

## 2023-2024 PARA NORDIC TEAM AND AAP NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been named to the Paralympic stream of the National Ski Team based on the criteria outlined in the *Para Nordic Canada National Ski Team (PNST) Selection Criteria 2023-24* and to the athletes who will be nominated to Sport Canada to receive AAP carding under the *Para Nordic Athlete Assistance Program Selection Criteria 2023-24*.

### Selection Rational

- The goal of PNST and AAP selection criteria is to select athletes who demonstrate the potential for a podium performance (current and NextGen).
- Athletes are listed in order of AAP qualification.
- For World Cup Team selection, the FIS PN points listed are a combination of the best of two (2) races.
- World Cup team athletes are listed in priority qualification order for AAP carding, as there is no priority selection order for selection to the PNST World Cup team.

The deadline to appeal PN NST nomination is **Wednesday, May 8, 2023**, 11:59 PM in the time zone of the athlete's current residence. Appeals must be submitted in writing to Nordiq Canada's **Appeal Manager, Stefano Mingarelli**, at [stefmingarelli@gmail.com](mailto:stefmingarelli@gmail.com).

Athlete	WC Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	FIS PN Points	Card Type
Mark Arendz	4.1.a	Athletes achieving one (1) race result in the 2022-23 season at FIS PSS sanctioned World Cup (WC), World Cup Final events, World Championships of 30 FIS PSS points or less in FIS PSS cross-country (CC) and/or FIS PSS biathlon (BT) events will qualify for selection to the PNST World Cup Team.	5.2.a	SR1 cards will be awarded for international criteria to athletes achieving a top eight (8); AND top half of the field at the FIS PSS World Championships in a Paralympic event. Athletes will be ranked in accordance with their single best individual placing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Gold, 2 Silver medals at World Championships, SWE</li> <li>• 2 Gold, 1 Silver medals at WC, FIN</li> <li>• 2 Gold, 3 Silver medals at WC, USA</li> <li>• Crystal Globe – Overall, Biathlon</li> </ul>	0.00 pts	SR1
Natalie Wilkie	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Gold, 2 Silver medals at World Championships, SWE</li> <li>• 2 Gold, 3 Silver medals at WC, FIN</li> <li>• 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze medals at WC, USA</li> </ul>	0.00 pts	SR1
Collin Cameron	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Gold, 2 Silver medals at World Championships, SWE</li> <li>• 1 Gold, 2 Silver medals at WC, FIN</li> <li>• 1 Gold, 2 Silver medals at WC, USA</li> <li>• Crystal Globe – Overall – Cross Country</li> </ul>	0.00 pts	SR1
Brittany Hudak	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Silver, 1 Bronze medals at World Championship, SWE</li> <li>• 2 Silver, 2 Bronze at WC, FIN</li> <li>• 2 Silver at WC, USA</li> </ul>	0.00 pts	SR1
Derek Zaplotinsky	4.1.a	SAME AS ABOVE	5.2.a	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Bronze medals at WC, USA</li> <li>• 10 results in top 8 and top half</li> </ul>	22.73 pts	SR1
Athlete	NG Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	WPNS Points	Card Type

