

# Race License Policy

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## Preamble

1. Nordiq Canada is the sport governing body for cross-country skiing.
2. Nordiq Canada adheres to the *Cross Country Rules and Regulations* and the International Ski Federation (FIS) *International Ski Competition Rules* to govern competitions in Canada. These rules impose a performance code on competitors, competition organizers and officials.

## Purpose

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

## Definitions

4. **Event.** A number of competitions (e.g. the Canadian Championships) which occur at a particular site in a specified time period and which are hosted by a particular organization (the Organizing Committee – see definition below).
5. **Competition.** An individual race within an event, incorporating one or more age categories. For competitions below World Cup level, both genders normally compete in the same competition (within their respective categories).
6. **Organizing Committee (OC).** The organization within the hosting Nordiq Canada club that is responsible for planning and executing a competition or an event. For major events such as the Canadian Championships, the OC will include both an Event Organizing Committee (EOC) and a Competition Committee (CC).
7. **Nordiq Canada Race License.** A license, issued directly by Nordiq Canada, that entitles the license holder to compete in Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competitions and to other benefits that are associated with the Nordiq Canada Race License (including preferred seeding and eligibility for CPL points). The license confirms that the license holder is an individual member in good standing of a Nordiq Canada registered club and identifies the athlete's club affiliation.
8. **Nordiq Canada Associate Race License.** A license reserved for foreign racers, issued directly by Nordiq Canada, that entitles the license holder to compete in Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competitions and to benefit from preferred seeding and eligibility for Canada Points List (CPL) points. The license confirms that the license holder has signed an Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement. The Associate Race License is not to be confused with License Member as defined in the Nordiq Canada by-laws. Associate Race License holders must belong to the recognized national cross-country ski association in their home country and carry appropriate third-party general liability insurance.

- 9. Nordiq Canada Development License.** A sub-category of the Nordiq Canada Race License issued by Nordiq Canada to Canadian athletes in the U14 category and below, which entitles the license holder to compete in Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competitions and to other benefits that are associated with the Nordiq Canada Race License.
- 10. Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License (SMDL).** A license that confers upon the holder competition-day eligibility to compete in a Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competition organized by a Nordiq Canada club (except for competitions for which a Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License is mandatory – e.g. competitions at the Canadian Championships):
- a. Skiers who are not individual members of a Nordiq Canada registered club, or do not hold an Associate Race License, or do not hold a valid FIS license must purchase a Supporting Member Day License in order to compete in any Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competition hosted by a Nordiq Canada club. This ensures that all skiers have appropriate insurance coverage and that the host club’s insurance coverage is not compromised.
  - b. Skiers who are individual members of a Nordiq Canada registered club (including masters) but who do not hold a Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License or FIS License must purchase a Supporting Member Day License in order to compete in Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competitions. Athletes competing in the U12 age class and below are exempt from this requirement.
  - c. Skiers obtain Supporting Member Day Licenses through an OC as part of event/competition registration. The SMDL can be purchased through the events registration process on Zone4 if the OC has indicated a “Non-Category Specific Fee Option”. These licenses are issued under Nordiq Canada’s authority.
  - d. The holder of a Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License is eligible to compete in the Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competition for which the license has been purchased, but does not enjoy the benefits such as preferred seeding and CPL points that are implicit in a Nordiq Canada Race License and Associate Race License.
  - e. The Supporting Member Day License is valid only for the competition for which it is issued.

## Summary of Governing Rules and Regulations

11. Sections 103 and 104 of the *Nordiq Canada Cross Country Rules and Regulations* state as follows:
- 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 National Championships, a competitor must have a Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License or FIS License. To be eligible for participation in the Canada Winter Games, a competitor must have a valid Nordiq Canada Race License, To be eligible for preferred seeding in other

Nordiq Canada sanctioned events, a competitor must have a Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License, or FIS License.

- 103.4 During the Nordiq Canada license year, a competitor may only participate in Nordiq Canada competitions for the club through which the license was first registered in the current Nordiq Canada license year.
- 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 or
  - is not in good standing with Nordiq Canada, its member divisions, or their member clubs as applicable.

