



## **Alberta Development Ski Team (ADST) Selection Criteria for 2023/2024**

The Selection Committee will be made up of a minimum of three Nordiq Alberta Board members and will be assisted by the Provincial Coach/Development Director.

### **Program Objectives:**

- To support Alberta development-level athletes born in 2007-2009 in their pursuit of excellence in the sport of cross-country skiing through the provision of supported training and competitive development opportunities
- To prepare athletes for the next development level (AST) through appropriate educational, training and technique development opportunities
- To provide a “team” atmosphere for developing-level athletes
- To provide an avenue of support for development-level athletes through Nordiq Alberta
- To promote long-term involvement in the sport

### **Team Size:**

Minimum of 24 athletes (12 males and 12 females)

### **Athlete Eligibility:**

1. Member in good standing of a registered Nordiq Alberta club
2. Alberta resident (defined as full time resident for 6 months prior to team selection date)
3. Holder of Alberta health care card
4. Born in 2007, 2008, 2009

### **Selection Acceptance Requirements:**

The Selection will be considered accepted when the Nordiq Alberta office has received the following:

1. Nordiq Alberta athlete agreement signed by athlete, coach and parents;
2. Athlete code of conduct signed by athlete;
3. Nordiq Alberta athlete media form and medical form completed;
4. Payment of ADST fee, when applicable;

### **Selection Criteria:**



- In the event that the regular competition season does not occur, athletes will be selected using the criteria that can be applied based on events that did occur.
- In the event no competitions take place SC3 Force Majeure will NOT be applied.

Athletes will be selected according to the following criteria:

Alberta Cup aggregate points will be used for selection. Points will be accrued for selection consideration only when an athlete competes in their appropriate category as defined by Nordiq Alberta for their year of birth.

Alberta Cup aggregate points will be used for selection of ADST athletes based on the following formula:

- Best 5 of 7 or 8 races (when there are 7 or 8 AB Cup races in a season)
- Best 4 of 5 or 6 races (when there are 5 or 6 AB Cup races in a season)
- Best 3 of 4 races (when there are 4 AB Cup races in a season)
- Best 2 of 2 or 3 races (when there are 2 or 3 AB Cup races in a season)
- Best 1 of 1 race (when there is only 1 AB Cup race in a season)

Athletes must compete in their appropriate age category as defined by Nordiq Alberta. 2009 athletes must compete in the U14 category for their points to accrue for selection. 2007 and 2008 athletes must compete in the U16 category for their points to accrue for selection.

#### **SC1.**

- The 5 top ranked 2009 male and the 5 top ranked 2009 female will be nominated.
- The 5 top ranked 2008 male and the 5 top ranked 2008 female will be nominated.
- The 3 top ranked 2007 male and the 3 top ranked 2007 female will be nominated.
- The 1st ranked 2007 male and 2007 female athletes may be nominated to the Alberta Ski Team if they meet the CPL requirement as outlined in AST Selection Criteria 6.

#### **SC2.**

Where an athlete who is ranked in the top 5 males and top 5 females born in 2009 or an athlete who is ranked in the top 5 males or top 5 females born in 2008 do not accept their position, or when the eligible athletes born in 2007 do not accept their position, the next ranked athlete from that YOB category will be offered a position.

#### **SC3.**

Force Majeure factors – athletes selected under SC3 will be in addition to, not to replace, athletes eligible under SC1 and SC2. “Force Majeure” means an unexpected event beyond the reasonable control of the athlete that crucially affects that athlete’s ability to compete, and will be determined



on a case-by-case basis (e.g. racing out of 2007 category for team selection, illness, injury, transportation breakdown, etc., with proper documentation included) and can be put forward as rationale for not having competed in or completed a selection race(s). The proper documentation needs to be received by Nordiq Alberta between April 1 – April 30, 2023.

#### **SC4.**

In extraordinary circumstances, Nordiq Alberta may make discretionary selections to the ADST. These selections are motivated to provide fairness and equity and will be consistent with the above noted criteria.

#### Selection timeline

- **February 1, 2023** – 2023-24 ADST Draft program published on the Nordiq Alberta website;
- **March 21, 2023** – AB Cup Aggregate points published on the Nordiq Alberta website;
- **April 30, 2023** - Invitations sent to nominated athletes by Nordiq Alberta;
- **May 7, 2023** – Athletes are required to accept or decline their nomination to the ADST by notifying the Nordiq Alberta office in writing by email. No response, will be interpreted to be a decline;
- **May 10, 2023** – Round two of the ADST athlete selections based on any openings created by athletes declining their selection in the first round;
- **May 14, 2023** – Any additional athletes selected to the ADST are required to accept or decline their selection by notifying the Nordiq Alberta office in writing by email. No response, will be interpreted to be a decline;
- **May 21, 2023** – The ADST announced with the selection synopsis made available;
- **June 3, 2023** – The ADST selection paperwork and payment are due at the Nordiq Alberta office.

*The program and size is dependent on the Nordiq Alberta Ski Team Policy.*