



Nordic Combined Ski Canada
Internal Nomination Procedures
For the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympics

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 Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympics.

Objectives:

The primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympics. The secondary objective is to provide international competition experience for developing athletes.

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 2020 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 2020 Games.
- The Selection Committee is comprised of the following: High Performance Director, an independent Nordic Combined Ski Canada board member, an independent member 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 2020 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 <https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1539779284/fis-prod/assets/document-library/youth-olympics/JP.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 2020 Games must achieve the minimum eligibility standards set forth by the FIS. Minimum standards can be found on the FIS [fis-ski.com](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1539779284/fis-prod/assets/document-library/youth-olympics/JP.pdf) at <https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1539779284/fis-prod/assets/document-library/youth-olympics/JP.pdf>.

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 July 22nd, 2020
- Be in compliance with all relevant FIS and IOC requirements for eligibility, including age eligibility requirements
- Athletes must, at a minimum, have competed in at least one FIS Cup
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee Conditions of Participation Form no later than December 1, 2019
- Be a currently training athlete with a Canadian club.

Age requirement:

Competitors must be born between January 1, 2002 and 31 December, 2004.

5. NORDIC COMBINED SKI CANADA SELECTION CRITERIA:

Athlete Selection & Process:

a) Period for qualification:

- The Nordic Combined Ski Canada the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Games qualification period extends from July 1st, 2018 to December 8, 2019 inclusive. All athletes must have obtained the minimum FIS Eligibility Qualification Criteria as stated in the FIS rules. These rules can be accessed at <https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1539779284/fis-prod/assets/document-library/youth-olympics/JP.pdf>

b) Process that will be used for team spots:

- Places will be allocated based on FIS level competition results achieved in the qualifying period between July 1st, 2018 and December 8, 2019:
 - The athlete ranking in the YOG Quota Allocation List [https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/general/winter-youth-olympic-games-allocation-list.html?sectorcode=JP&listid=2020&listtype=YOGalloc](https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/general/winter-youth-olympic-games-allocation-list.html?sectorcode=JP&listid=2020&listtype=YOGalloc;);

c) Team Nomination Date:

Nordic Combined Ski Canada's Nomination Date for the XXIII Winter Games will be December 9, 2019 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 December 16th.

d) Team Announcement Date:

Nordic Combined Ski Canada's Team Announcement for the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games will be made on December 13, 2019. The announcement will be posted on Nordic Combined Ski Canada's website after being formally made by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

Alternate Positions:

In announcing the final nomination for the 2020 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 2020 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.

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 2020 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.

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 December 16, 2019, Nordic Combined Ski Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes) it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2020 Canadian Youth 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 2020 Canadian Youth 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 2020 Canadian Youth Olympic Team on December 16, 2019.

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 2018 - 2019 development athletes within 24 hours of any changes being made.

8. APPEALS:

- Nordic Combined Ski Canada nominations to the COC for the 2020 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSF Nomination Deadline• Athletes advised of unsuccessful nomination to Youth Olympic Team	December 9, 2019	
Filing of Appeal Form	Within 24 hrs from receiving the notice above	
Appeal to SDRCC	Timelines determined by SDRCC	
COC Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM)	December 13, 2019 (tentative)	
POGOG Final Entry by name	December 16, 2019	

These INP and the Nordic Combined Ski Canada Team competing at the 2020 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 2020 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. 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.

10. CONTACT:

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