



## **2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM CANADA NOMINATION CRITERIA**

**Gangwon, Korea – January 19 – February 1, 2024**

### **SKI CROSS**

**EFFECTIVE : 19 January 2023**

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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 2024 Youth Olympic Games team (the “Team”) in Gangwon, Korea, 19 January to 1 February 2024.
- 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, and/or Ski Cross High-Performance Director, ACA, are responsible for developing and approving the nomination process and procedures for the Team, that will be nominated to the 2024 Youth Olympic Games.

#### **2.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1. The Canadian objectives at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea 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 citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada) and complies with rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- 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. “PTSO” means Provincial/Territorial Sport Organisations



- 3.7. “CSCT Ski Cross Staff” means any one of the following: Ski Cross High-Performance Director, VP Sport Development and Events, the discipline Head Coach(s) or any other coach that is designated as a CSCT coach, from time to time, by ACA; and,
- 3.8. “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CSCT Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CSCT 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.
- 3.9. “YOG Nomination Committee” means a committee constituted by ACA that may include the following representatives:
  - I. Ski Cross High-Performance Director, ACA
  - II. VP Sport Development and Events, ACA
  - III. PTSO Athletic Directors of those athletes nominated
  - IV. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary

#### 4.0 QUOTA

- 4.1. The FIS Youth Olympic qualification system for freestyle skiing provides the following quota for ski cross, subject to revision by FIS on 18 December 2023. The FIS qualification system can be found at <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/winter-youth-olympic-games%23d0280cad70a89349d63820bb> and in the event of a discrepancy with the Team Canada nomination 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\* and two (2) females\*
  - II. A maximum of two (2) athletes\* per country may compete per gender, per event; and,
  - III. A NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) teams in the Ski Cross Mixed event. Each team is composed of one (1) man and one (1) woman who are already qualified and entered in the Ski Cross event for Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games.
- 4.2. The Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA, has the sole discretion as to the exact composition of the Team, the number and gender of athletes nominated to meet the Objectives of this Nomination Criteria.
  - \* D.1.1 The top nine (9) NOCs in the men’s and women’s Ski Cross FIS Freestyle Ski World Junior Championships 2023 (WJC 2023) events and the Host Country are entitled to two (2) quota places in the respective event, for a total of ten (10) NOCs per event per gender.
  - \*D.2.1 The remaining quota places in the men’s and women’s Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe and Dual Moguls events will be distributed with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC to the next ranked NOC in men’s and women’s Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe and Dual Moguls events in the



WJC 2023 to the NOCs not yet qualified according to **D.1** until the maximum quota places per event is filled.

- \*D.5. 1 Additional participation for athletes already qualified Ski Cross: Up to one (1) additional athlete per gender and NOC already entered by the NOC in Alpine Skiing, Ski Halfpipe or Ski Slopestyle/Big Air may also participate in Ski Cross subject to the athlete respecting the eligibility criteria for Ski Cross as detailed in **C Athlete Eligibility**.
- \*D.6 In the event of cancellation of the WJC 2023, the quota calculation in D.1, D.2, and D.3 will be carried out according to the respective YOG FIS Points Lists per event for Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe or Freeski Slopestyle/Big Air

## 5.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. To be eligible for nomination to the Team, an Athlete must:
  - I. Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force
  - II. Be a Canadian citizen
  - III. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before 1 August 2024.
  - IV. Meet all applicable citizen requirements of FIS rules specific to the 2024 YOG, and Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter
  - V. Meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with [Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules \(ICR\)](#)
  - VI. Not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense
  - VII. Be “fit to race” prior to 18 December 2023. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, and Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA, that Injury Status applies
  - VIII. Meet the criteria under section 6.0 during the qualifying period of 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023
  - IX. Meet all age requirements of FIS: all participating athletes in YOG must be born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2007
  - X. Athletes must have also obtained YOG FIS points in Ski Cross. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023.
  - XI. Be a member in good standing with the athletes registered Province and Alpine Canada Alpin



- XII. Hold a valid FIS license and athlete insurance for athletes YOB, 2006 and athletes YOB, 2007 must be in possession of an ACA National Competitor Card; and,
- XII. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (COOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than 1 December 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- XIII. Comply with the current vaccination requirements of ACA, COC, and the host country of the event.

## 6.0 CRITERIA

Athletes shall be considered for nomination on the following basis:

In the event that Canada is not awarded the full two (2) quota places per gender for Youth Olympic Games, Alpine Canada criteria will be prioritized with athletes born in 2006 fulfilling available quota positions first.

- 6.1 The selection period for Ski Cross shall be defined as 15 November to 11 December 2023. The selection camp and competition will be announced in the fall of 2023, no later than 15 September 2023.
- 6.2 The selection process will take place during the selection camp and competition held during the selection period of 15 November to 11 December 2023.
- 6.3 Only athletes participating in the Ski Cross 2024 YOG selection camp will be eligible for selection to the 2024 YOG Team
- 6.4 All eligible Ski Cross athletes-based section 5.0 will be invited to the selection camp using the following selection criteria:
  - I. 2007 YOB athletes:
    - a. The top three (3) athletes per gender in the Canada Winter Games Ski Cross event will receive an invite to the selection camp
  - II. 2006 YOB athletes:
    - a. The top three (3) athletes per gender with SX FIS points
    - b. Top two (2) FIS registered athletes by gender will be selected based on the published 2024 FIS base list, available July 2023. The sum of their two (2) lowest WRBA will be used for nomination to the selection camp. A minimum one (1) result must be in a technical discipline (SL/GS).
  - III. The Ski Cross High Performance Director will approve the final selection camp athlete invite list.



