

Nordic Combined Ski Canada
Internal Nomination Procedures
For the XXIII Olympic Winter Games 2018 in
PyeongChang, KOR

1. INTRODUCTION:

Purpose:

This document outlines the qualification process and criteria that will be used by Nordic Combined Ski Canada (NCSC) in the selection of male and female athletes to represent Canada in Nordic Combined Ski Canada at the XXIII Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Pyeongchang in 2018.

Objectives:

The primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Pyeongchang, 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The secondary objective is to provide international competition opportunities for athletes deemed to have high potential for the XXIV Winter Olympic Games to be held in 2022.

Team Size:

This document does not specify the size of the Canadian team but is to be used once the International Olympic Committee/FIS has defined the number of athletes, both male and female, that Canada can send. However, Nordic Combined Ski Canada may, based on the selection criteria outlined in this document, elect to send fewer athletes than allocated if not enough athletes have met NCSC requirements.

2. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY (DMA):

Decision Making Authority (DMA):

- The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) mandates Nordic Combined Ski Canada to define the Internal Nomination Procedures for the athletes that will be nominated to the COC for the 2018 Games.
- The Selection Committee is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the COC for the 2018 Games.
- The Selection Committee is comprised of the following: High Performance Director, two independent members of Nordic Combined Ski Canada and the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Head Coach.
- The Nordic Combined Ski Canada Head Coach in consultation with the High Performance Director is responsible for the implementation of these procedures.
- All team nominations, including alternates, will be made by the Selection Committee.
- The High Performance Director is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

- The Nordic Combined Ski Canada Olympic Team will be selected by the Selection Committee following the selection procedures and criteria outlined below.

All Nordic Combined Ski Canada nominations are also subject to the approval of the COC.

On-Site Decision Making Authority:

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2018 Games all final decision making authority will reside with the Head Coach or the team leader in the absence of the Head Coach.

3. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA:

- The Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) criteria can be found at <http://data.fis-ski.com/media/olympic-games/qualification-system-for-olympic-winter-games-pyeongchang-2018.pdf> and in the event of a discrepancy, the original FIS version will prevail. In the event of changes by the FIS of the selection and eligibility criteria, Nordic Combined Ski Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.
- All athletes who take part in the 2018 Games must achieve the minimum eligibility standards set forth by the FIS. Minimum standards can be found on the FIS fis-ski.com at <http://data.fis-ski.com/media/olympic-games/qualification-system-for-olympic-winter-games-pyeongchang-2018.pdf> and are attached as Appendix A.

4. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic selection, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen (this refers to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before October 18th, 2018
- Be in compliance with all relevant FIS and IOC requirements for eligibility
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 1, 2018
- Be a member in good standing with Nordic Combined Ski Canada, and associated Clubs.

Nordic Combined Ski Canada Financial Requirements:

Athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices due to Nordic Combined Ski Canada or their specific club by January 1, 2018, 12:00, MST in order to be eligible for nomination to the Olympic Team.

Age requirement:

Competitors must be born before January 1, 2002.

