



# 2023-2024 Nomination Guidelines Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Nomination Guidelines outline the process applicable to all Athletes considered for nomination to the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team.
- 1.2. The Nomination Guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 1.3. The High Performance Director, Para-Alpine is responsible for developing and the ACA Performance Committee is responsible for approving the nomination process and procedures for the Team that will be nominated to the 2023-2024 Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The objectives for the 2023-2024 Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team are:
  - I. To achieve podium success for Canada; specially at the 2026 Milan/Cortina Paralympic Winter Games, the 2023 and 2025 World Para-Alpine Skiing Championships and on the WPAS World Cup Circuit and,
  - II. To provide experience and international exposure to Canadian athletes identified as potential future medalists at the elite level.

## 3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. ACA - Alpine Canada Alpin.
- 3.2. Athlete - an FIS licensed Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada).
- 3.3. CFAST - Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team.
- 3.4. CFAST Staff - any one of the following: High Performance Director, Para-Alpine , the discipline Head Coaches or any other coach that is designated as a CFAST coach, from time to time, by ACA.
- 3.5. PTSO High Performance Director – Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization High Performance Directors identified by the High Performance, Para-Alpine.
- 3.6. Performance Committee – ACA Board Appointed and provides strategic direction and review of ACA's mandates, the scope and quality of ACA programs, athlete experience, and selection criteria.



- 3.7. BOD - Board of Directors of Alpine Canada Alpin.
- 3.8. FIS – International Ski Federation.
- 3.9. IPC – International Paralympic Committee
- 3.10. WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency
- 3.11. CCES – Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport
- 3.12. SDRCC – Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
- 3.13. Coaches Discretion - means the exercise of discretion by the Para-Alpine Staff to nominate or not-nominate, an Athlete to the CFAST based on various considerations;
- 3.14. “FIS Rankings” means the ranking for the discipline in May FIS Points List, schedule for publication May, 2023
- 3.15. “Events” refers to the 5 official FIS Para-Alpine Events: Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Downhill and Super Combined. Note: for the purpose of CFAST Criteria we do not use Super Combined points as there are insufficient events held globally to effectively utilize.
- “FIS Para-Alpine World Cup Criteria” refers to the FIS Qualification Criteria to participate in FIS Para-Alpine World Cup events for the 2023-2024 season. These criteria can be found at the following link: [Documents \(fis-ski.com\)](https://www.fis-ski.com/Document/Document-List/Document-List-1)
- 3.16. Coaches Selection Meeting - a meeting of the CFAST Alpine Staff called for the purpose of making recommendations for nomination to the CFAST “A”, “B” and “C” teams pursuant to these Nomination Guidelines.
- 3.17. Competitive Season - all FIS Para-Alpine events between July 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023.
- 3.18. Season End IPP Form, also known as Athlete GAP analysis - the written Individual Performance Plan prepared and submitted by the CFAST discipline head coaches at the conclusion of the previous Competitive Season. The Season End IPP Form shall set out the technical evaluation, performance evaluation and achievement goals of each Athlete, which shall be a consideration by the CFAST Alpine Staff and the TSAC in making their recommendation and nomination selections.
- 3.19. Team Selection Advisory Committee - a committee constituted by ACA that may include the following representatives:
- I. Integrated Support Team (“IST”) representative;
  - II. ACA High Performance Director, Para-Alpine and/or ACA Para-Alpine Sport and Athlete Development Manager;
  - III. ACA Board Athlete representative;
  - IV. ACA Alumni representative;
  - V. COC/CPC representative; and,
  - VI. Other individuals appointed by the TSAC in its discretion



- 3.20. TSAC Nomination Meeting - the annual meeting of the TSAC that occurs at the conclusion of the Coaches Selection Meeting usually in April 2023, wherein the TSAC shall review the recommendations and evaluate the decisions made by the CPAST Alpine Staff to ensure that the Nomination Guidelines have been applied correctly.
- 3.21. Member In Good Standing – A provincial or CPAST team member who has completed all mandatory items presented by their PTSO or ACA and is adhering to all items outlined within their athlete agreement.
- 3.22. Pay To Play – Terms where an athlete is responsible for all costs ( races, training, camps etc.) associated with their nomination.
- 3.23. Independant Status – An athlete nominated to CPAST who has declined CPAST programming and support who chooses to train and compete independantly.

#### **4.0 QUOTA**

- 4.1. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Nomination Guidelines, ACA has the sole discretion and the exclusive right to limit the number of Athletes nominated to both the CPAST “A”, “B” and “C” teams due to limited financial resources, regardless of nomination criteria achieved.
- 4.2. ACA has the sole discretion and exclusive right to assign and determine financial contributions from athletes to offset program costs. This may be based on team and qualification status.

