



2023 WHISTLER CUP TEAM CANADA NOMINATION CRITERIA

Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) to nominate athletes as members of the 2023 Whistler Cup Team Canada team in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, April 13-16, 2023.
- 1.2. The Nomination Guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 1.3. The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, is responsible for developing and approving the nomination process and procedures for the Team, that will be nominated to the 2023 Whistler Cup Team Canada.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The Canadian objectives at the 2023 Whistler Cup in Whistler, British Columbia are:
 - I. To achieve podium success for Canada; and,
 - II. To provide experience and international exposure to Canadian athletes identified as high-performance development level athletes as potential future medalists at the elite level.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 3.2. “Athlete” means a Federation International De Ski/ International Ski Federation (“FIS”) carded Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada) and complies with rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- 3.3. “FIS” means International Ski Federation
- 3.4. “PTSO” means Provincial/Territorial Sport Organisations



- 3.5. “CAST Alpine Staff” means any one of the following: Alpine High-Performance Director, VP Sport Development and Events, the discipline Head Coach(s) or any other coach that is designated as a CAST coach, from time to time, by ACA; and,
- 3.6. “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CAST Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CAST Medical Staff, assessing a number of factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the Games.
- 3.7. “Whistler Cup Nomination Committee” means a committee constituted by ACA that may include the following representatives:
- I. ACA VP Sport Development and Events
 - II. PTSO Athletic Director(s)
 - III. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary

4.0 QUOTA

- 4.1. The Whistler Cup Children’s FIS Race designates that:
- I. Canada may earn a maximum of six (6) athlete quota places for the Whistler Cup, up to a maximum of three (3) males and three (3) females
- 4.2. The CAST Alpine Staff has sole discretion as to the exact final composition of the Team

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. To be eligible for nomination to the Team, an Athlete must:
- I. Meet all applicable citizen requirements of FIS rules specific to the 2023 Whistler Cup
 - II. Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense
 - III. Be “fit to race” prior to April 12th, 2023. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the VP Sport Development and Events, that Injury Status applies
 - IV. Meet the criteria under section 6.0 during the 2023 Canada Winter Games
 - V. Meet all age requirements of FIS: all participating athletes must be born between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2008
 - VI. Be a member in good standing with the athletes registered Province and Alpine Canada Alpin



- VII. Hold a valid ACA National Competitor Card and athlete insurance for athletes YOB, 2007 and 2008.
- VIII. Sign and submit the ACA athlete agreement

6.0 CRITERIA

Athletes shall be considered for nomination on the following basis:

6.1. Criteria for athletes is as follows:

- I. Winner of SL, GS, SG at the 2023 Canada Winter Games
- II. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall (World Cup point allocation) at the 2023 Canada Winter Games

6.2. Unused quota will then be allocated by the following:

- I. Highest combined point (World Cup point allocation) for SL, GS, SG from the 2023 Canada Winter Games
- II. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the best result achieved at the series will be selected

7.0 NOMINATION/SELECTION PROCESS

- 7.1 The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, shall conduct the Team Nomination Meeting, on March 9th, 2023, by teleconference. The sole record of the Team Nomination Meeting shall be the meeting minutes which shall refer to Section 6.0 criteria for each athlete considered, including any applicable comments and the final confirmed nomination list.
- 7.2 The nomination meeting attendees shall include all members of the Whistler Cup Nomination Committee referenced in Section 3.0.
 - I. VP Sport Development and Events, ACA
 - II. PTSO Athletic Directors
 - III. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary
- 7.3 When a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes is achieved, the VP Sport Development and Events, shall no later than twenty-four (24) hours afterwards, notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were nominated to Team Canada.
- 7.4 Athletes nominated to Team Canada must accept or decline their nomination within ten (10) days after their notice of nomination in writing to the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA.



- 7.5 If an athlete declines their nomination to Team Canada, VP Domestic Sport and Events, ACA, reserves the right to review the criteria and determine whether the athletes' position is fulfilled by another eligible athlete.
- 7.6 Team seeding will be at the discretion of the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, or his/her/their assignee

8.0 PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

- 8.1 The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, and the ACA Domestic Staff are responsible to organize the Team Canada Whistler Cup program
- 8.2 ACA will provide selected athletes materials regarding the program within an appropriate time frame
- 8.3 Team Canada coaching staff will be named after final team selection
- 8.4 Team Canada athletes will be announced by ACA concluding the 2023 Whistler Cup Nomination Meeting referenced in Section 7.0
- 8.5 All Team Canada athletes are responsible to cover all costs related to attendance at the 2023 Whistler Cup event. All efforts will be made upfront to advise all expected costs for the duration of the event.

9.0 COVID CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 ACA is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact the nomination of athletes to the 2023 Whistler Cup. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, ACA will respect the published Nomination Criteria as written. However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require Nomination Criteria to be modified. Any modification will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Nomination Criteria. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible. Further, situations may arise that do not allow the Nomination Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision making authority, in this case, the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein.



10.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

- 10.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.
- 10.2 The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, 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 this 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. All revisions must be pre-approved by the Performance Committee.
- 10.3 The VP Sport Development, ACA, may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to Team Canada 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.
- 10.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she/they are 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).
- 10.5 If an athlete nominated by ACA is not "fit to race" prior to competition, a replacement athlete may be provisionally nominated to Team Canada from other athletes meeting minimum performance criteria. This is at the sole discretion of the VP Sport Development, ACA.

11.0 APPEALS

- 11.1 Any dispute relating to the nomination procedure for the 2023 Whistler Cup must be brought to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.
- 11.2 Any athlete who wished to appeal the team nomination shall, within thirty-six (36) hours, commencing from the time of notification, file an appeal with the SDRCC. A decision must be reached no later than forty-eight (48) hours from the time of filing an appeal with the SDRCC.