results). Note for Zone4 users: the site is already listed through the club key to Zone4 hence is not required in the file name.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
For the Open Sprint Category - Open Ranking is done regardless of age category - CCNS Ranking is done based on the qualifier	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
U20 Ranking is based on the highest ranking U20s in the Open Heats, followed by the next highest ranked athletes in the U20 Heat, followed by the next highest ranked athletes in the qualifiers.	Info	Info	Info		

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U20 Ranking is based on the ranking within the U20s Heats, followed by the next highest ranked athletes in the qualifiers.					Info

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11. Competition Points					
To determine the requirements to earn points and the points that are awarded in each category please refer to the table at the bottom of this link: https://nordiqcanada.ca/races/racing-licences/	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
11.1 Canada Points List (CPL)					
CPL points reporting, and management are the responsibility of Nordiq Canada. Canada Points List (CPL) points will be calculated for all individual Tier 1 competitions and will be entered into the CPL ranking system for the appropriate points period as per the rules of the CPL. Only racers that have been seeded together in common distance competitions will be combined for point calculation purposes.	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
11.2 Continental Cup Points					
Continental Cup points reporting, and management are the responsibility of Nordiq Canada. Only racers that have been seeded together in common distance competitions will be combined for point calculation purposes. These points are used for the purpose of World Cup start rights only (for example they are not used for seeding).		NC	NC		
11.3 FIS Points					
The FIS Timing report must be filed with FIS prior to the FIS results becoming eligible for FIS points. The TD is responsible for completing the online FIS TD Report and confirming the Race Penalty calculations. FIS points will be calculated for all individual competitions in the Open categories.	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info
The FIS points calculations in appropriate format (xml) will be submitted electronically to the FIS online system. This is the responsibility of Nordiq Canada (through Zone4).	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC

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12. Technical Staff and Jury					
12.1 Jury Composition and Function					
The Jury consists of: - FIS TD – Jury Chair - ATD - Chief of Competition - ED – Optional	Info	Info	Info	Info	
International Jury Member (as necessary and approved by the DE)		Info	Info	Info	
In the case of a Jury vote that results in a tie the TD has the tie breaking vote.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
At the discretion of the Jury and Nordiq Canada, other experts may be invited to attend Jury meetings. Apprentice TDs will have observer status on the Jury. Only official jury members have a vote in Jury decisions. The Jury should meet one hour before the start of each competition, one hour after and at any other time deemed necessary.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
A Jury Secretary must be appointed by the OC and be responsible for the coordination of the Jury room, meeting minutes, course maps and race results distribution for all Jury members, documents, and forms specific to Jury duties (i.e., Protest, Appeal and Sanction forms).	OC-r	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
12.2 Technical Delegate (TD), Assistant Technical Delegate (ATD)					
The TD and the Assistant TD (ATD) are appointed by the Officials' Working Group of Nordiq Canada with final approval by the DE. Nordiq Canada will confirm these appointments to the OC and provide the TD with the name and contact information of the Chief of Competition of the OC by no later than November 1st. Subsequent communication will occur directly between the Jury members.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
All reasonable travel, gas and accommodation expenses as well as the FIS TD stipend of the TD & ATD are the responsibility of the OC for the event. Per diems for the TD and ATD should be paid when the officials arrive on site. For more info refer to the Nordiq Canada Travel	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	

