



CAST National Standards for Access to CAST, CAST projects and Peak Competitions - For Athletes not nominated to CAST for 2024-2025 -

These standards are guidelines and are not intended to guarantee access to competitions or CAST training opportunities. PTSO's are encouraged to lead requests for access into CAST opportunities. These opportunities can include CAST D programming.

1) CAST World Cup Invitee Status

This status would allow the highest level of integration with CAST opportunities for individuals not receiving CAST nomination, *this status does not constitute CAST team membership, nor does it provide guaranteed access to opportunities. Opportunity availability is dependent on internal CAST capabilities which are often subject to unpredictable variables.*

Required World Rank for eligibility:

Women – NorAm title holder which provides access to WC competitions

Men – NorAm title holder which provides access to WC competitions

Summary:

- A. Management, logistical and coaching support within World Cup venues might be offered if/when possible.
- B. Support with Schengen Visas and/or other special travel access requirements-request from athletes are required to initiate this process.
- C. Athletes receive one (1) official CAST race suit (specific to the disciplines to which they hold WC access). Athletes can purchase additional race suits from ACA at cost.
- D. Required to sign a CAST World Cup Invitee Status [agreement](#)
- E. If the athlete is ranked at a level to receive FIS travel money support, CAST will reimburse the athletes at the end of each month or as soon as ACA accounting can clear for distribution
- F. CAST High Performance Director (HPD) & Gender Team Head Coach will collaborate with each Invitee Status athlete to develop and communicate the possible CAST opportunities for 2024/2025.
- G. Any costs incurred by Invitee Status athletes during any CAST related projects and camps would be paid in full by the Invitee Status athlete.

2) Access to each distinct CAST training camp and/or select competition opportunities.

Individuals without **CAST WC Invitee Status** are still eligible for opportunities when available based on the guidelines listed below. CAST athletes (inclusive of CAST D) will receive priority when extra quota is available unless the HPD or Head Coach deems it appropriate that a qualification process can be implemented.



HPD and/or the gender team head coach will communicate available opportunities to athletes (coaches of athletes), utilizing the criteria below, and the number of athlete spots available two to four weeks in advance of available opportunities (In priority order):

- Top ranked Canadian athlete (Male & Female) within the selection method used for 2023/2024 or 2024/2025 Canadian World Junior Ski Championship Team: or
- World FIS rank: Men & Women top 200 in DH/SG/GS or SL; or
- World FIS age rank of top 30 in SG/GS or SL (*world age rank is the athlete's year of birth and all younger year of births*)
- *Performance from specified FIS events, NorAm's or CAST time trails, these options may not be rank restricted as outlined above*
- Any costs incurred by an invited athlete during any CAST related projects, camp or competition would be paid in full by the athlete

3) **World Cup Intent & Qualification Process**

Peak competitions include: European Cup (EC), World Cup (WC) and Winter Olympic Games (WOG)/World Ski Championships (WSC)

Eligibility for WC: *HPD and Gender Team Head Coach will determine available quota space with advanced communication to eligible athletes through ACA's Domestic Department. Quota space can change depending on the quota period ([see FIS site](#)).*

Athletes invited to participate in WC competitions will be required to provide their own ski service as well as provide a support coach (if enough course access available). All costs associated with participation would be covered by the invited athlete.

Basic quota spot:

- **Women:** World FIS rank Top 150 in the respective event
- **Men:** World FIS rank Top 150 in the respective event

Nation quota spot:

- **Women** World FIS rank Top 120 in the respective event
- **Men** World FIS rank Top 120 in the respective event

Personal World Cup quota spot:

- Men & Women: Can only be utilized by the quota holder (See Continental Cup FIS Rule 5.4 & 5.4.1)

Qualification for WC events in the case predetermined competitions or CAST time trials are used to fill unused quota

- If identified World Cup Top 30 result



- If identified official CAST time trial
- If identified NorAm – **Top 3 result**. In the case of multiple spots available, the results are used in rank order within the respective events (ties are broken with race points or the next best result in that discipline; or
- If identified EC – Top 15 result in rank order within the respective event; or
- If identified WC DH – official training results as pre-identified, or

- Men: Sölden WC, Levi WC, Gurgl WC, Beaver Creek WC, Val D'Isère WC: WCSL Rank in race discipline will be considered for accessing available quota.

Intent for World Cups (WC) must be submitted **48 hours prior** to the FIS pre-entry deadline (24:00 CET) through the form linked below. Confirmation of participation must be made **48 hours prior** to the FIS entry deadline (24:00CET).

[2024-25 World Cup Entry Deadlines](#)

4) Europa Cup Intent Process

Individuals without **CAST Status** are still eligible for opportunities when available. Priority for Europa Cup entry is listed below;

- A) CAST athletes (inclusive of CAST D)
- B) Athletes ranked based on FIS points

Intent for Europa Cups (EC) must be submitted 48 hours prior to the FIS pre-entry deadline (24:00 CET) through the form linked below. Confirmation of participation must be made 48 hours prior to the FIS entry deadline (24:00CET) to the Team Manager, Operations - Alpine or Gendered Head Coach.

[2024-25 Europa Cup Schedule & Quotas](#)

[ACA Europa Cup Entry Request](#)