The Nordiq Canada Development Fund
Team Coatsworth Athlete Grants - Additional 2026–27 Athlete Grants

1. BACKGROUND

Nordiq Canada is excited to announce that three more athletes will be added to the Team Coatsworth Athlete Grant for the 2026–27 competition season, made possible through the continued financial support of Jamie Coatsworth. Each of the three additional recipients will receive a grant of $2,000.

The NCDF Team Coatsworth Athlete Grant is an annual grant delivered through the Nordiq Canada Development Fund. The aim of the grant is to support individual elite athletes who are in financial need and have demonstrated the potential to reach international podiums. An athlete's involvement in furthering their education will also be a consideration.

The grant was established through a generous gift from long-time Canadian cross-country ski supporter and former Nordiq Canada Board Chair Jamie Coatsworth. Jamie's continued support has made it possible to expand the grant for the 2026–27 season and provide funding to three additional athletes. The three additional grants will provide **$2,000 each** to:

- One Olympic stream female athlete
- One Olympic stream male athlete
- One Paralympic stream athlete

2. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for the grant.

1. The athlete must either be training:

    a. as a member of a Canadian National Ski Team Program (including Olympic and Para Nordic A/World Cup, B/NextGen and Development programs); or

    b. as a member of a National Training Centre (including the Alberta World Cup Academy and Centre National d'Entrainement Pierre Harvey).

2. The athlete must not be receiving **SR1 or SR level Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding for the 2026–27 season**. Athletes receiving D carding or no carding are welcome to apply.

3. The athlete must be in the **U20, U23 or Senior category for the 2026–27 season**.
4. At the time of application, the athlete must hold a **valid 2026–27 Nordiq Canada race licence**.

3. APPLICATION

Athletes wishing to apply for one of the three additional Team Coatsworth Athlete Grants must provide the following by email to info@nordiqcanada.ca by September 28, 2026**.**

1. Background Information
    a. Name:
    b. Age:
    c. Home Club:
    d. Team (if applicable):
    e. I am an: Olympic stream athlete / Para Nordic athlete

2. Eligibility Information
    a. What is your training situation (National Team Program or Training Centre Program)?
    b. Are you receiving Sport Canada AAP carding for the 2026–27 season?
    c. If yes, what is your carding category for the 2026–27 season (e.g., SR1, SR, D)?

3. Past Results, Goals and Financial Need
    a. Outline any notable results from the past two seasons.
    b. Outline your goals for the 2026–27 season and upcoming seasons.
    c. Explain your financial need and how you will use these funds if you receive the grant.
    d. Describe how you are pursuing post-secondary education, if applicable.

4. SELECTION

All complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Nordiq Canada Development Fund Committee. Committee members will score and rank applications based on the content and quality of the information provided. The Committee will then select the successful applicants by consensus.

Successful applicants will be contacted by the Chair of the NCDF Committee. The NCDF Committee expects to notify recipients in **early October 2026.**

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Successful recipients of the grant will be required to provide the following to info@nordiqcanada.ca by **March 31, 2027** to support the future promotion of the Team Coatsworth Athlete Grant:

1. A short-written paragraph describing the impact of the grant and summarizing how the funds were used to support the athlete's goals and continued athletic development.
2. Three photos of the athlete participating in training, competition or other skiing-related activities.
3. A short, personalized thank-you video addressed to Jamie Coatsworth.

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