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Policy.					
If possible, an Apprentice TD from the host region may be appointed (someone who has recently completed the TD course) to learn and to assist the TD with the permission of Nordiq Canada. The cost for this apprentice should be shared between the Apprentice TD, their Division, and their club.		Info	Info	Info	Info
12.3 Nordiq Canada Director of Events					
Duties of the DE, or their designate, are to work with the OC to ensure that the Event is properly conducted to Nordiq Canada's standards. This includes being the liaison between the OC and Nordiq Canada. Accommodation expenses of the DE, or designate, are the responsibility of Nordiq Canada.		NC	NC	NC	NC
12.4 Team Captains' Meeting					
The first TCM of the Nationals shall be held in person.			OC-r		
All other TCM's will be conducted virtually. The OC will provide a meeting link to all coaches no later than noon of the same day. There will be a TCM before each day of competition. The TD and Jury will be introduced as part of the TCM. The TD will address the TCM, and make any points related to rules or rule changes that need to be emphasized for the event.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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13. On-Site Facilities					
13.1 Medical Services					
Emergency Medical Plan The OC must have an emergency medical plan describing how medical situations will be treated and transported to further levels of medical care as necessary. The emergency medical plan should be posted prominently and reviewed at the coaches meeting. The OC must also present the emergency medical plan to the Jury prior to the start of the first official training day.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
First Aid Stations A general first aid service must be available to all. Ideally stations should be set up in an easily accessible area. The first aid stations should be able to deal with all first aid treatments and any emergency situations, including preparation for transportation to local emergency care services. The First Aid Stations must be staffed by qualified personnel one hour before the competition is scheduled to begin, throughout the competition day, and for one hour after the completion of the last race. They should also be available during any official training day(s). All trained first aiders should hold a recognized standard first aid certification. Licensed paramedics, doctors, and nurses are considered qualified personnel irrespective of first aid certification. It is mandatory that an Artificial Electrical Defibrillator (AED) be on site and located at the main first aid station.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
Hospital and Ambulance Service The competition site must be accessible to 9-1-1 emergency medical services teams.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
13.1 Warming Facilities and Restrooms					
The expected entry for these events is up to 500 competitors. The site should have: • Suitable on-site sheltered accommodation. • A separate space available for both genders to change. • Accessible washroom facilities available for athletes, coaches and officials. There must be one toilet for every 25 to 50 people, depending on scheduling. Flush toilets		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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are preferred, however rented portable toilets are sufficient provided they are pumped out daily. Toilets should be inspected on a very regular basis throughout the day and restocked with supplies as required. This is an essential service, and many demands are placed on this system on race days.					
Hand wash stations or hand sanitizer must be available at all restroom facilities.					
13.2 Waxing Facilities					
Pricing for wax facilities must be approved by the DE. Separate sheltered waxing facilities, appropriate in size, are to be made available at reasonable cost to the teams. The space available should accommodate the following number of wax tables based on the number of athletes per team: 1 to 10 athletes = 1 table (2 forms) 11 to 20 athletes = 2 tables (4 forms) or the size of one regulation cabin (8'x12') 21 to 29 athletes = 3 tables (6 forms) 30 + athletes = 4 tables (8 forms) or the size of two regulation cabins (8'x12') The provision of additional outside power outlets and outside waxing & parking space for customized club waxing facilities, including tents and trailers is also recommended. If such space is required, teams must notify the Venue Chair at least two months prior to the event.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Designated wax areas should be coordinated along the following jurisdictions when they have a minimum of 20 athletes in a group: - Club - National Development Centres (eg. AWCA, CNEPH)	OC-r				
- Division - National Ski Team - National Development Centres (eg. AWCA, CNEPH)		OC-r	OC-r	OC-r	
Visiting National Team programs			OC-r		
Outlets at the start for "hot boxing" skis for the sprints are not required. Wax pits may be permitted at the discretion of the Jury for Team Sprint and Sprint competitions. Ski exchange boxes will not be permitted in the mass start competitions.	Info	Info	Info	Info	
13.3 Wax Testing/Warm-up Area					

