

# Race License

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## Policy

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## 1. Preamble

As the sport governing body for cross country skiing, Nordiq Canada provides guidance and direction for all levels of cross-country ski competitions in Canada.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide direction for the management of Race Licenses within Nordiq Canada.

## 3. Authority

This operational policy is published under the authority of the CEO in consultation with the Sport Development Director.

## 4. Relevant Documents

This and the following policies are available on the Nordiq Canada website, in the [Document Centre](#):

- Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
- Competition Sanctioning Policy
- Cross Country Rules and Regulations (CCR)

## 5. Definitions

- Event.** Several competitions, which may include popular events and loppets, hosted by an Organizing Committee that occur at a particular site in a specified period.
- Competition.** An individual race on its own or within an event, incorporating one or more competition categories. Competitions can range from internal club events (e.g., Toonie Tuesday racing) to the highest level of competition.
- Organizing Committee (OC).** The organization within the hosting Nordiq Canada member club(s) that is(are) responsible for planning and executing a competition or an event. For major events such as the Canadian Ski Nationals, the OC will include both an Event Organizing Committee (EOC) and a Competition Committee (CC).
- Tier 1 Event.** An event that is multi-Divisional or national and primarily for the U20 and Open categories in the Learning to Compete-1 (L2C) to Train to Win (T2W)

development stages. Designated racers earn FIS and CPL points. A Tier 1 event is sanctioned by FIS (Federation international de ski) and Nordiq Canada.

- e. **Tier 2 Event.** An event that is Divisional and primarily for the Train to Train (T2T) to Learn to Compete 2 (L2C-2) development stages. Designated racers earn Canada Points List points. A Tier 2 event is sanctioned by Nordiq Canada and the Division.
- f. **Tier 3 Event.** A competition or event that is neither Tier 1 nor Tier 2, is open to racers or participants who are not members of the host club, and for which more than \$5 per participant is collected. Tier 3 events may be primarily for the Fundamentals to T2T/L2C-1 development stages, inter-club events, or participation-focused community or popular events. A Tier 3 event is sanctioned by the Division.
- g. **Club Event or Club Competition.** An event or competition that is hosted by one club solely for its members. To be covered by third-party general liability insurance, there must be a public record (e.g., club minutes, website, social media) that the event or competition is to occur before the event or competition is held.

## 6. Policy

Nordiq Canada will determine the types of licenses, conditions for issuing licenses, and entitlements for license holders in alignment with competition rules, development purposes, and other considerations to achieve Nordiq Canada objectives.

## 7. Race License Types

### a. Nordiq Canada Race License

The license is issued by Nordiq Canada for U16 and older athletes.

The license holder must

- be a member in good standing of a Nordiq Canada club
- sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
- complete the application, satisfy all requirements contained therein, and pay the non-refundable license fee

The license entitles qualified racers to enter Tier 1 and 2 competitions. The race license holder is eligible for Canada Points List (CPL) or Para CPL points and resulting seeding when competing in Tier 1 and Tier 2 events.

#### **b. Nordiq Canada Development License**

The license is issued by Nordiq Canada for athletes in the U14 category and, where developmentally applicable, younger athletes.

The license holder must

- be a member in good standing of a Nordiq Canada club
- sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
- complete the application, satisfy all requirements contained therein, and pay the non-refundable license fee

The license entitles qualified racers to enter Tier 2 competitions. The race license holder is eligible for CPL or Para CPL points and resulting seeding when competing in Tier 2 competitions.

#### **c. Nordiq Canada Associate Race License**

The license is issued by Nordiq Canada to foreign racers who do not belong to a Nordiq Canada club.

The license holder must

- be a member in good standing of a recognized national cross-country ski association in their home country
- sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement
- complete the application, satisfy all requirements contained therein, and pay the non-refundable license fee
- carry appropriate third-party general liability insurance

The license entitles qualified racers to enter Tier 1 and 2 competitions. The race license holder is eligible for CPL or Para CPL points and resulting seeding when competing in Tier 1 or 2 competitions.

#### **d. Tier 2 Event License**

This license is issued by the organizing committee under Nordiq Canada's authority. The license is only valid for the competition day for which it is issued.

The license holder must

- sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement

This license is reserved for competitors U14 and older who do not hold a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, or Associate Race License.

