

## 2025-26 WORLD PERIOD FOUR (4) LAKE PLACID COMPETITION TEAM

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to the World Cup Period Four (4) Lake Placid Team with races from March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Athlete selections were based on the [2025-26 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Selection Criteria](#).

### Competition Trip Objectives:

- Provide appropriate competition opportunities to athletes that have demonstrated the ability to achieve a WC Top 20 performance, and to support the Nations Cup Ranking overall.
- Provide meaningful competition pathway opportunities to developing athletes who can contribute to long-term high-performance objectives.

### Selection Rationale - Distance Men

	Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
<b>Olivier Léveillé</b>	1.5.a	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list	439 points, COC Ranking List
<b>Tom Stephen</b>	1.5.b	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team	As per Nomination Synopsis & Rationale posted on December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>Max Hollmann</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Antoine Cyr</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Rémi Drolet</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Xavier McKeever</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE

<b>Luke Allan</b>	1.5.c	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 Male Canadian Athlete on the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list, 74.99 FIS points
<b>Graham Ritchie (Declined)</b>	1.5.d	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	67.70 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Luke Allan</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	74.99 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Sasha Masson</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	77.78 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Alexandre Cormier</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	90.17 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Luke Fricker</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	94.13 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Kendyn Mashinter</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	100.87 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Jonas Rolseth</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	101.65 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Scott Hill</b>	1.5.d	SAME AS ABOVE	82.15 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list

#### Selection Rationale - Distance Women

	Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
<b>Katie Weaver</b>	1.5.a	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list	421 pts, COC Ranking List

<b>Katherine Stewart-Jones</b>	1.5.b	Athletes selected to the 2026 OWG Team	As per Nomination Synopsis & Rationale posted on December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>Sonjaa Schmidt</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Liliane Gagnon</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Amelia Wells</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Alison Mackie</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Jasmine Drolet</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Olivia Bouffard-Nesbitt</b>	1.5.b	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Katya Semeniuk</b>	1.5.c	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 Female Canadian Athlete on the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list, 136.63 FIS points
<b>Hannah Shields</b>	1.5.d	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Distance from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	141.92 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List

**Selection Rationale - Sprint Men:**

	Criteria	Criteria Description	Evidence
<b>Olivier Léveillé</b>	1.5.e	COC Leaders from the Feb 24, 2026, series ranking list	439 points, COC Ranking List
<b>Tom Stephen</b>	1.5.f	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Max Hollmann (Declined Start)</b>	1.5.f	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Antoine Cyr</b>	1.5.f	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Rémi Drolet (Declined Start)</b>	1.5.f	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Xavier McKeever</b>	1.5.f	SAME AS ABOVE	SAME AS ABOVE
<b>Luke Allan</b>	1.5.g	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	2 <sup>nd</sup> U23 Male Canadian Athlete on the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list, 152.62 FIS points
<b>Pierre Grall-Johnson</b>	1.5.h	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	81.94 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Sasha Masson</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	94.89 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list
<b>Taschi Klaschka</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	145.90 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List
No remaining men have eligible Sprint Ranking FIS points. The remaining spots will be allocated based on the FIS Distance points ranking, using athletes with 150 or fewer FIS Distance points on the ranking list.			

<b>Guillaume Pelchat</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	141.63 (distance) FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List
<b>Courte-Rathwell Parker</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	106.13 (distance) FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List
<b>Julian Smith</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	136.48 (distance) FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List
<b>Justin Boudreau</b>	1.5.h	SAME AS ABOVE	131.99 (distance) FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points List

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<b>Katya Semeniuk</b>	1.5.g	Top 2 men's and women's Canadian U23 athletes on the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked U23 Female Canadian Athlete on the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list, 136.63 Distance FIS points
<b>Hannah Shields</b>	1.5.h	If there are remaining FIS Nation quota spots, these will be filled in order of the FIS Ranking List for Sprint from the 6th points list in 2026 with less than or equal to 150 FIS points.	141.92 FIS points, 6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list

Athlete nominations were made by the Acting High-Performance Director (HPD) and reviewed by the High-Performance Committee (HPC) based on the *2025-26 Nordiq Canada Competition Trip Selection Criteria*. The HPC oversaw the selection process as per the [Nordiq Canada Nomination, Selection and Announcement](#) policy. Members of this committee are:

- Graham Nishikawa (athlete rep – Para)
- Devon Kershaw (athlete rep – Olympic)
- Maria Lundgren (BC)
- Pauline Nadlersmith (MB)
- John Lofranco (Athletics Canada)

Final athlete selections were approved by Eric de Nys, Acting High-Performance Director: [edenys@nordiqcanada.ca](mailto:edenys@nordiqcanada.ca)

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