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A suitable hill for glide testing must be within 1 km of the stadium area and not on the race course. A warm-up track with a small uphill must be provided near to the start. Both the glide testing area and the warm-up tracks should be groomed and prepared in the same manner and at the same time as the rest of the competition track to simulate race conditions.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
13.4 Drinking Water					
A minimum of two (2) accessible water stations must be available. It is strongly recommended that an additional water station is placed or is available in the spectator area.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
13.5 Doping Control					
Athletes and coaches must be aware that doping control tests may be conducted by Sport Integrity Canada on a random basis in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP). Please refer to the Anti-Doping site on the Sport Integrity Canada website. The Chief of Competition should contact the Nordiq Canada DE one month prior to the event to determine the likelihood of a doping control test taking place and the need to make necessary arrangements. The knowledge given to the Chief of Competition on this subject must remain confidential. The OC must conform to the following guidelines if doping control is conducted during the event. Doping Control Facilities Doping control facilities and proper equipment must be provided in an area within walking distance of the stadium (permanent structure or trailers) or an acceptable driving distance that has a dedicated driver and chaperones. The doping control area should be divided into three (3) separate areas: • The waiting area should be large enough to accommodate athletes, representatives accompanying athletes, representatives of the CCES and doping control personnel. • Working room with table for three (3) people. • Toilet area with lavatory and room for two people. Equipment – lockable refrigerator (if possible), assorted other minor equipment (desks,		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m

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chairs, etc.). Volunteers – Provision of minimum of 4 volunteers, preferably two male and two female to "shadow" the athletes (including warm-downs) prior to their tests. Some of these volunteers must be prepared and able to ski with the athlete if he/she chooses to do a warm-down. More specific details will be provided to the OC by CCES if controls are planned for their event.				

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14. Awards					
14.1 Awards Presentations					
General Information The Awards Coordinator should prepare a blank ceremony list where the names of presenters, athletes and prize description can be written in immediately after each competition. Awards should be presented on-site. Ideally awards are presented at pre-announced intervals during the competition schedule (based on the availability of the unofficial category results (see rule 317.2.1)). If awards do not take place immediately after the finish of a category, racers should be allowed to cool down and change into dry clothes. The medal presentation ceremony should take place as soon as results are available so as not to make athletes wait in the cold. Formats for the presentation of awards are at the discretion of the OC. The ceremony should be located within spectator sightlines. Presentations should be brief, the announcement to include the name of the category, athletes' name, club, team, and position. Order of Presentation The normal order of awards presentation is as follows: 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st places. Categories should be presented as groups in turn. Once the athletes have been announced and have taken their position on the podium, the name and affiliation of the presenter should be introduced followed by the awarding of the medals and prizes.		OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m
Order of Presentation – Without International Podium U18 and U16 podiums may be held at a separate time from the other categories. • Open Podium • U20 Podium • Top U23 or Top Sprint Qualifier (when applicable) • CCNS Podium • U18 Podium • U16 Podium		OC-m		OC-m	

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Order of Presentation – With International Podium U18 and U16 podiums may be held at a separate time from the other categories. • Open Podium – with international athletes (if required) • Open Podium – Canadian athletes only • U23 Podium – with international athletes (if required) • U23 Podium – Canadian athletes only • U20 Podium – with international athletes (if required) • U20 Podium – Canadian athletes only • Top U23 or Top Sprint Qualifier (when applicable) • CCNS Podium • U18 Podium – with international athletes (if required) • U18 Podium – Canadian athletes only • U16 Podium – with international athletes (if required) • U16 Podium – Canadian athletes only			OC-m		OC-m
14.2 Medals, Merchandise & Cash					
See Appendix A & B		Info	Info	Info	Info
14.3 Banners, Plaques, Aggregates, Trophies					
See Appendix A & B		Info	Info	Info	Info
14.4 Other Awards					
Other awards may be introduced by Nordiq Canada or Nordiq Canada sponsors. In these instances, prizes/awards will be provided by Nordiq Canada or the sponsor. Nordiq Canada will be responsible for calculating results. Details of such awards will be provided to the OC by the Nordiq Canada DE. All costs related to these are not the responsibility of the OC.		NC	NC	NC	NC