5. NORDIC COMBINED SKI CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA:**Athlete Selection & Process:**

1. Period for Qualification:

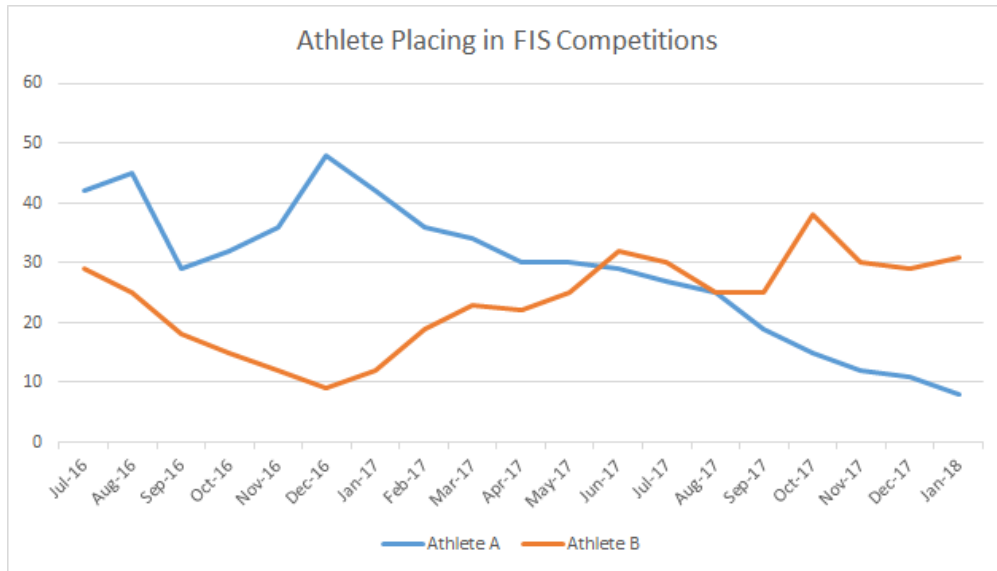
- The Nordic Combined Ski Canada XXIII Games qualification period extends from July 1st, 2016 to January 20th, 2018 inclusive. All athletes must have obtained the minimum FIS Eligibility Qualification Criteria as stated in the FIS rules. These rules can be accessed at <http://data.fis-ski.com/media/olympic-games/qualification-system-for-olympic-winter-games-pyeongchang-2018.pdf>

2. Pre-Selection

- Between July 1st, 2017 and January 20th, 2018 if an athlete obtains a podium position in a World Cup or a Grand Prix event they will automatically be pre-selected to the team, to the maximum number of athletes for our nation's quota.

3. Process that will be used for team spots not pre-selected will be based on the following factors (equal weight):

- Places will be allocated based on results achieved in the qualifying period between July 1st, 2016 and January 20th, 2018:
- The athlete ranking in the World Ranking List;
- The trend of the FIS level (World Cup/Grand Prix, Continental Cup, FIS Cup) competition results throughout the qualifying period, such that an athlete with a discernible trend of improving results in the current and previous two (2) periods coming into the Olympics will be selected above an athlete with no obvious trend of improving results.
- The graph below is a simplistic example showing two athletes who could have similar standings in the WRL but it can be seen that Athlete A has a definite trend of improving results whilst athlete B is trending in the opposite direction. In this case athlete A would be chosen for the team on the basis they were hitting their peak performance in the run up to the Olympic Winter Games. The trend would be objectively reflected by Canadian and World Ranking lists, following the 2 preceding periods, leading into the Games. This is a calculation, based on a trend, leading into the Games period.



- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken in favor of:
 - Athletes on the National Team;
 - Highest Result in the last World Cup of the Qualifying Period

4. Team Nomination Date:

Nordic Combined Ski Canada’s Nomination Date for the XXIII Winter Games will be January 21st, 2018 and will allow time for any appeal process to be complete prior to the COC Team Notification Deadline as per Section 8 below. The Nominations are considered provisional, until possible process of reallocated quotas is complete by January 25th.

5. Team Announcement Date:

Nordic Combined Ski Canada’s Team Announcement for the XXIII Winter Games will be made prior to February 2nd, 2018. The announcement will be posted on Nordic Combined Ski Canada’s website after being formally made by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

6. Alternate Positions:

In announcing the final nomination for the 2018 Games, where appropriate and indicated in the selection criteria, Nordic Combined Ski Canada may also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the 2018 Games, for whatever reason. These athletes’ information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes’ information. The selection of alternates is to be based on the same selection process as nominated athletes.

7. Injuries:

- Once selected, athletes who become injured or ill may be removed from the team at any time at the discretion of the head coach. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2018 Games. Notification must be sent to the High Performance Selection Committee.

