

2021-22 Para Nordic Paralympic Team Nomination and Synopsis

The following athletes have been nominated to represent Canada at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG) in Beijing, China March 2022 as per the *Paralympic Winter Games Selection Criteria 2022* document. Nomination are subject to Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) approval and the athlete's ability to satisfy all World Para Nordic Skiing (WPNS) eligibility requirements.

- Brian McKeever, AB (Fast Trax Run & Ski Club)
- Collin Cameron, ON (Laurentian Nordic Ski Club)
- Mark Arendz, PEI (Rocky Mountain Racers)
- Derek Zaplotinsky, AB (Strathcona Wilderness Centre)
- Ethan Hess, BC (Nordic Racers, BC Ski Team)
- Brittany Hudak, SK (Rocky Mountain Racers)
- Natalie Wilkie, BC (Larch Hills Nordic Ski Society)
- Emily Young, BC (Telemark Nordic Club)
- Christina Picton, ON (Laurentian Nordic Ski Club)
- Lyne-Marie Bilodeau, QC (ARSNM/Mauriski)

ALTERNATES: Sebastien Fortier, QC (Commission Nordique Skibec); No eligible female alternate.

Paralympic Winter Games Nomination Selection Criteria 2022

As per 5.5 Nordiq Canada, with the successful completed of the WPNS World Cup in Canmore, Nordiq Canada has deemed it is not necessary to hold a Trials event for PWG nomination qualification.

Selection Criteria 5.C.7: Athletes who meet, at least the minimum IPC Paralympic Games qualification criteria¹ may be nominated use a ranking system (5.C.10).

Selection Criteria 5.C.10 a-d: The ranking list will be created as follows:

- a. A single ranking list per gender will be created
- b. Only individual final finish will be counted (see definition in criteria document)
- c. Ranking will be based on the average of the athlete's best two WPNS point results, inclusive of cross-country and biathlon events, at a WPNS sanctioned competition during the qualification period.
- d. The result must be obtained in a qualifying race. A qualifying race is defined as having a depth of field- any WPNS sanctioned World Cup race with at least three (3) WPNS points ranked competitors including at least one competitor with 60 or fewer WPNS points

Men's ranking list as per 5.C.10 of two (2) best individual performances:

¹ For Para Biathlon: Be ranked and have at least one (1) race of 180 points or less on the WPBT Ranking Points List as of 14 February 2022. For Para Cross-country skiing: Be ranked and have at least one (1) race of 180 points or less on either the WPBT or WPCC Ranking Points Lists as of 14 February 2022.

Rank	Name	# 1 Best WPNS Points at Canmore WC		# 2 Best WPNS Points at Canmore WC		Average of Best
		Race	Point	Race	Points	
1	Brian McKeever	Men's VI Short	0.00	Men's VI Middle	0.00	0.00
2	Collin Cameron	Men's XC Sprint	0.00	Men's BT Middle	5.63	2.82
3	Mark Arendz	Men's BT Individual	18.57	Men's XC Sprint	21.75	20.16
4	Derek Zaplotinsky	Men's XC Middle	40.23	Men's XC Short	42.16	41.20
5	Ethan Hess	Men's XC Sprint	82.18	Men's XC Middle	87.88	85.03

Women's ranking list as per 5.C.10 of best two (2) individual performances:

Rank	Name	# 1 Best WPNS Points at WPNS Canmore WC		# 2 Best WPNS Points at WPNS Canmore WC		Average of Best to WPNS point at WPNS Canmore WC
		Race	Point	Race	Points	
1	Brittany Hudak*	Women's XC Short	0.00	Women's BT Short	0.00	0.00
2	Natalie Wilkie	Women's XC Short	0.00	Women's XC Middle	0.00	0.00
3	Emily Young	Women's BT Middle	9.35	Women's XC Sprint	15.42	12.39
4	Christina Picton	Women's XC Sprint	52.93	Women's XC Short	82.54	67.74
5	Lyne-Marie Bilodeau	Women's XC Sprint	161.69	Women's XC Middle	231.20	196.45

**as per tie breaking criteria 5.D.11*

The appeal deadline is **Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 11:59 MST**. Appeals must be submitted in writing to Nordiq Canada's Appeal Manager, Stefano Mingarelli, at stefmingarelli@gmail.com.