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15. Marketing Opportunities					
Nordiq Canada retains the marketing rights and properties for Tier 1 events. The OC is encouraged to partner with Nordiq Canada to promote their event as widely as possible. Nordiq Canada will work with the OC to provide marketing and promotional opportunities for the OC for these events. All OC marketing/sponsorship initiatives must be approved by the DE, with the understanding that any reasonable sponsorship request, not in conflict with Nordiq Canada guidelines, will not be denied, as sponsorship is a key part of the financial success of the event. To capture useful information related to marketing of the event, the OC may be asked to complete an Event Sponsor and Media Evaluation Report after the Event has been completed. The form will be provided by the DE. The OC and the ED will work together to come up with a mutually agreed plan that will be for the benefit of Nordiq Canada, the OC and the sponsors of both organizations. This will include the allowed sponsors, and where and how their information will be presented. This plan is to be agreed to by 60 days before the event.		Info	Info	Info	Info
15.1 Marketing Rights of Nordiq Canada					
Nordiq Canada has the following marketing rights for the Event: • Right to name a title sponsor (NC title sponsor), up to 6 months before the start of the event. • Right to name competitions within the event, up to 6 months before the start of the event. • Right to have 2 sponsor flags in the start/finish area and at the Awards Ceremony. • Right to provide podium or awards ceremony backdrops. • Right to locate sponsor banners adjacent to the start/finish area (maximum of two banners per sponsor). • Right to set up a Nordiq Canada vendor tent. • Right to host activities as required to promote athlete pathways, officials' pathways, coaching pathways, or Title Sponsor support, as long as so doing does not interfere with holding the event. • Right to have the Title Sponsor's representative involved in the awards ceremonies. • Right to have Nordiq Canada representatives participate in the awards ceremonies.		Info	Info	Info	Info

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15.2 Obligations of Nordiq Canada					
Nordiq Canada: - May provide financial (i.e., the Hosting Grant/ISSE) and/or value in kind support as identified in the Agreement to Host to the OC to subsidize event operating costs, including athlete prize monies if cash is available. - Will provide bibs for the Tier 1 races. - Will provide all banners and flags for their sponsors and suppliers. - Keep the Nordiq Canada website up to date with respect to the events. - Nordiq Canada can provide background material on participating NST athletes, current standings, photos, etc. The OC's media and communications coordinator should be in direct contact with the DE.		NC	NC	NC	NC
15.3 Marketing Rights of the OC					
The OC is provided certain marketing rights and opportunities associated with the Event. Sponsors and suppliers obtained by the OC cannot conflict with recognized sponsors and suppliers of Nordiq Canada unless written permission is granted by Nordiq Canada through the DE or designate. The following are the rights and opportunities of the OC: - If NC has not identified a title sponsor within their allotted time (see above), or at an earlier date agreed to by NC, then the OC has the right to name a title sponsor. The OC title sponsor must be approved by the DE. - Right to develop an Event Logo or brand in consultation with Nordiq Canada. In doing so, the OC agrees to incorporate the bilingual name of the event and the title sponsor name within the logo. - If NC has not identified a competition name within their allotted time (see above), or at an earlier date agreed to by NC, then the OC has the right to name a competition. The OC competitions name must be approved by the DE. e.g., the 2026 Canada Cup mass start, presented by Company W. - Right to develop and corporately brand sprint race bibs. - Right to place Title, Day and Supporting Sponsors on Podium Backdrop. - Right to display Title sponsor banners in the start/finish area. - Right to locate Day or Supporting sponsor banners adjacent to the start/finish area.		Info	Info	Info	Info

