



2025 FIS PARA-ALPINE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) and Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team (CPAST) to nominate athletes as members of the 2025 FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championship Team (the “team”).
- 1.2. The selection criteria shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

The FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championships take place in **Maribor Slovenia** from February 4th to 11th, 2025.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The Canadian objectives at the 2025 FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championships are:
 - I. To achieve podium success for Canada, demonstrated by recent Paralympic Winter Games, World Championship or World Cup podium success and,
 - II. 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 FIS World Para-Alpine Skiing carded Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the *Citizenship and Immigration Act* (Canada);
- 3.3. “CPAST” means the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team;
- 3.4. “CPAST Alpine Staff” means any one of the following: Para-Alpine, High Performance Director, Head Coaches or any other coach that is designated as a CPAST coach, from time to time, by ACA;
- 3.5. “CPAST Medical Staff” means any one of the following CPAST IST members: CPAST IST Lead, CPAST Lead Physician, CPAST Sports Medicine & Therapy Coordinator, strength and conditioning coach, physiotherapist, sport science consultant and sport psychology consultant; and,
- 3.6. “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CPAST Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CPAST 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.
- 3.7. “SDRCC” means Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada

4. QUOTA



- 4.1. There are currently no maximum quota spots placed on any nation for participation into the FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championships.

5. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to the team, an athlete must:

- I. Meet all eligibility criteria set out in the Para Alpine Skiing International Competition Rules (ICR);
- II. have a valid 2024/2025 FIS Licence issued in accordance with the art. 203 of the ICR;
- III. be internationally classified with a Sport Class Confirmed (C) or Review (R) with a Fixed Review Date 2025 or later (i.e., Review 2025 or later);
- IV. be born in 2008 or earlier;
- V. be “fit to race” prior to January 27, 2025. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the Para-Alpine, High Performance Director that injury status applies;
- VI. meet the minimum selection criteria under Section 6.0 during the qualifying ending January 14, 2025;
- VII. must be a member in good standing of CPAST and ACA;
- VIII. must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense;
- IX. Note: If an athlete meets all other eligibility but fails to earn FIS points due to medical or other extraordinary circumstances a wildcard request can be submitted by the NSA to the FIS through the Online Entry System in FPDMS for review. Not all requests are guaranteed to be approved and further documentation might be requested by FIS.

6. CRITERIA

Athletes shall be considered for selection on the following basis:

- 6.1 Be a member of the 2024/2025 A, B, C, Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team or Prospect Team and;
- 6.2 Slalom (SL)
Be ranked and have for the men 220 FIS points or less and for the Women 220 FIS points or less on the FIS Slalom Ranking List as of 14 January 2025 or;
- 6.3 Giant Slalom
Be ranked and have for the men 220 FIS points or less and for the Women 220 FIS points or less on the FIS Giant Slalom Ranking List as of 14 January 2025 or;
- 6.4 Super-G (SG), Downhill (DH), Alpine Combined (AC)
Be ranked and have for the men 170 FIS points or less and for the Women 170 FIS points or less in DH or SG on the FIS DH or SG Ranking List as of 14 January
- 6.5 2025 and;



- 6.6 Receive a nomination through Coaches Discretion.
- 6.7 Event specific final racing roster will be named at the sole discretion of the CPAST Staff within 24 hours of the planned event time.

7 SELECTION PROCESS

- 7.1 The CPAST Staff shall conduct the FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championship Selection meeting, on 14 January 2025, by teleconference or in person immediately following the conclusion of the last World Cup competition Qualifying Race.
- 7.2 Selections will be forwarded to the ACA President & CEO for final review.
- 7.3 The Para-Alpine, High Performance Director immediately following final approval, notify by phone or email those athletes that were eligible for selection, whether or not those athletes were selected.

8 UNFORESEEN 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 Para-Alpine, High Performance Director reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.
- 8.2 The Para-Alpine, 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 Selection 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 The Para-Alpine, High Performance Director may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection 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 ACA Athlete Agreement. ACA will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- 8.4 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), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Federation International de Ski (FIS) World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

9 APPEALS

- 9.1 Any dispute in relation to the selection procedures for the 2025 FIS Para-Alpine World Ski Championships must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.
- 9.2 An Athlete who wishes to appeal the team selections shall, within 48 hours, commencing from the time of notification after the Qualifying Period, file an appeal with the SDRCC. A decision must be reached no later than 3:59pm MST on January 27th, 2025.