Christina Picton	4.2.a	Athletes achieving two (2) results in the 2022-23 season at FIS PSS World Cups, or World Championships of 90 FIS PSS points or less in FIS PSS CC and/or FIS PSS BT events will qualify for selection to the PNST NextGen Team. This assessment will consider the depth of field at these events and minimum top half result.	5.2.b	For the 2023-24 carding year, carded athletes who held a SR1 card in 2022-23 may be eligible for nomination for a SR2 card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 races under 90 FIS PN points</li> <li>3 races in Top 8 and top half with depth of field<sup>1</sup> at WC, USA</li> <li>2 Bronze medals at WC, USA with depth of field</li> </ul>	54.73 78.63	SR2
Ethan Hess	4.2.b	The PNST National Team Coach may recommend to the HPD-Para other athletes for selection to this team based on assessment of past performance and potential to be able to contribute to Canada's medal success at the 2023-2024 FIS PSS World Cups or World Championship events or the 2026 Paralympic Games. Evidence should include defined podium pathway metrics, Gold Medal Profile (GMP) evaluations and past international WC performances.	5.3.b	FIS PSS World Cup (WC) athletes placing top-8 AND top half of the field individual result at a 2022-23 FIS PSS World Cup. Athletes will be ranked in accordance with their single best individual placing at any 2022-23 FIS PSS World Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 race in Top 8 and top half with depth of field<sup>2</sup> at WC, USA</li> </ul>	87.09 90.76	SR
Athlete	DEV Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	WPNS Points	Card Type
Jesse Bachinsky	4.3.a	Athletes achieving at least two (2) results in the 2022-23 season at FIS PSS sanctioned COC events (i.e. US Nationals and/or results at Canmore Selection event Nov 22 & 23, 2022), World Cups, or World Championships of 180 FIS PSS points or less against a depth of field and a current and proven international WC podium or Top 5 performer), in FIS PSS cross-country (CC) and/or FIS PSS Biathlon (BT) events will qualify for selection to the PNST Development Team. This assessment will consider the depth of field at these events.	6.1.b	Athletes on the PNST Development Team ranked in accordance with their two (2) best (lowest FIS PSS points) individual result at any FIS PSS sanctioned COC races (i.e., US Para Nordic Nationals), WC or WCH race during the 2022-23 season. Athletes must achieve a combined average of 150 FIS PSS points or less to be considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XC Sprint, WC, FIN 128.8 pts</li> <li>XC 10km CL, WC, FIN 165.73</li> </ul> <p>Avg of best two results: 147.27</p>	128.8 165.73	D
Levi Nadlersmith (GUIDE)	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6.1.b	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XC Sprint, WC, FIN 128.8 pts</li> <li>XC 10km CL, WC, FIN 165.73</li> </ul>	N/A	D
Leo Sammarelli	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6.1.b	SAME AS ABOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XC Long, WC, USA 140.69 pts</li> <li>XC Sprint, COC, USA, 158.04</li> </ul> <p>Avg of best two results 149.37</p>	140.69 158.04	D
Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	4.3.a	SAME AS ABOVE	6.b	Athletes on the PNST Development Team ranked in accordance with their two (2) best (lowest FIS PSS points) individual result at any FIS PSS sanctioned COC races (i.e., US Para Nordic Nationals), WC or WCH race during the 2022-23 season. Athletes must achieve a combined average of 150 FIS PSS points or less to be considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XC Sprint, WC, USA 153.33 pts</li> <li>XC 5km, WC, USA 150.11 pts</li> </ul> <p>Avg of best two results 151.73</p>	150.11 153.33  Avg 151.7 pts	D*

<sup>1</sup> Depth of Field: For an individual final finish race result to be achieved, the field must include at least 2 athletes who have fewer than 20 FIS PSS points or at least three (3) athletes who have fewer than 40 FIS PSS points on the FIS PSS overall rankings in that sport class (i.e., sit, stand, visually impaired) on the date of competition. (Para Nordic National Ski Team Selection Criteria 2023-24, p. 10)

<sup>2</sup> Refer to footnote 1.

					(lower points were achieved at WC FIN however definition of depth of field <sup>3</sup> was not met. (127.63, 148.06, 150.37))		
*as the athlete was within 1.7 pts of achieving carding criteria Nordiq Canada will put forth a carding nomination to Sport Canada.							
Emma Archibald	4.3.b	The PNST National Team Coach and PN National Development Coach may recommend to the HPD-Para other athletes for selection to this team based on assessment of past performance and potential to be able to contribute to Canada's medal success at the 2023-2024 FIS PSS World Cups or World Championship events or the 2026 PWG. Evidence should include defined podium pathway metrics, GMP evaluations and past international WC performances.	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top ranked women's prospects athlete 22-23 (avg 85 PN CPL Points)</li> <li>• First international competitions (Trials and US Nationals) – performances equivalent to 180 FIS points against PWG podium athletes</li> <li>• GMP/IPP metrics demonstrate strong potential (PNST coach assessed)</li> </ul>		N/A
Athlete	Prospects Team Criteria	Team Criteria Description	AAP Criteria	AAP Criteria Description	Example/Evidence	WPNS Points	Card Type
Logan Cox	4.4.a	Athletes achieving benchmark performances, including the equivalent of 270 or fewer FIS PPS points, will be eligible for selection to the Para Nordic Prospects Team 2023-24. Points will be evaluated from races at the Canmore selection races (Nov 22 & 23, 2022), USA Nationals (Jan 1-3), Canada Winter Games, and Nordiq Canada National Ski Championships, and will be assessed based on the depth of field and on the purpose and objectives outlined in section 2.0 and the recommendation of the PN National Development Coach to the HPD-Para and HPC. This assessment will consider the depth of field at these events.	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest Ranked U23 at in 22-23 season at CWGs, CDN Nationals</li> <li>• Average 98.82 PN CPL Points</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
Madison Mullin	4.4.a.	SAME AS ABOVE	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd ranked at CWGs, CDN Nationals</li> <li>• Average PN CPL points 80.75</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
Logan Lariviere	4.4.a	SAME AS ABOVE	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd ranked U23 overall on CDN PN CPL (average 79.40) *noted improvement over 21-22</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

<sup>3</sup> Refer to footnote 1.