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- Right to recognize the names/logos of event and race presenting sponsors on the start/finish banner, over PA announcements and on collateral material as per Nordiq Canada branding guidelines; - Right to develop and name sponsors for community festival initiatives – e.g., the Company W Awards Banquet, the Company V Festival Tent. - Right to name local media partners to support and promote the event.					
15.4 Obligations of the OC					
Responsibilities of the OC include:					
- Using the official name of the event in all correspondence, including the Title Sponsor's name. This is to include, but not be limited to, event notices, entry forms, website promotions and local media initiatives. - Recognition of the Title Sponsor in the Event logo. - Primary recognition for the Title Sponsor in any media activities relating to the event, including but not limited to: brand positioning on all collateral and electronic material, prominence at all related media events (podium signage, name association, special presentations), title name ID in race documentation. - Use of competition bibs as provided by Nordiq Canada. - Display of all Nordiq Canada sponsor/supplier banners as specified in above.	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
- Working with the DE to assist local and national media on site. - Provision of adequate on-site media servicing for media in attendance. Services should be proportionate to the expected media and the site and include: - Access to high-speed wireless internet. - Cell phone or direct phone defined service which works from site.	OC-r	OC-m	OC-m	OC-m	
Having a Media/Press Liaison to maximize local, provincial and national coverage.		OC-r	OC-r	OC-r	
In addition, the OC is encouraged to host local and regional representatives of Nordiq Canada sponsors and invite them to participate in event festivities, award presentations, etc. Nordiq Canada will coordinate invitations and pay costs.	OC-r	OC-r	OC-r	OC-r	

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16. Appendix A – Medals, Merchandise and Cash				
16.1 Eligibility				
The following eligibility rules apply: Athletes are eligible for medals, merchandise and cash only within the category in which they choose to compete.	Info	Info	Info	Info
- To be eligible for Nordiq Canada Ski National awards, including aggregate awards, a skier must: - have a Nordiq Canada Race License; and - be a Canadian citizen or hold a Permanent Resident Status - Partial eligibility allows a competitor to compete for OC or sponsor generated prizes, including cash prizes in the Open class. This category of eligibility does NOT allow the skier to earn points towards any of the overall Canadian Aggregate Nationals Awards. Skiers in this eligibility category would include: - Those who have a Nordiq Canada race license but are not Canadian citizens or do not have a permanent resident card; or - Skiers who have a FIS license issued by a foreign ski federation.		Info		
16.2 Provision and Payment Responsibility				
Prize money is required for all Individual Competitions per the Table of Items below.		NC	NC	NC
To raise the profile of the sport, encourage senior skiers to continue to compete and to attract high quality fields in North America, OCs are encouraged to offer a cash purse to the winners of the Open category for the Individual Competitions.	OC-r			
See the table of items for more information on the responsibility of the parties for each of the items.	Info	Info	Info	Info

16.3 Table of Items

	Canada Cups		Nationals		Continental Cup		Junior/U23 Trials	
Medals								
Masters	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC
Open – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None		1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None	
Open – Canadian Only	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC	None		1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
Senior	No separate category		No separate category		No separate category		No separate category	
U23 – All Countries	1 st	OC-r	None		1 st	OC-r	1 st	OC-r
U23 – Canadian Only	None		1 st	NC	None		None	
CCNS	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	NC	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
U20 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None		1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None	
U20 – Canadian Only	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC
U18 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None		1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None	
U18 – Canadian Only	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC
U16 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None		1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	None	
U16 – Canadian Only	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC	None		1 st to 3 rd	NC
Team Event – Canadian Only	NA		1 st to 3 rd	NC	NA		NA	
Merchandise								
Masters	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC	OC Discretion	OC
Open – All Countries	1 st to 6 th	OC-r	1 st to 6 th	OC-m	1 st to 6 th	OC-r	1 st to 6 th	OC-r
Open – Canadian Only	None		None		None		None	
Senior	No separate category		No separate category		No separate category		No separate category	
U23 – All Countries	1 st	OC-r	1 st	OC-m	1 st	OC-r	1 st	OC-r
CCNS	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
U20 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
U18 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
U16 – All Countries	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r	1 st to 3 rd	OC-r
Team Event – All Countries	NA		1 st to 3 rd	OC-m	NA		NA	
Cash								
Masters	None		None		None		None	
Open – All Countries	1 st to 6 th	OC-r	1 st to 6 th	NC	1 st to 6 th	NC	1 st to 6 th	OC-r
Open – Canadian Only	None		None		None		None	
Senior	No separate category		No separate category		No separate category		No separate category	
U23	1 st	OC-r	1 st	NC	1 st	NC	1 st	OC-r
CCNS	None		None		None		None	
U20	None		None		None		None	
U18	None		None		None		None	
U16	None		None		None		None	
Team Event	NA		None		NA		NA	

