



## 2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - TEAM NOMINATION CRITERIA

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) to nominate athletes as members of the 2020 Youth Olympic Games team (the “Team”) in Lausanne, Switzerland, January 9-22, 2020.
- 1.2 The Nomination Guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 1.3 The CSCT High Performance Director is responsible for developing and approving the nomination process and procedures for the Team that will be nominated to the 2020 YOG’s. During the Games, the designated Team Coach will have decision making authority.

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### 2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The CSCT’s primary objectives at the 2020 Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland are:
  - I. to win medals at the 2020 Lausanne Youth Olympic Games in Ski Cross;
  - II. athletes selected to represent Canada in the 2020 Lausanne Youth Olympic Games must demonstrate the ability to achieve podium success; and,
  - III. to provide experience and international exposure to Canadian athletes identified as potential future medalists at the elite level.

### 3 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 3.2 “Athlete” means a Federation Internationale De Ski/ International Ski Federation (“FIS”) carded Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the *Citizenship and Immigration Act* (Canada);
- 3.3 “YOG” means Youth Olympic Games;
- 3.4 “FIS” means International Ski Federation;
- 3.5 “CSCT” means the Canadian Ski Cross Team;
- 3.6 “CSCT Staff” means any one of the following: Ski Cross, High Performance Director, Domestic Director, the discipline Head Coaches or any other coach that is designated as a CSCT coach, from time to time, by ACA; and,



3.7 “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CSCT Staff, in consultation with the CSCT 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.

#### 4 QUOTA

4.1 The number of athletes which Canada will nominate to the YOG is determined by the FIS Youth Olympic Qualification System. The Qualification System can be found at (insert link or as appendix) and, in the event of a discrepancy with this document, the Qualification System shall prevail.

- I. Canada may earn a maximum of four (4) athlete quota places for the Games, up to a maximum of two (2\*) males or two (2\*) females;
- II. A maximum of two (2\*) athletes per country may compete per gender per event; and,
- III. All athletes already qualified for the Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross events will participate in the Team Ski-Snowboard Cross event. Each team will be composed of one (1) male and one (1) female Ski Cross athlete and one (1) male and one (1) female Snowboard Cross athlete totalling four (4) athletes.

\*D.1.1 The top seven NSO's in men's and women's Ski Cross FIS Freestyle Ski World Junior Championships 2019 (WJC 2019) events and the Host Country are entitled to a quota of two (2) places in the respective event, for a total of eight (8) NOCs per event per gender.

\*D2.1 The remaining quota places in the men's and women's Ski Cross will be distributed with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC to the next ranked NOC in the men's and women's Ski Cross events in the WJC 2019 to the NOCs not yet qualified according to D.1. that have indicated interest for a quota place(s) per gender.

The CSCT High Performance Director 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.

#### 5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 In order to be eligible for nomination to the Team, an Athlete must:

- I. meet all applicable citizen requirements as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- II. meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with [Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules \(ICR\)](#);
- III. must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense;
- IV. be “fit to race” prior to December 9, 2019. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the High Performance Director that Injury Status applies;



- V. meet the minimum qualification criteria under Section 7.0 during the qualifying period of July 1, 2018 to December 8, 2019;
- VI. meet all age requirements of FIS: all participating athletes in YOG must be born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003;
- VII. must be a member in good standing of a respective PSO membership club;
- VIII. must hold a valid FIS license and athlete insurance;
- IX. athletes must obtain YOG FIS points in Ski Cross during the qualification period from July 1, 2018-December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019; and,
- X. sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and Lausanne Conditions of Participation form no later than July 1, 2019.

## 6 CRITERIA

Athletes shall be considered for nomination on the following basis:

- 6.1 The selection period for Ski Cross shall be defined as November 15<sup>th</sup>-December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. (location TBD)
- 6.2 The selection process will take place during a training camp during the selection period.
- 6.3 Only athletes participating in the selection camp will be eligible for selection to the YOG's Team.
- 6.4 All eligible Ski Cross athletes based on section 5.0 above will be invited to attend the camp.

## 7 ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES

7.1 Eligible athletes will be ranked in Ski Cross separately per gender

7.2 Ski Cross

a) All eligible ski cross athletes will be ranked on the basis of:

- I. Race simulated heat racing.
- II. If a Ski Cross Track is not available for qualification, start races and individual timed runs will be used for selection.

b) Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete's results. Each athlete worst two (2) results will not be used for the selection calculation. For example, if 5 ski cross Heats are held during the selection camp and an athlete places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in his/her heats, he or she will have a sum of 7 points. If 10 Heats are held during the selection camp and an athlete places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> in his/her heats, he or she will have a sum of 25 points.

c) The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1st and so forth.

d) In the event starts and individual runs are used; start races will be ranked as above and individual runs will be a total of times based on the same system. Start races will be 60% and Individual runs will be 40% weighted for ranking purposes.



e) In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the highest placing from the selection period will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken.

f) In the event that a selected athlete is no longer able to attend the games due to injury, illness etc., the next highest placing athlete off from the training camp will be selected to the Team.

g) The number of athletes CSCT can select; is restricted by the quotas established by the Youth Olympic Games Organizers as outlined in Section 5.0 above.

## **8 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS**

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

8.2 The CSCT High Performance 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. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Team Nomination Criteria 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.

8.3 Any athlete removal or replacement following nomination to the COC is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacement after December 16, 2019 is also subject to the Lausanne 2020 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

## **9 ATHLETE REMOVAL AFTER SELECTION**

9.1 The CSCT High Performance Director may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with ACA's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the ACA Athlete Agreement. ACA will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.

9.2 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).

9.3 If any athlete selected by ACA 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 CSCT High Performance Director no later than XXX and subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee and YOG



## **10 APPEALS**

- 10.1 Any dispute relating to the nomination procedures for the 2020 YOG must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties and in the discretion of the SDRCC.
- 10.2 Any appeal must be made prior to and resolved before December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 10.3 The applicable law to the Youth Olympic selection nomination is the law of Alberta and applicable federal law.

## **11 KEY DATES**

- 11.1 The CSCT must submit a final list of athletes, to the Canadian Olympic Committee no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - April 15, 2019—Long list submitted to the COC
  - November 15-December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019—Team Selection Trial Camp (Date & Location TBD)
  - December 11, 2019—Team Nomination, Quota confirmation, allocation and entry deadline
  - January 9-22, 2020—Lausanne Youth Olympic Games