

Youth Olympic Games

Selection Criteria

2024



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Point 4.4 Designated Selection Trials – December 9-10th Alberta Cups 1 & 2, Canmore AB

1. General Information and Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of the document is to describe the selection criteria that will be used to select athletes for the cross-country ski team to represent Canada in the 2024 Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
- 1.2 This document establishes the eligibility and criteria used by Nordiq Canada for selecting athletes for the Youth Olympic Games 2024.
- 1.3 The process for the creation of selection criteria is guided by the NST Selection, Nomination and Announcement Policy.
- 1.4 Final decision authority for all selections is the Nordiq Canada High Performance Director (HPD) or their designate.
- 1.5 The authority for decision making at the YOG is the Trip Leader.
- 1.6 Selection decisions may be appealed under the Nordiq Canada Dispute Resolution and Appeal Policy. Due to tight timelines, the appeal deadline is 24 hours after the Team notice has been announced on the Nordiq Canada website unless otherwise stated in the posting.
- 1.7 The Nordiq Canada HPD, or their designate, has the authority, and reserves the right to amend this document prior to the selection date under the following circumstances:
 - a. In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Nordiq Canada that prevents the HPD from fairly and objectively implementing these selection procedures.
 - b. When additional (or altered) information deemed relevant by Nordiq Canada to the criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, The Canadian Olympic Committee, FIS, or any other relevant organization.
 - c. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors, or omissions in the criteria.
 - d. COVID-19 occurrences pertaining to, but not limited to: race cancellations or rescheduling, any country border limitations, travel restrictions, travel limitations, inability to maintain safety of athletes, etc.

- 1.8 Changes to this document will be communicated directly to the ski community by whatever means and wherever the original criteria was published. Nordiq Canada is not responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any amendments.
- 1.9 This policy does not require Nordiq Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
- 1.10 It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and other supporting documents and policies. For clarification on the content of this document contact the HPD.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Athlete Eligibility

- a. Be a Canadian citizen
- b. Have a valid Canadian passport valid until August 1, 2024
- c. Meet eligibility criteria published by FIS. [Link to FIS eligibility](#)
- d. Born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008
- e. Nordiq Canada member in good standing¹
- f. Have an active Nordiq Canada race license
- g. Have an active FIS license prior to events
- h. Have the required YOG FIS points sprints or distance to start in the respective competition. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS points during the YOG qualification period from July 1, 2022, to December 17, 2023.
- i. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than December 1, 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- j. Compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of the NSO, COC, FIS, and the host country of the event (if applicable).

- 2.2 Athletes will not be officially named to the competition team until eligibility requirements have been verified by Nordiq Canada. Athletes selected to a competition team will be notified by Nordiq Canada. The official team will be announced by Nordiq Canada once all verification checks have been completed.

- 2.3 Selected and pre-selected athletes must meet and sign-off on the following conditions to be eligible for the competition:
 - a. The athlete is in optimal health and completely recovered from any illness or injury 48 hours prior to the trip departure as supported by a medical doctor, and the NST coaching and IST team. Historical blood results within a 4-month period of the trip will be required to support optimal athlete health. In some cases, an athlete may be required to meet with the NST doctor for health monitoring, in person or virtually.
 - b. COVID-19 protocols, including testing, as stated in the Nordiq Canada COVID

¹ Refer to Nordiq Canada by-laws for conditions of membership.

protocols or when mandated by local government health officials.

- c. The athlete must be at a competitive ready performance level, as demonstrated throughout the training season and competition season. This assessment will be made by the NST Coach(es) and the HPD.

2.4 Removal of an Athlete

- a. The HPD may, at any time, and at their discretion, remove an athlete from the Canadian Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete has been found to have violated the Nordiq Canada Code of Conduct. Nordiq Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision to remove them from the Canadian Team.
- b. After the athlete has been nominated to the Canadian Team, the COC may remove an athlete from the Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete is found to have violated the COC's Code of Conduct, the terms of the COC Athlete Agreement or any other applicable COC policy.

3. Selection Guidelines

- 3.1 Only events listed in this document are considered for selection rankings and standards.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise stated in the specific event selection criteria, in the event of a tie after the selection criteria has been applied, where a tie exists athletes will be ranked on their single best race result. If there is still a tie it will move to 2nd, 3rd, etc. best result in all eligible races until the tie is broken.
- 3.3 The HPD reserves the right to choose or modify team size, within the operational trip budget, to ensure the optimal health and competitiveness of the team.
- 3.4 Athletes will not be eligible for a competition team unless they are healthy and in competition ready condition at the time of the competition trip departure. *Refer to point 2.3.*
- 3.5 In the event a qualifying athlete is ineligible or otherwise unable to compete, the HPD may choose to select the next qualifying athlete.
- 3.6 Subject to quota spots, eligible athletes are selected in priority order as per the selection criteria until quota positions are filled.
- 3.7 All qualification race results referred to are Individual Final Finish Race Results (see Definitions), unless otherwise indicated.
- 3.8 Timelines summary
 - a. INP published deadline – January 19, 2023
 - b. Long list deadline – April 17, 2023
 - c. Bridge launch to Long List – April 26, 2023
 - d. Accreditation information deadline – July 14, 2023
 - e. Team nomination deadline – December 19, 2023

- f. A substitution pending COC Team Selection Committee – December 18-20, 2023
- g. Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP) is in effect – December 21, 2023, onward

4. 2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) Gangwon, South Korea

Dates: January 19 to February 1, 2024

4.1 Team Size

- a. Minimum 1 female and 1 male athlete.
- b. Minimum of 4 female and 4 male athletes will be nominated as alternates and can be added to the team in order of nomination in the event an athlete declines, their nomination, illness, or removal from the team, or if more quota spots are awarded via the re-allocation.
- c. Additional quota spots will be announced December 18, 2023, after the re-allocation process.