#### **5.0 ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1. In order to be eligible for nomination to CPAST, an Athlete must:
  - I. Meet all IPC and FIS citizen requirements to represent Canada;
  - II. Meet the nomination qualification criteria under Section 6.0 during the qualifying period of July 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023;
  - III. Be a member in good standing of CPAST or member PTSO;
  - IV. Meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules (ICR);
  - V. Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense; and
  - VI. Athletes who have previously declined being a member of CPAST in 2022-23 shall not automatically be named to CPAST for 2023-24 regardless of results achieved during the competition season. An exception will be made if an athlete specifically requests reinstatement and the High Performance Director, Para-Alpine approves the request.



## 6.0 CRITERIA

Athletes shall be considered for nomination on the following basis using the May, 2023 FIS Points list:

In addition to the criteria of CFAST, athletes must meet minimum performance criteria for Strength & Conditioning and Medical Tests for selection:

### 6.1 "A" Team – must meet one of the three criteria below

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum: Visually Impaired and Sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH or SG</li> </ul> Standing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 80 points or less in SG</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH</li> </ul> <b>AND 2 events under 50 FIS points or 1 event under 25 FIS Points</b>	1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 120 points or less in DH or SG</li> </ul> <b>AND 2 events under 50 FIS points or 1 event under 35 FIS Points</b>
2) Two top three results in any FIS WC/WCH/Paralympic race**	2) Two top three results in any FIS WC/WCH/Paralympic race**
3) Coaches Discretion	3) Coaches Discretion

### 6.2 "B" Team – must meet one of the three criteria below

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum: Visually Impaired and Sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH, SG</li> </ul> Standing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 80 points or less in SG</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH</li> </ul> <b>AND 2 event under 65 FIS points or 1 event under 40 FIS Points</b>	1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 120 points or less in DH or SG</li> </ul> <b>AND 2 event under 65 FIS points or 1 event under 45 FIS Points</b>
2) 2 events under 40 FIS points	2) 2 events under 45 FIS points
	3) Coaches Discretion



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“C” Team – must meet one of the three criteria below

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum: Visually Impaired and Sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH, SG</li> </ul> Standing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 80 points or less in SG</li> <li>• 100 points or less in DH</li> </ul> 2) Coaches Discretion	1) 3 out of 4 events must meet the following point minimum, one must be a tech event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 points or less in SL or GS</li> <li>• 120 points or less in DH or SG</li> </ul> 2) Coaches Discretion

\*\* must be a minimum of 5 athletes at the start of the race

Athletes who have been a member of the Senior National Team since 2018-19 or earlier can only qualify for the “A” Team.

6.4 The CPAST Alpine Staff shall have the sole discretion to recommend or not recommend for nomination any Athlete to the CPAST “A”, “B” or “C” teams under Coaches Discretion.

## 7.0 NOMINATION WITH COACHES DISCRETION

In the event an Athlete does not meet the criteria thresholds set out in 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3, the Athlete may still be considered for nomination to the CPAST “A”, “B” or “C” teams based on various considerations including without limitation:

- I. An evaluation of technical skiing abilities and achieved results at an appropriate level of competition: Paralympics, World Championships, World Cup, Europa Cup, NorAm Cup and FIS;
- II. Previous motivation, performance, attitude and commitment;
- III. General level of physical fitness and athletic potential;
- IV. Consideration for schedule changes in competition season (ie cancelled races)
- V. Ideal functional size of training groups;
- VI. Current health-related reasons including injury, illness or pregnancy and/or history; and,
- VII. Injury, illness or pregnancy has prevented an athlete from achieving the criteria mentioned in these nomination guidelines;
  - a. The athlete has achieved results deemed by the CPAST Alpine Staff to be comparable to nomination criteria prior to their injury, illness or pregnancy;
  - b. The athlete has committed to a return to snow program and is expected to return to full capabilities and either meet or exceed other nominated athletes; and
  - c. The athlete has a doctor’s certificate attesting full recovery (outlining return to snow program) is expected and the indication of the estimated recovery period



7.1. Any nomination based on Coaches Discretion may require the Athlete to meet individualized performance and/or fitness criteria throughout the Competitive Season in order to remain on the CPAST “A”, “B” or “C” teams.

7.2. Any nomination based on Coaches Discretion may be subject to pay to play terms.

## **8.0 NON-NOMINATION WITH COACHES DISCRETION**

8.1 Performance Standards: There is an expectation that B team athletes will demonstrate forward progress year to year towards A Team performance criteria. Athletes will be evaluated individually on a case-by-case basis yearly post season, to clearly evaluate forward progress, future performance goals and determination of team status. The CPAST Alpine Staff shall complete the individual evaluations and reserves the right to not-nominate an Athlete pursuant to Coaches Discretion.

8.2 Athlete Behaviour: The High Performance Director, Para-Alpine may at any time, and at his/her discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to CPAST based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with Alpine Canada’s Code of Conduct or the code of conduct from the province of which the athlete is currently a member of. A copy of the [ACA Code of Conduct](#) is available on the ACA website.

