



ALPINE SKIING INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES PyeongChang 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“Alpine Canada”) to nominate athletes as members of the Canadian Olympic Alpine Ski team (the “Team”)(the “Selection Process”) at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games (the “Games”). Nominations by Alpine Canada are subject to final selection by the Canadian Olympic Committee (“COC”).
- 1.2 The Objectives of the Selection Process are to nominate athletes most capable of achieving podium performances at the Games (Categories I, III and IV) and at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Category II).

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 2.2 “FIS” means the International Ski Federation, the international sport governing body;
- 2.3 “COC” means Canadian Olympic Committee;
- 2.4 “IOC” means International Olympic Committee;
- 2.5 “POCOG” mean PyeongChang 2018 Organizing Committee;
- 2.6 “CAST” means the Canadian Alpine Ski Team;
- 2.7 “CAST Alpine Staff” means the Alpine, Athletic Director of ACA and CAST Head Coaches.
- 2.8 “CAST Medical Staff” means various medical specialist, staff or non-staff of ACA;
- 2.9 “Discretionary Athletes” are athletes who have been nominated to the Team under Categories II, III and IV;
- 2.91 “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CAST Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CAST Medical Staff, of a number of factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the Games;



- 2.92 “Qualifying Athletes” are athletes that qualify according to Performance Criteria (Category I); and,
- 2.93 “Qualifying Period 1” is the period from **October 22, 2016** to **January 16, 2018** during which the athletes must achieve minimum criteria to be considered for nomination under Categories I, II and III. O
- 2.94 Additional “Qualifying Period 2” is the period from **January 19, 2018** to **January 25, 2018** during which athletes must have achieved minimum criteria for nomination under categories I, II, III
- 2.95 Final “Qualifying Period 3” is the period from **January 27, 2018** to **January 28, 2018** during which athletes must achieve a world cup podium result to be considered for nomination under categories I, II and III. Nomination under Qualifying Period 3 will be at the discretion of PyeongChang 2018 and IOC.

3.0 TEAM SIZE

- 3.1 The International Ski Federation (FIS) Olympic Qualification System for Alpine Skiing provides the following quota for alpine skiing, subject to revision by FIS on January 22, 2018:
- (a) Canada may earn a maximum of twenty-two (22) athlete quota places for the Games, up to a maximum of 14 male or 14 female athletes; and,
 - (b) a maximum of 4 athletes per country may compete per event
 - (c) a maximum of 6 athletes per country may compete in the Team Event, with a maximum of 3 male and 3 female athletes
- 3.2 The CAST Alpine Staff has sole discretion as to the exact composition of the Team, the number and gender of athletes nominated to meet the Objectives of this Policy.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 In order to be eligible for nomination to the Team, an Athlete must:
- i) not be subject to suspension by ACA or FIS;



- ii) meet all applicable citizenship requirements of the International Olympic Committee and FIS at the time of selection and must maintain these requirements until the completion of the Games;
- iii) meet all age requirements of FIS: all participating athletes in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must be born before 1 January 2002
- iv) meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with [Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules \(ICR\)](#);
- v) be “fit to race” prior to January 28, 2018. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the Alpine, Athletic Director that Injury Status applies; and,
- vi) meet the minimum qualification criteria under Articles 6, 7 or 8.
- vii) sign the 2017-18 Alpine Canada Athlete Agreement.
- viii) return a copy of this policy with the acknowledgment signed;
- iv) sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and POCOG Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 1, 2018;

5.0 RANK LIST DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL RANKING, PRE-QUALIFICATION, RACING ROSTER, QUALIFICATION PERIODS

Rank List Development:

- 5.11 Any World Cup 1st place race winner (excluding Alpine Combined) in season 2017/18 within the OWG qualification period, will automatically be pre-qualified for that specific discipline at PyeongChang 2018.
- 5.12 Rank list order will be determined by the allocation of WC points by rank 1-30 as per the [FIS World Cup rules \(10.1\)](#) for the qualifying WC results relative criteria category. Podium results in January 2018 within the OWG qualification period, will receive an allocation of WC points x 1.25. Eligible 2017 World Ski Championship results will be scored as per WC points schedule 10.1 in the FIS World Cup Rules.



5.13 The rank list will be prepared in priority sequence as follows:

1. Category I (CI)
2. Category I (CI) Injury Status
3. Category II (CII)
4. Category III (CIII)
5. Category IV (CIV) – please refer to 5.14 and 5.15

5.14 Category IV will only be applicable in the event additional quota spots are still available after qualifying Category I, Category II and Category III athletes have been ranked.

5.15 Should one or more unused Alpine quota spots still be available at the end of the qualifying period, only then can the CAST Alpine Staff at their sole discretion nominate up to two (2) athletes for the sole purpose of the Team Event within Category IV per 9.1 and 9.2.