12. Section 200 of the *Nordiq Canada Cross Country Rules and Regulations* states as follows:

- 200.3 Competitions listed in the FIS calendar are only open to all properly licensed competitors entered by their National Ski Associations in accordance with current quotas.

## General Policy

13. A Nordiq Canada Race License and Associate Race License is available for purchase from the Nordiq Canada National Office by completing and submitting an application. Completion of the application, to include the provision of contact information and payment details, will be interpreted as a binding agreement.
14. A Nordiq Canada Race License will only be issued to an individual who is a member in good standing of a cross-country ski club, which is registered in a Division.
15. An Associate Race License will only be issued to an individual who is a member in good standing of the appropriate national cross-country ski association.
16. 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. Once a license transfer request is received and approved the athletes' club affiliation will be transferred for the balance of the season.
17. The Race License and Associate Race License must be purchased annually for the fee prescribed, such fee to be determined by Nordiq Canada in consultation with the Nordiq Canada Events Committee.
18. In order to enter a Nordiq Canada-sanctioned race, skiers must have one of:
- a. a valid Nordiq Canada Race License;
  - b. a valid Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License (exceptions are specified in paragraphs 18 and 19 below); or



- c. for foreign skiers, a valid FIS License or Associate Race License.
- 19. A Supporting Member Day License cannot be used to gain entry to competitions in the Canadian Championships, Masters World Cups or FIS World Cup races, for which competitions a competitor must hold a Nordiq Canada Race License. Competitors for the Canada Winter Games require a valid Race License.
- 20. In Tier 2 and Division sanctioned competitions, athletes competing in the U12 age category or below who are members in good standing of a Nordiq Canada club do not require a Nordiq Canada Race License or a Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License.
- 21. Whenever Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competitions hosted by Nordiq Canada registered member clubs are eligible for entry with a Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License, skiers may purchase this license by completing and submitting a Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License application form, and the fee prescribed, to the Organizing Committee. The Supporting Member Day License is valid for one race day only.
- 22. If the U12 category of a Tier 2 Nordiq Canada-sanctioned competition is specified in the race notice as a Canada Points List race then all competitors in the U12 category must have either a Nordiq Canada Development License or Associate Race License, or purchase a Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License.
- 23. Competitors who compete under a Supporting Member Day License are not eligible for preferred seeding and will not receive points for the Canada Points List based on race results.
- 24. Organizing Committees of Nordiq Canada-sanctioned races use an online system to sell Supporting Member Day Licenses. Detailed administrative instructions for the management of Supporting Member Day Licenses, including the associated fee structure, are incorporated in the Nordiq Canada *Competition Registration and Sanctioning Policy*.
- 25. A Nordiq Canada Race License is not needed to enter competitions below Nordiq Canada-sanctioned level that are hosted by Nordiq Canada clubs. Nordiq Canada Divisions or their member clubs will determine eligibility criteria for entering competitions below Nordiq Canada-sanctioned level. For Nordiq Canada's insurance policy to be in force, competitors must be members in good standing of Nordiq Canada or must satisfy the specified requirements of Nordiq Canada, the Division or club for temporary membership for the duration of the competition.

## Privacy

- 26. Nordiq Canada is subject to the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, which sets out principles of fair information practices that in turn form ground rules for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. Nordiq Canada adheres to the principles set out in the Nordiq Canada *Privacy Policy*.
- 27. Information collected in the Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License or Nordiq Canada Supporting Member Day License application is used to properly identify individuals who participate in races hosted by Nordiq Canada clubs.

28. Information collected on the Nordiq Canada Race License or Associate Race License application form may be made available to OC staff and/or to third parties as required to fulfill benefits conferred by the Nordiq Canada Race License and Associate Race License.
29. Nordiq Canada limits the disclosure of any information to that which is required to fulfill the purpose for which it is required.
30. The athlete's completion of the Nordiq Canada Race License, Associate Race License or the Supporting Member Day License application indicates the athlete's consent to the collection, use and disclosure of this information at the discretion of Nordiq Canada. 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.