4.2 Trip Staff

- a. Two staff persons will be selected to lead this trip; Trip Leader/Head Coach + Wax Technician.
- b. Final staff nominations will be made by July 31, 2023.

4.3 Trip Fee

- a. No trip fee.

4.4 Designated Selection Trials – December 9 and 10th, Alberta Cup 1 & 2, Canmore AB.

- a. Top female and male with the highest combined score of the sprint freestyle race final result and classic distance race 10k using World Cup points scoring system (see appendix B).
- b. Ties will be broken by the next single result comparison. If there is still a tie, it will be broken using the result of the sprint race qualification.
- c. Alternate athletes may be selected if an athlete declines or is unable to accept their nomination. The ranking list will be used to select the alternate athlete. Alternate selections need to be approved by the Canadian Olympic Committee's YOG Team Selection Committee.

4.5 Illness and injury:

- a. Curtailment of health does not apply for this trip.
- b. In a situation where an athlete has met the qualifying criteria but becomes seriously injured or ill prior to the end of the qualifying period, NC will have the athlete's health and fitness assessed by a physician and decide whether the athlete can still be nominated for selection.

4.6 Team Nomination

- a. Staff nominations will be made on July 31, 2023.
- b. Team nominations and alternates will be made on December 19th.
- c. Appeals period closes December 20th.
- d. Team nomination to the COC by noon, December 21st.

4.7 Team Announcement

- a. The team will be announced on **December 21, 2023**.

4.8 Confirmation of Entries including Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP)

- a. At the games, the Trip Leader is responsible for the final confirmation of entries following the stipulated process of the FIS.
- b. Substitutions after December 21, 2023 are subject to the IOC LARP. Should a nominated athlete decline the nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to injury, that athlete shall be replaced by the highest ranked Alternate on the nomination ranking list.

4.9 Contact

Inquiries should be made to the Nordiq Canada HPD, Chris Jeffries
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5. APPENDIX A - Definitions

Definitions relevant to understanding criteria procedures.

- 5.1 Distance Races: For these selection criteria, all races longer than 2.0 km will be designated as a distance race. This could be an individual start, mass start, pursuit, or skiathlon competition. An athlete selected or identified in a distance race will be referred to as a distance athlete.
- 5.2 Sprint Events: For these selection criteria, all individual races that are shorter than or equal to 2.0 km and two-athlete team events where each leg is shorter than or equal to 2.0 km are designated individual sprints or team sprints. These races will be designated as a sprint event. An athlete selected or identified in a sprint event will be referred to as a sprint athlete. All references to sprint results in these criteria are references to final results unless otherwise noted.
- 5.3 Tier One Selection Events: A categorization of races used for team selection and trip standards that is limited to domestic and international FIS sanctioned races that count towards the FIS points list.
- 5.4 Individual Final Finish Race Result: The final time and ranking attributed to an athlete at the completion of an entire individual event, i.e. time of day, qualification heats, pre-qualification times, team relay, or team sprint times are not considered individual final finish race results. World Cup (WC) points must be awarded for any result to be considered a WC race result.
- 5.5 Competition Ready: Defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.

6. APPENDIX B – World Cup Points Scoring System

1 st place =	100 points	26 th place =	30 points
2 nd place =	95 points	27 th place =	28 points
3 rd place =	90 points	28 th place =	26 points
4 th place =	85 points	29 th place =	24 points
5 th place =	80 points	30 th place =	22 points
6 th place =	75 points	31 st place =	20 points
7 th place =	72 points	32 nd place =	19 points
8 th place =	69 points	33 rd place =	18 points
9 th place =	66 points	34 th place =	17 points
10 th place =	63 points	35 th place =	16 points
11 th place =	60 points	36 th place =	15 points
12 th place =	58 points	37 th place =	14 points
13 th place =	56 points	38 th place =	13 points
14 th place =	54 points	39 th place =	12 points
15 th place =	52 points	40 th place =	11 points
16 th place =	50 points	41 st place =	10 points
17 th place =	48 points	42 nd place =	9 points
18 th place =	46 points	43 rd place =	8 points
19 th place =	44 points	44 th place =	7 points
20 th place =	42 points	45 th place =	6 points
21 st place =	40 points	46 th place =	5 points
22 nd place =	38 points	47 th place =	4 points
23 rd place =	36 points	48 th place =	3 points
24 th place =	34 points	49 th place =	2 points
25 th place =	32 points	50 th place =	1 point