The license confers upon the holder competition-day eligibility to compete in a Tier 2 competition, except for competitions for which a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, or Associate Race License is mandatory (e.g., Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals, Nordiq Canada Selection Races, COC events, and Canada Winter Games).

The license holder does not enjoy the benefits such as preferred seeding and CPL points that are implicit in a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, and Associate Race License.

#### **e. Tier 3 Event License**

This license is issued by the organizing committee under Nordiq Canada's authority. The license is only valid for the competition day for which it is issued.

The license holder must

- sign the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement

This license is required of all participants in a Tier 3 event, regardless of whether they hold a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, or Associate Race License.

#### **f. Canadian Federation International de Ski (FIS) License**

The license is issued by Nordiq Canada.

The license holder must

- be a Canadian Citizen who has not purchased a FIS license through another nation
- hold a Nordiq Canada Race License
- have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31 of the competitive season, which runs from July 1 to June 30
- complete the application, satisfy all requirements contained therein, and pay the non-refundable license fee

The license is required for all international FIS-sanctioned events (e.g., World Cups, World Championships, Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Olympic Winter Games) and for certain events identified in Nordiq Canada selection criteria. The license holder is eligible for FIS points in Tier 1 events.

## **8. Summary of Governing Rules and Regulations**

Sections 103 and 104 of the Nordiq Canada Cross Country Rules and Regulations state:

- 103.1 The Nordiq Canada license year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

- 103.2 To be eligible for participation in the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals, Nordiq Canada Selection Races, Nordiq Cups, Canada Cups and Canada Winter Games, a competitor must have a valid Nordiq Canada racing license. To be eligible for preferred seeding in other Nordiq Canada sanctioned events, a competitor must have a Nordiq Canada racing license. Foreign competitors must have a valid license issued by their National Federation.
- 103.4 An athlete may have only one Race License and may race only for the club registered on that Race License. If an athlete changes clubs after the Race License is considered valid, the athlete must still race for the club registered on the valid Race License unless confirmation of license transfer is received in writing from the original club president and the new club president. Once a license transfer request is received and approved the athletes' club affiliation will be transferred for the balance of the season.
- 103.5 A competitor whose license has been suspended may have a new license issued after the competitor has proved that any sanctions imposed have been fulfilled.
- 104.1 Nordiq Canada will not issue a license to any competitor who:
- has conducted themselves in an improper or unsportsmanlike manner as defined in the Nordiq Canada Safe Sport policies or
  - is not in good standing with Nordiq Canada, its member Divisions, or their member clubs

## 9. Administration and Fees

### **Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License, Development License, and FIS License**

Athletes apply for the Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License, Development License, and FIS License on the Nordiq Canada website. The application is a binding agreement between Nordiq Canada and the licensee.

#### **Tier 2 Event License**

For OCs using Zone 4 for race registration, Tier 2 Event License administration has been built into race registration and only needs to be activated by the OC. Once activated, anyone without a Nordiq Canada Race License, Development License, Associate Race License or FIS license will be required to purchase a Tier 2 Event License as part of their event registration. Payment for these licenses will be automatically directed to Nordiq Canada at the time of race registration.

For OCs not using Zone 4, the OC is required to submit payment and a list of people who purchased Tier 2 Event Licenses through an online form available on Zone 4 within 7 days of the event.

#### **Tier 3 Event License**

For OCs using Zone 4 for race registration, Tier 3 Event License administration has been built into race registration. Payment for these licenses will be automatically directed to Nordiq Canada at the time of race registration. For OCs not using Zone 4, the OC is required to submit payment and a list of participants through an online form available on Zone 4 within 7 days of the event.

### **Fees**

Nordiq Canada will update race license fees annually. Race license fees are non-refundable.

## **10. Privacy**

This policy is subject to the Nordiq Canada Privacy Policy.

The race license holder's name, year of birth, club name, team name and Division affiliation is considered public information and will be accessible on the Nordiq Canada website. This information will also be made available to organizing committees to validate registration details.

The athlete's completion of the race license application indicates the athlete's consent to the collection, use and disclosure of this information at the discretion of Nordiq Canada, including for reporting to sport partners. For an athlete who is a minor, the endorsement of the application by a legal guardian or person having power of attorney will signify consent.