- In the case of injury or illness, the head coach will consider medical recommendations in making a final decision. Injured or ill athletes will be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the team head coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. This trial will have a predetermined expected outcome and will take place in Canada. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the athlete is not competition ready once onsite at the event, or has not disclosed injury or illness, he/she may be asked to return home immediately.
- If an athlete is injured during a portion of the qualification period and unable to compete, the High Performance Selection Committee may elect to consider results from an equivalent event from prior year in making its nomination decisions.
 - A medical certificate must be provided, however Nordic Combined Ski Canada may request a medical examination by a Nordic Combined Ski Canada designated physician.

8. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated:

The High Performance Selection Committee may, at any time, and at their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete, which is inconsistent with Nordic Combined Ski Canada Code of Conduct as described in the Athlete Agreement. Nordic Combined Ski Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision.

6. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES:

On January 21, 2018, Nordic Combined Ski Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes) it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2018 Canadian Olympic Nordic Combined Ski Canada Team. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2018 Canadian Olympic Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health related curtailment of activities, Nordic Combined Ski Canada shall submit its list of athletes and alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2018 Canadian Olympic Team on January 21, 2018.

7. AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the High Performance Director in consultation with the Selection Committee, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

- Any changes to these INP will be communicated via the Nordic Combined Ski Canada website and by email to all 2016 – 2017 high performance program athletes within 24 hours of any changes being made.

8. APPEALS:

- Nordic Combined Ski Canada nominations to the COC for the 2018 Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Appeal Policy.
- In accordance with Section 15.1 of the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Appeal Policy, the timelines for appeal can be modified. In light of the tightness of deadlines the following timelines will be followed:

STEP	DATE	COMMENTS
a. NSF Nomination Deadline b. Athletes advised of unsuccessful nomination to Olympic Team	January 21, 2018	
Filing of Appeal Form	24 hours from receiving the notice above	
Appeal to SDRCC	Timelines determined by SDRCC	
COC Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM)	January 26, 2018 (tentative)	
POGOG Final Entry by name	January 28, 2018	

- These INP and the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Team competing at the 2018 Games expressly adopts the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Appeal Policy as the mechanism to resolve disputes between all athletes and Nordic Combined Ski Canada. Any dispute relating to the Nordic Combined Ski Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2018 Games must be brought according to said Policy (Appendix B) or may be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties.

9. TIMELINES SUMMARY:

DATE	TIMELINE
July 1, 2016	Olympic INP posted on Website.
July 1, 2016	Deadline to have signed the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Athlete Agreement, Code of Conduct (National and National Development Athletes only), submitted and any required documents
January 1, 2017	INP Published
July 1, 2016 – January 21, 2018	Qualification period & Selection Events
January 21, 2018	Athlete nomination to the COC
January 21, 2018	Deadline for Filing an Appeal
January 21, 2018	Date team will be nominated by the COC (date determined by COC) Date to sign and return the COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form
January 22, 2018	FIS confirms Nation quota to NOC's
January 23, 2018	Date athlete must accept or refuse their selection
January 22-24, 2018	Confirm use of allocated quota places to FIS
January 28, 2018	PyeongChang 2018 sport entries deadline

10. FUNDING:

Nordic Combined Ski Canada procedures state that athletes are responsible for funding of their travel fees. Some financial assistance may be available from the Canadian Olympic Committee for travel to the Olympics.

11. CONTACT:

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the INP, please contact Nikolay Petrov, High Performance Director, Nordic Combined Ski Canada, SJ NC Training Centre Calgary, +1 587 707-7478, sinpetrov@gmail.com.

12. APPENDIX:

Appendix A – The most current copy of the Olympic Qualification System of the FIS

Appendix B– The Nordic Combined Ski Canada Appeal Policy

Nordic Combined Ski Canada Olympic Selection Criteria Ratified by High Performance Athlete Committee

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