



## **2024 FIS ALPINE WORLD JUNIOR SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS NOMINATION CRITERIA**

Haute Savoie, France- January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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**V2.0** (replaces published criteria from 1 November 2023) Updates to this version: The FIS list referenced in the criteria posted on 1 November 2023 referenced an incorrect FIS list due to a typographical error. The correct FIS list referenced during the nomination meeting will be FIS list 13.

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) to nominate athletes as members of the 2024 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships team (the “Team”)

1.2 The Nomination Guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

### **2.0 OBJECTIVES**

2.1 The Canadian objectives at the 2024 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships are:

- I. To achieve Top 10 results and Podium success for Canada: and,
- II. To provide experience and international exposure to Canadian athletes identified as high-performance development level athletes and those that have future potential as medalists at the elite level.

### **3.0 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 “PTSO Athletic Director” means Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization Athletic Directors identified by the High-Performance Director, Alpine Canada Alpin.

3.4 “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 Championships;

3.5 “ZK Quota” means additional start places for qualified competitors



3.6 “CAST” means the Canadian Alpine Ski Team

3.7 “WJR” means World Junior Rank

3.8 “WRBA” means World Ranking by Age

3.9 “CAST Alpine Staff” means any one of the following: High Performance Director, Alpine, VP Sport Development, the discipline Head Coaches or any other coach that is designated as a CAST coach, from time to time, by ACA

3.10 “WJSC Selection Committee” means a committee constituted by ACA that may include the following representatives:

- PTSO Athletic Director(s);
- WJSC Head Coach(s), assigned by ACA;
- High Performance Director, ACA;
- ACA VP Sport Development and Events;
- Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary

#### **4.0 TEAM SIZE**

The maximum team size is 12 competitors (6 male/6 female) – plus 2 ZK quota

#### **5.0 ELIGIBILITY**

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

5.1.1 Meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules (ICR);

5.1.2 Be “fit to race” prior to December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the Provincial Athletic Director to the ACA VP Sport Development and Events, that Injury Status applies;

5.1.3 Must be a member in good standing of ACA and the athletes PTSO;

5.1.4 Must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense;



5.1.5. Be born between 2003 and 2007 (“junior age athletes”) for both male and female.

5.1.6 Men must have a top 500 world rank in at least two events (GS, SL, SG, DH) or a top 250 WR in one event (GS,SL, SG, DH) and women must have a top 400 world rank in at least two events (GS, SL, SG, DH) or a top 200 world rank in at least one event (GS, SL, SG, DH).

5.1.7 Must compete in two (2) NorAm starts in the 2023/24 season prior to the selection date (December 27<sup>th</sup>). Athletes intending to race the speed events must have at least one (1) start in a NorAm speed event. This requirement for eligibility is waved should the athlete be competing on Europa Cup and or World Cup.

5.1.8 Submit a current (2023) ACA Fitness Combine result prior to the start of the first NorAm or (for 2023/24 season only) submit fitness testing results from the athletes’ current program. Results to be sent to [jstielow@alpinecanada.org](mailto:jstielow@alpinecanada.org) prior to Dec 3rd, 2023.

## 6.0 CRITERIA

The following steps for selection shall be followed (in order) for each gender until such time as either the quota is filled, or the Selection Committee deems the quality of athletes coming into consideration have not demonstrated performances worthy of nomination as per the objective of this project (the data used for consideration to selection will be directly from the 13<sup>th</sup> FIS list).

### 6.1 Athletes born in 2003

6.1.1 - A WJR of top 15 in speed (DH and or SG) or a WJR of top 30 in either GS or SL

6.1.2 - Nor Am ranking of:

- Men - top 15 in speed (DH and or SG) or top 30 in either GS or SL
- Women – top 5 in speed (DH and or SG) or top 30 in either GS or SL

### 6.2 Athletes born 2004-2005

6.2.1 - Any athlete achieving standards outlined in 6.1

6.2.2 - Athletes achieving a ranking of top 30 WRBA and younger

If quota remains after applying 6.1 and 6.2, then 6.3 of the criteria CAN be utilized if the Committee ascertains that said athlete has demonstrated, through race performances at the following events (Copper Mtn NorAm, Beaver Creek NorAm, and Tremblant



NorAm. Burke Mtn. NorAm, Stratton Mtn. Nor Am, Whiteface Nor Am), a **STRONG** case for future potential;

#### 6.3 Athletes born in 2006-2007

6.3.1 Any athlete achieving standards outlined in 6.1

6.3.2 Athletes achieving a ranking of top 5 WRBA and younger

If after applying the above set of criteria, quota spots remain unused, **ACA is not required to fill its quota** as its intent is to remain true to the objective of the project.

Final team selection **on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### 7.0 COACHES DISCRETION

7.1 One (1) quota spot (per. gender) will be withheld from Selection on December 27th until the conclusion of the January Nor Am Cup events (women – Stratton/men – Burke and the Nor Am Super G's in Whiteface). These 2 spots (1 per. gender) will be assigned based on the above stated criteria **UNLESS** there is unanimous support by the Selection Committee that, based on an athletes *exceptional performance* at the above noted January NorAm's, they have earned discretionary consideration.

7.1.1 Exceptional performance is defined as a minimum of a top 15 finish in either GS, SL or top 10 SG (men)/top 5 SG (women) in the January NorAm's **AND** a demonstrated ability, through results, in the current season, to be competitive with athletes who have already attained selection as per. 6.0 of the criteria within their YOB or older.

### 8.0 INJURY/ILLNESS

8.1 PTSO coaches can nominate an athlete for consideration under coaches discretion (7.0) if their injury or illness prevented them from achieving the identified eligibility standard yet exceptional performance as identified in 7.1.1 has been achieved.

### 9.0 NOMINATION/SELECTION PROCESS

9.1 The WJSC Selection Committee shall conduct the nomination rank list meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by teleconference using the 13th FIS points list.

9.2 The sole mandate of the WJSC Selection Committee is to nominate athletes most capable of achieving success based on the defined criteria.

9.3 Nominations will be forwarded to the ACA President & CEO for final ratification.



9.4 In the event of a dispute relating to the allocation of quota, the VP Sport Development and or High-Performance Director, ACA shall exercise discretion and this determination shall be final and binding on all athletes.

9.5 The VP Sport Development and or the High-Performance Director, ACA within twenty-four (24 hours) of final ratification, will notify by phone or email, those athletes who were nominated to the WJSC team.

## **10.0 COVID CONSIDERATIONS**

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 2024 World Junior Championships. 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 the 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 ACA VP Sport Development and or ACA High Performance Director, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein.

## **11.0 UNFORSEEN 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 VP Sport Development or High-Performance Director, ACA reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.



11.2 The VP Sport Development or High-Performance Director, 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.

11.3 The VP Sport Development or High-Performance Director, ACA 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 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.

11.4 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).

11.5 If an athlete nominated 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. This is at the sole discretion of the VP Sport Development, ACA.

## **12.0 APPEALS**

12.1 Any dispute relating to the nomination procedures for the 2024 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

12.2 Any athlete who wishes to appeal the team nominations shall, within 36 hours, commencing from the time of notification, file an appeal with the SDRCC. A decision must be reached no later than 48 hours from the time of filing an appeal with the SDRCC.

Note: In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French version of the 2024 FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships Nomination Criteria, ACA will refer to the English Version.