5.16 For the speed events (DH, SG, AC) the process for naming the team racing roster will be clearly identified prior to the first training day in DH.

5.2 Event specific FINAL racing roster will be named at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and/or Alpine, Athletic Director within 24hrs of the planned event time, with the exception of the 'World cup winner' pre-qualified athletes per section 5.11.

5.3 FINAL Team Event roster will be named at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and/or Alpine, Athletic Director within 24hrs of the planned event time.

5.4 Qualification periods are clearly defined in sections 2.93, 2.94, 2.95. The three qualification periods are defined in accordance to the FIS quota allocation announcements, quota re-allocation periods and COC/POCOG DRM deadlines.

6.0 CATEGORY I “CI” Qualification

6.1 Athletes must achieve the following criteria to be nominated as Qualifying Athletes (**Category I – “CI”**):

(a) two top 12 results in any World Cup competition (Alpine-Combined and Team Event), with one top 12 World Cup result (Alpine-Combined and Team Event) during 2017-2018 season (within the qualifying period); or,

(b) one top 5 result in any World Cup competition during the 2017 – 2018 season (within the qualifying period); or,

(c) one top 12 result in a 2017 – 2018 World Cup competition (Alpine-Combined) and one



of the following results or better at the 2017 St. Moritz World Championships:

Downhill:	12
Slalom:	12
Giant Slalom:	12
Super-G:	12
Alpine-Combined:	8
Team Event:	Does not count towards qualification

6.2 The CAST Alpine Staff may, in their sole discretion, nominate an athlete under “Injury Status” if:

(a) injury or illness prevents an athlete from competing in the World Cup for any portion of the Qualifying Period; and,

(b) the athlete has achieved results deemed by the CAST Alpine Staff to be comparable to Qualifying Criteria (Category I) during the injury-interrupted Qualifying Period.

6.3 An Injury Status athlete may only compete if the CAST Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CAST Medical Team, has determined the Injury Status athlete, after February 1, 2018 and prior to the last date under the IOC/POCOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, has completed a prescribed rehabilitation program and is fit to race. Nomination based on Injury Status shall be communicated in writing within 24 hours of Team Selection Meeting to be effective.

6.4 In the Selection Process, Category I Qualifying Athletes shall have first priority and Category I comparable Injury Status athletes (as per 5.13) shall have second priority.

7.0 CATEGORY II “CII” Qualification

7.1 The Potential Future Medalist Category (**Category II**) applies to male athletes born 1992 or later or female athletes born 1994 or later that do not meet Category I Performance Criteria, have yet to be selected for the Olympic Winter Games and who achieve the following performance criteria established by the CAST Alpine Staff to identify potential medalists for the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics:

i) Two results in the World Cup top 30 (Alpine-Combined and Team Event), with one of the results achieved during the 2017 – 2018 competitive season; or,

ii) A gold medal performance in any event (excluding the All Around Combined event and Team Event) at the 2017 World Junior Championships.



8.0 CATEGORY III “CIII” Qualification

8.1 Coaches’ Discretion Category (**Category III**) is for athletes that do not meet the performance criteria of Category I or the age requirements of Category II and have achieved two top 20 World Cup results (excluding Alpine Combined and Team Event) during the Qualifying Period and have achieved at least one of these results in the 2017 – 2018 competitive season.

9.0 CATEGORY IV “CIV” Qualification

9.1 Team Event Coaches’ Discretion Category (**Category IV**): CAST Alpine Staff may, at their sole discretion, nominate up to two (2) additional athletes specifically for the Alpine Team Event.

9.2 CAST Alpine Staff shall select Category II, Category III and Category IV athletes based on the discretionary evaluation of any factors deemed relevant to meet the Objectives of this Policy. These factors may include: an evaluation of technical skiing abilities, previous motivation and performance, attitude and commitment, outstanding results, general level of physical fitness, injury history and athletic potential. The CAST Alpine Staff shall be free to weigh these and any other relevant factors to meet the Objectives of this Policy.