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Notes:					
Prize money is only for the Open Category for Individual Competitions. The amounts are: • 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200, 4th - \$150, 5th - \$100, 6th - \$75. • Top U23 - \$75 • Top Sprint Qualifier - \$100 It is up to the OC what the merchandise awards will be. Ideas include something from an event sponsor or some product that represents a local supplier. Something unique and/or consumable is encouraged.		Info	Info	Info	Info

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17. Appendix B – Awards Specific to Nationals					
17.1 Nordiq Canada Virtual Trophies					
The following trophies are to be announced at the final awards ceremony and a presentation made to the winner.			OC-r		
Nordiq Canada will present the Virtual Trophies on their website and the winners will be added to the list for each of the Virtual Trophies. There will no longer be a physical trophy kept for these awards. For more information on the trophies see: https://nordiqcanada.ca/nordiq-canada-awards/			NC		
Annual Senior Virtual Trophies: - The Rolf Pettersen Memorial Trophy is to be awarded to the winner of the Open Men's longest distance mass start competition. Rolf Pettersen was the first Olympic athlete from Prince George, competing in the 1968 Olympics. - The Mary Anderson Trophy is to be awarded to the winner of the Open Women's longest distance mass start competition. The award was first established in 1989 in recognition for her contribution to Cross Country Skiing as both a coach and as an official. - The R.J. Devlin Trophy is to be awarded to the winner of the Open Men's shortest distance interval start competition. Originally donated by W.C. Devlin, VP of the Canadian Ski Association in 1931 and named after the family business name that specialized in "Ski Togs" (clothing). - The Hickory Wing Trophy is to be awarded to the winner of the Open Women's shortest distance interval start competition. The Hickory Wing Trophy was donated by the founding members of the Hickory Wing Ski Club of Prince George, BC. - The Club Aggregate Trophy was introduced in 2018 and is presented annually to the club that earns the most aggregate points at the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals. - The Malcolm Hunter Trophy is presented annually to the Senior Aggregate winners at the Cross-Country Ski Championships. The award was established in 1999 in recognition of the contribution made to the sport by Malcolm Hunter, 1970 Olympian and past Cross-Country Canada Treasurer, Coach and Executive Director.			Info		
Annual Virtual Trophies for Other Categories: The Nordiq Canada Trophy for the U16 Girl's club Team Event winners.			Info		

