



Alberta Travel Team Selection Criteria for Competition Trip Feb 2022

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.

Nordiq Alberta supports excellence in competitive cross-country skiing for Alberta athletes in the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) stages of Train to Train and Learn to Compete. These LTAD stages are the Nordiq Canada competition categories of U-20 Men/Women and U-18 Boys/Girls.

Nordiq Alberta will base trip decisions on the evolving Alberta Health Services COVID-19 protocols, Government of Alberta COVID-19 guidelines, and COVID-19 protocols that are in place in the countries the team will travel to, as they pertain to athletic events and team selection processes.

Trip Objectives:

- o To provide an opportunity for Alberta's top athletes to compete internationally against the best U20 skiers of other nations.
- o To prepare athletes for the next level of competition through appropriate international racing opportunities.
- o To provide an avenue to support development-level athletes through Nordiq Alberta and other grants.
- o To develop coaching knowledge, skills, and attitudes amongst clubs and coaches from around the province.

Trip Information:

The trip will consist of a 2 week travel period, including 2 weekends of racing internationally - in the Central Europe OPA Cup and Scandinavian Cup.
Departing on Feb 1st and returning on Feb 14th 2022.

Team Size:

The team will have a maximum size of 10 athletes total with a minimum of 4 athletes per gender.

Staff:

- Lead Coaches: Ivan Babikov and TBD
- Wax Technician: Ivan Babikov and TBD



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 and valid Passport
4. Holder of a valid FIS license.
5. Born in 2002 to 2005
6. Must have proof of double vaccination with the 2nd vaccination received at least 2 weeks prior to trip start.
7. Any athlete interested in being selected for the Travel Team, must register in the U20 category for all selection races.

Selection Event:

Nordiq Alberta Travel Team selection will be based on performance at the Nordic Junior/U23 World Ski Championships and Olympics Games Trials / AB Cup event hosted January 6-11, 2022, in Canmore, Alberta.

Races used for selection:

Race 1 – Canmore, January 6, 2022 – Classic Individual Start 10/15km

Race 2 – Canmore, January 8, 2022 – Skate Sprint

Race 3 – Canmore, January 9, 2022 – Mass Start Skate 15/30km

Selection Criteria:

1. A Ranking List will be created based on athletes' best 2 of 3 selection races. Point scoring of those events will be based on the following scoring table:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	100	80	60	50	45	40	36	32	29	26
Place	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Points	24	22	20	18	16	15	14	13	12	11
Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1



- The sprint event will be scored based on 50% qualification and 50% final position. Point scoring and the Ranking Lists will be based on all eligible Alberta athletes that indicated they are competing for a Travel Team spot.
2. There will be a separate Male Ranking List and Female Ranking List.
 3. The top 4 female and top 4 male athletes, from their respective lists, will be selected to the Travel Team. Should an athlete decline their spot, the next eligible ranked athlete will be selected until 4 female and 4 male athletes are selected.
 4. A 5th female and a 5th male athlete will be selected, from their respective Ranking List, if their FIS points from either distance race is 300 or less.
 5. If the 5th athlete in either gender, or both genders, did not attain FIS points of 300 or less in either distance event, the Technical Committee will fill the Travel Team to a maximum of 10 athletes with discretionary selections, based on the next ranked athlete on the male or female Ranking List.
 6. The Travel Team will comprise a minimum of 4 athletes per gender and a maximum of 6 athletes per gender, for a maximum total team size of 10.
 7. Ties in the Ranking List will be broken first by the scoring of the athletes' 3rd event. If this does not resolve the tie, the athletes' single-best-race point scoring will be used.

Trip cost: \$4000 (approximately)

Athlete Subsidy: \$1500 (per athlete)