10.0 CATEGORY TYPES AND QUALIFYING PERIOD SUMMARY MATRIX

	Category I	Category II* <i>* Males born 1992 or later; * Females born 1994 or later</i>	Category III	Category IV <i>Team Event Coaches' Discretion Category</i>
Qualifying Period 1 October 22, 2016 – January 16, 2018	Two (2) top 12 WC results (excludes AC, TE). <i>*With at least 1x top 12 WC result in 2017-18 season, or;</i> One (1) top 5 WC result during the 2017-18 season, or; One (1) top 12 WC result during the 2017-18 season (excludes AC, TE) AND one (1) of the following 2017 WSC results: DH : Top 12 SL: Top 12 GS: Top 12 SG: Top 12 AC: Top 8 TE: Does not count	Two (2) top 30 WC results (excludes AC, TE). <i>*With at least one (1) top 30 WC result in 2017-18 season, or;</i> One (1) gold medal performance (excludes All Around Combined event, TE) at the 2017 World Junior Championships.	Two (2) top 20 WC results (excludes AC, TE). <i>*With at least one (1) top 20 WC result in 2017-18 season</i>	N/A – Discretionary positions as per 9.0
Qualifying Period 2: January 19, 2018 – January 25, 2018	Two (2) top 12 WC results (excludes AC, TE). <i>*With at least one (1) top 12 WC result in 2017-18 season, or;</i> One (1) top 5 WC result during the 2017-18 season	Two (2) top 30 WC results (excludes ComAC, TE). <i>*With at least one (1) top 30 WC result in 2017-18 season</i>	Two (2) top 20 WC results (excludes AC, TE). <i>*With at least one (1) top 20 WC result in 2017-18 season</i>	N/A – Discretionary positions as per 9.0
Qualifying Period 3: January 27 – January 28, 2018	Athletes must achieve a WC podium (excludes AC, TE) to be considered for nomination under Category I	Athletes must achieve a WC podium (excludes AC, TE) to be considered for nomination under Category II, and one (1) top 30 WC result in Qualifying Period 1 and 2.	Athletes must achieve a WC podium (excludes AC, TE) to be considered for nomination under Category III, and one (1) top 20 WC result in Qualifying Period 1 and 2.	N/A – Discretionary positions as per 9.0



11.0 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

11.1 The Alpine Athletic Director may, at any time, and at his/her/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 Alpine Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the Athlete Agreement. ACA will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.

11.2 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by ACA, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

12.0 REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

12.1 If any athlete selected by the COC is not "fit to race" prior to competition, a replacement athlete may be provisionally nominated to the Team from other athletes meeting minimum performance criteria, in the sole discretion of the Alpine, Athletic Director by January 21, 2018 and subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee and IOC/POCOG Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

13.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND REVISIONS

13.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the Alpine, Athletic Director reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.

13.2 The Alpine, Athletic Director may exercise discretion to revise this agreement prior to the end of the Qualifying Period with any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Selection Process. ACA shall inform CAST athletes and COC in writing of any such revisions forthwith. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording.

14.0 TEAM SELECTION MEETING

14.1 The CAST Alpine Staff shall conduct the Team nomination ranking list meeting, on January 17, 2018 by teleconference or in person, Kitzbuhel, Austria, forthwith after the last World Cup competition on January 16, 2018 to identify the ranking list. The sole record of the



Team nomination ranking list meeting shall be the meeting minutes which shall refer to the Category-specific criteria for each athlete considered, any applicable comments and the final nomination, and attach the results of the athletes considered over the 2016 – 2017 and 2017 - 2018 seasons and the 2016 – 2017 Season End Evaluations.

- 14.2 The Team nomination-ranking list will be updated upon the conclusion of Qualifying Period 2 in conjunction with the FIS OWG Alpine quota reallocation timelines.
- 14.3 The ranking list shall be used to nominate the 'Team' as the Alpine OWG quota re-allocations from the FIS become clear and final.
- 14.4 The final OWG Team Nomination list will be confirmed after the final WC event on January 28, 2018 (end of qualification period 3).
- 14.5 When the CAST Alpine Staff has reached a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes, the Alpine, Athletic Director shall no later than twenty-four (24) hours afterwards notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were eligible for selection, whether or not those athletes were nominated.

15.0 APPEALS

- 15.1 The provisions and timelines found under the Appeal Procedure of the Nomination Guidelines for Selection to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team then in force shall apply. Any dispute relating to the Alpine Canada internal nomination procedures for the 2018 Olympic Games must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties and in the discretion of the SDRCC.
- 15.2 The applicable law to the Olympic selection criteria is the law of Alberta and applicable federal law.



16.0 ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

16.1 To be eligible for selection, all potential Team members are required to read, sign and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance form to Alpine Canada prior to December 31, 2016. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the athlete being ineligible for nomination.

16.2 If the potential team member has not reached the age of legal majority (18 years of age) prior to the 2017 – 2018 competitive season, the Parent or Legal Guardian is also required to read and sign the acknowledgment.

Martin Rufener
Alpine, Athletic Director

SIGNATURE

DATE

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, _____ have read, acknowledge and accept the Olympic Selection Criteria for Alpine Skiing for the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

ATHLETE SIGNATURE

DATE

**WITNESS OR GUARDIAN
NAME:**

DATE