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- The Nordiq Canada Trophy for the U18 Girl's club Team Event winners. - The Nordiq Canada Trophy for the U16 Boy's club Team Event winners. - The Nordiq Canada Trophy for the U18 Boy's club Team Event winners. - The Sofie Manarin Memorial Award is to be presented to the Canadian Aggregate winners of the U16 category. A cash bursary from the Sofie Manarin Foundation will be presented to both recipients.																																																																							
17.2 Aggregate Points																																																																							
The following table outlines the points for aggregate awards based on placement. Points will be assigned for each individual competition for each YOB category. This table will also be used for team placings in the team events. Each team (not individual) shall receive the points per their placing. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Place</th><th>Points</th><th>Place</th><th>Points</th><th>Place</th><th>Points</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>100</td><td>11</td><td>24</td><td>21</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>80</td><td>12</td><td>22</td><td>22</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>60</td><td>13</td><td>20</td><td>23</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>50</td><td>14</td><td>18</td><td>24</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>45</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>25</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>40</td><td>16</td><td>15</td><td>26</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>36</td><td>17</td><td>14</td><td>27</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>32</td><td>18</td><td>13</td><td>28</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>29</td><td>19</td><td>12</td><td>29</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>26</td><td>20</td><td>11</td><td>30</td><td>1</td></tr> </tbody> </table> In the event of a tie, both skiers receive the same score for that place, and the next score is dropped. The “push down concept” will not be used, i.e., if a skier or team result finishes within the place that would get points, but they are not eligible as they exceed the maximum number of places that a single team can qualify for, the next points will still be available for the next skier/team that does qualify. For example, if only the top 3 skiers from a team can earn points, and the 4th place skier from that team finished 18th, then 13 points (see table above) will be earned by the next skier that does qualify for points. Points for Sprint Competitions for U20 and CCNS shall be assigned as per their official placing in those categories. YOB placings will be per the athlete's ranking within their YOB. Combining races for common distance purposes does not change an athlete's YOB category.	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	1	100	11	24	21	10	2	80	12	22	22	9	3	60	13	20	23	8	4	50	14	18	24	7	5	45	15	16	25	6	6	40	16	15	26	5	7	36	17	14	27	4	8	32	18	13	28	3	9	29	19	12	29	2	10	26	20	11	30	1			Info		
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CCNS skiers can race as either Senior Men/Women or U20 Men/Women where races are run as an Open Men and Open Women categories of the same distance and course, and at the same time.						
It is the responsibility of Nordiq Canada, with support from the OC, to calculate the points for the various aggregate champions. Nordiq Canada will coordinate the calculations and ensure that they are kept up to date.				NC		
The running calculations are to be posted on the event website as available.				OC-m		
17.3 Table of Items – Aggregates						
Points are Awarded In the Following Categories				Info		
Points Awarded For:	Placing	Responsibility				
Masters	None					
Open	None					
Senior	Yes					
U23	Yes					
CCNS	Yes (for the purpose of CCNS aggregate only)					
CCNS Team Event	Yes					
U20 – 1	Yes					
U20 – 2	Yes					
U18 – 1	Yes					
U18 – 2	Yes					
U16 – 1	Yes					
U16 – 2	Yes					
Club Team Event	Yes (per category, not per YOB)					
Division Team Event	No					
Aggregate Winners Receive the Following				Info		
Medals	Placing	Responsibility				
Masters	None					
Open	None					
Senior	1 st to 3 rd	NC				
U23	1 st to 3 rd	NC				
CCNS	1 st to 3 rd	NC				
U20 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	NC				
U20 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	NC				

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U18 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	NC					
U18 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	NC					
U16 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	NC					
U16 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	NC					
Merchandise	Placing	Responsibility					
Masters	None						
Open	None						
Senior	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U23	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
CCNS	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U20 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U20 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U18 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U18 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U16 – 1	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
U16 – 2	1 st to 3 rd	OC-m					
Cash	Placing	Responsibility					
Masters	None						
Open – Canadian Only	None						
Senior	1 st to 3 rd (\$250, \$200, \$150)	NC					
U23	1 st to 3 rd (\$150, \$100, \$75)	NC					
CCNS	None						
U20 – 1	None						
U20 – 2	None						
U18 – 1	None						
U18 – 2	None						
U16 – 1	None						
U16 – 2	None						
17.4 Aggregate Award Tie-Break							
In the event of a tie, the overall winner(s) will be determined by the following protocol:				Info			
- The skier with the greater number of 1st place finishes. If still tied, then: - The skier with the greater number of 2nd place finishes. - If 1) and 2) do not produce a winner then a tie is declared, and each skier has the right to call themselves the overall champion. - The Sofie Manarin Award bursary is presented to the top U16 male and female at							