8.3 Anti-Doping Violation: An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by ACA, FIS, IPC, WADA and CCES.

## **9.0 IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF THE NEXTGEN TEAM**

The CPAST staff will select athletes who will participate in a number of NextGen Team events. The sole criteria to be selected to participate in one or more of the NextGen Team activities shall be Coaches Discretion. Athletes who participate in the activities of the NextGen Team are not part of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team, but must comply with the same Athletes Agreement Guidelines as senior team members. As athlete cannot be selected to the NextGen team for more than four years.

## **10.0 NOMINATION PROCESS**

The High Performance Director for the PTSO of each province, or any CPAST Staff, may identify an Athlete for nomination by providing the following materials to the High Performance Director, Para-Alpine prior to April 15, 2023:

- I. Complete FIS race results from the qualifying period;
- II. Proof of progression of FIS Rankings;
- III. Medical history for the previous three seasons;
- IV. Athlete tracking (if available);
- V. Fitness testing results from the previous three seasons; and
- VI. Season end I.P.P form



- 10.1 All CFAST Athletes shall be considered for nomination to CFAST. CFAST Athletes considered for Coaches Discretion shall be notified and have a reasonable opportunity to review and provide written comments appended to the Season End IPP form prior to the Coaches Selection Meeting.
- 10.2 The CFAST Staff shall meet as a Coaches Selection Meeting and shall make recommendations for nomination to the CFAST “A”, “B” and “C” teams.
- 10.3 The High Performance Director, Para-Alpine shall provide the members of the TSAC with the Season End IPP forms for each Athlete considered with Coaches Discretion and the minutes of the Coaches Selection Meeting, including without limitation, the applicable criteria used, previous results considered, any specific information applicable to Athletes recommended for nomination under Coaches Discretion, and any other relevant comments, finding or conclusions of the CFAST Staff arising from the Coaches Selection Meeting (the “Athlete Selection Package”). The Athlete Selection Package and the CFAST Staff’s recommendations for nomination shall be provided to the TSAC at least two (2) days in advance of the TSAC Nomination meeting. The TSAC will advise the CFAST Staff of the TSAC Nomination Meeting date at minimum, 14 days prior to the selected date.
- 10.4 At the TSAC Nomination Meeting, the TSAC shall review the CFAST Staff recommendations and determine if the Nomination Guidelines have been applied reasonably to each Athlete considered. If the TSAC is satisfied that the Nomination Guidelines have been applied reasonably then they shall accept the CFAST Staff nominations.
- 10.5 In the event that TSAC determines that the Nomination Guidelines have not been applied reasonably to any Athlete, the TSAC shall advise the CFAST Staff in writing of their findings and shall require the CFAST Staff to conduct a second assessment of the Athlete.
- 10.6 The CFAST Staff shall provide the TSAC with minutes of the second assessment, including applicable criteria and previous results relied on, any comments related to their second assessment and their decision for, or against, recommending the Athlete for nomination to CFAST. The minutes shall be provided to the TSAC within two (2) days of the second assessment. The TSAC shall not approve a CFAST Staff recommendation of an Athlete to the CFAST “A”, “B” or “C” teams unless they are satisfied that these Nomination Guidelines have been reasonably applied.
- 10.7 Nominations shall be forwarded by the CEO to the BOD for final ratification.
- 10.8 The High Performance Director, Para-Alpine within 48 hours of the BOD ratification shall notify, by telephone, teleconference or in person, those Athletes nominated to CFAST.
- 10.9 Those athletes considered but not nominated, will be contacted by the High Performance Director, Para-Alpine or his designee, in person or via teleconference, so that the Athlete receives communication most effectively and personally. Athletes previously named to CFAST who are retiring or not re-nominated are entitled to an exit interview and will receive an off boarding package.
- 10.10 Athletes nominated to the team who wish to decline their nomination must advise ACA within fourteen (14) days after notification.
- 10.11 All nominated athletes are subject to a medical consultation with an ACA appointed medical doctor. ACA reserves the right to remove any nominated any athlete not deemed fit to race/train in the 2023-2024 season.



10.12 Final team status will be determined after the points list 2023-24 is public, scheduled for publication on May, 2023.

## **11 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS**

11.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the High Performance Director, Para-Alpine with Performance Committee approval, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.

11.2 The High Performance, Para-Alpine, with Performance Committee approval, 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 Guidelines 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.

## **12 APPEALS**

12.1 Any dispute in relation to the CPAST nomination process must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

12.2 An Athlete who wishes to appeal the team nominations shall, within 3 business days commencing from the day following the release of the public team announcement, file an appeal with the SDRCC.

12.3 Appeals will not be accepted past this time frame.

12.4 The ACA Board Athlete Representative will be an available resource to any athlete pursuing an appeal.