## 7.0 NOMINATION/SELECTION PROCESS

- 7.1 Eligible athletes in attendance at the Ski Cross selection camp and FIS SX race will be ranked in Ski Cross per gender. The selection camp and competition will be announced in the fall of 2023, no later than 15 September 2023.
- 7.2 Ski Cross ranking order
- I. The top two (2) ranking athletes per gender from the FIS SX race
  - II. 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 five (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/their heats, he/she/they will have a sum of 7 points. If ten (10) heats are held during the selection camp and an athlete places 1<sup>st</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>, and 6<sup>th</sup> in his/her/their heats, he/she/they will have a sum of 23 points.
  - III. The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and so forth
  - IV. 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 followed until the tie has been broken.
  - V. In the event that a selected athlete is no longer able to attend the 2024 YOG due to injury, illness, etc., the next highest placing athlete on the selection camp results will be selected to the Team.
  - VI. The number of athletes CSCT can select is restricted by the quotas established by the 2024 YOG Organizers as outlined in Section 4.0 above.
- 7.3 The VP Sport Development and Events and the Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA, shall conduct the Team Nomination Meeting, no later than 12 December 2023, by teleconference. The sole record of the Team Nomination Meeting shall be the minutes which shall refer to Section 7.0, Nomination/Selection Process, for each athlete identified, including any applicable comments and the final nomination list will be confirmed.
- 7.4 The nomination meeting attendees shall include:
- I. VP Sport Development and Events, ACA
  - II. Ski Cross, High-Performance Director, ACA
  - III. PTSO Athletic Directors of those athletes nominated
  - IV. Any other appointed person by ACA deemed necessary



- 7.5 When a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes is achieved, the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, shall no later than forty-eight (48) hours afterwards, notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were nominated to Team Canada.
- 7.6 Athletes nominated to Team Canada must accept or decline their nomination within forty-eight (48) hours after their notice of nomination in writing to the VP Sport Development and Events, ACA.
- 7.7 Alternate athletes will not be named. If an athlete declines their nomination to Team Canada, VP Domestic Sport and Events and Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA, reserves the right to review the criteria and determine whether the athletes' position is fulfilled by another eligible athlete.

## **8.0 STAFFING**

- 8.1 The VP Domestic Sports and Events, ACA, and/or the Ski Cross High Performance Director reserve the right to designate the ACA nominated team leader, support staff, head coach, and coaches.
- 8.2 ACA nominated team leaders, coaches and staff must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee's Team Leader Position Description.
- 8.3 Coach Eligibility Selection Requirements:
  - I. Must be a performance level ski cross accredited coach member in good standing with ACA-CSC
  - II. Be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
  - III. Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before 1 August 2024.
  - IV. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Team Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than 1 December 2023.
  - V. Comply with the current vaccination requirements of ACA, COC, and the host country of the event.
- 8.4 The appointed ACA Ski Cross Head Coach will have on-site decision-making authority at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games in consultation with the Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA.

## **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 2024 Youth Olympic Games. 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, and/or Ski Cross High-Performance Director, 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, or Ski Cross High-Performance Director, ACA, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.
- 10.2 The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, or Ski Cross 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.
- 10.3 The VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, or Ski Cross High-Performance Director, 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 and Events, ACA, and/or Ski Cross High-Performance Director, ACA.
- 10.6 After January 5, 2024, any such replacement is also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

## **11.0 APPEALS**



- 11.1 Any dispute relating to the nomination procedure for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games 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 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.

## 12.0 TIMELINE

<b>ACA GANGWON 2024 YOG TIMELINE</b>	
<b>Criteria Publication</b>	19 January 2023
<b>FIS Qualification Period</b>	1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023
<b>COC Long List Submission Due Date</b>	17 April 2023
<b>ACA 2024 YOG Ski Cross Selection Camp Date Announcement</b>	No later than 15 September 2023
<b>ACA 2024 YOG Ski Cross Selection Camp</b>	Fall 2023, location TBC
<b>ACA 2024 YOG Ski Cross Selection Period</b>	15 November to 11 December 2023
<b>Ski Cross Nomination Meeting with Selection Committee via Teleconference</b>	12 December 2023
<b>Athlete Nomination Notification Deadline</b>	14 December 2023 by 5:00 pm MST
<b>Athlete Nomination Acceptance Deadline</b>	16 December 2023 by 5:00 pm MST
<b>COC Registration requirements Due Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>COC Team Nomination Deadline</b>	18 December 2023
<b>Gangwon 2024 YOG Ski Cross Training &amp; Competition Dates Alpine</b>	22 January to 24 January 2024
<b>*** ALL PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID AT LEAST UNTIL 1 AUGUST 2024 ***</b>	

## 13.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or clarifications on the nomination process, please contact Jeff Thompson, VP Sport Development and Events, ACA, [jthompson@alpinecanada.org](mailto:jthompson@alpinecanada.org) or Dave Ellis, Ski Cross High Performance Director, ACA, [dellis@alpinecanada.org](mailto:dellis@alpinecanada.org).