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the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals. If the conditions of 1 and 2 do not result in a clear winner the following alternate scoring mechanism will be used for the purpose of naming the award recipient: the sum of the finish times of the individual starts plus the qualification time for the sprints of the tied skiers will be used to break the tie. The lower total time will be the winner.					
17.5 Divisional Aggregate Award					
A Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals Division Aggregate Champion will be named based on the following scoring: - Points will be awarded for individual competitions only. - Each Division scores top three placing in each age category. The final champion will be announced at the closing award ceremony.			Info		
The Division Aggregate Champion will receive a recognition banner from Nordiq Canada to acknowledge its performance.			NC		
17.6 Club Aggregate Award					
A Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals Club Aggregate Champion will be named based on the following scoring: - Points will be awarded for individual competitions and team sprints. - For individual competitions, each club will receive points for all club athletes in the top 30 of each category. - For team sprints, each club may score up to three male, up to three female teams and up to three mixed teams per official category. Points will be awarded per team, not per individual and points will be assigned according to the ranking of the team. The final champion will be announced at the closing award ceremony.			Info		
For the team sprint the final rank is determined by the results of the final. If a team races only in the qualification but does not race in their final, they would be considered DNS for the Team Sprint. Their qualifier results and therefore points in the qualifier will not stand and the qualifier alone will not be considered a result for medals or aggregate points.			Info		
The top three (3) clubs at the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals will receive a recognition banner from Nordiq Canada to acknowledge their performance.			NC		

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17.7 CCNS Aggregate Award																																																																							
A Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals CCNS Aggregate Champion will be named based on the following scoring: - Points will be awarded for individual competitions for the top three places. - Points will be awarded for team events to the top team only for each school. - Men's and women's teams are scored separately. The final champion will be announced at the closing award ceremony.			Info																																																																				
Points are awarded to every CCNS eligible athlete according to the table above, relative to their rank amongst CCNS athletes; except for the longest distance race for the category (20km to 30km), which will be scored as below. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Place</th><th>Points</th><th>Place</th><th>Points</th><th>Place</th><th>Points</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>50</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>21</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>40</td><td>12</td><td>11</td><td>22</td><td>4.5</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>30</td><td>13</td><td>10</td><td>23</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>25</td><td>14</td><td>9</td><td>24</td><td>3.5</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>22.5</td><td>15</td><td>8</td><td>25</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>20</td><td>16</td><td>7.5</td><td>26</td><td>2.5</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>18</td><td>17</td><td>7</td><td>27</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>16</td><td>18</td><td>6.5</td><td>28</td><td>1.5</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>14.5</td><td>19</td><td>6</td><td>29</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>13</td><td>20</td><td>5.5</td><td>30</td><td>0.5</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	1	50	11	12	21	5	2	40	12	11	22	4.5	3	30	13	10	23	4	4	25	14	9	24	3.5	5	22.5	15	8	25	3	6	20	16	7.5	26	2.5	7	18	17	7	27	2	8	16	18	6.5	28	1.5	9	14.5	19	6	29	1	10	13	20	5.5	30	0.5			Info		
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17.8 CCNS Team Award																																																																							
Team scores will be based on the following CCNS events. The top three individual point scores for each team will count: - Individual start – top three male and female for each team - Sprint qualification – top three male and female for each team - Mass start – top three male and female for each team - Team sprint – top team male and female for each team			Info																																																																				

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In the event of a tie, both skiers receive the same score for that place, and the next score is dropped. If a school does not enter official men's and women's teams in the team event they will not be eligible for the CCNS Team Award.				
For the team sprint the final rank is determined by the results of the final. If a team races only in the qualification but does not race in their final, they would be considered DNS for the Team Sprint. Their qualifier results and therefore points in the qualifier will not stand and the qualifier alone will not be considered a result for medals or aggregate points.		Info		
The top CCNS team at the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals will receive a recognition banner from Nordiq Canada to acknowledge their performance.		NC		