



ALPINE CANADA PARA-ALPINE SKIING INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES Beijing 2022 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“Alpine Canada”) to nominate athletes as members of the Canadian Paralympic Alpine Ski team (the “Team”)(the “Selection Process”) at the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games (the “Games”). Nominations by Alpine Canada are subject to final selection by the Canadian Paralympic Committee (“CPC”).
- 1.2 The Objectives of the Selection Process are to nominate athletes most capable of achieving podium performances at the Games (Standard Nomination Criteria and Single Result Nomination Criteria) and at the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (Rising Star Nomination Criteria).
- 1.3 The High Performance Director, Para-Alpine is responsible for developing and approving the Nomination Process and procedures for the Team that will be nominated to the CPC for Games.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 2.2 “IPC” means the International Paralympic Committee, the international sport governing body;
- 2.3 “CPC” means Canadian Paralympic Committee;
- 2.4 “BOCOG” mean Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee;
- 2.5 “CPAST” means the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team;
- 2.6 “CPAST Staff” means the Athletic Director, Para-Alpine Team and CPAST Head Coach.
- 2.7 “CPAST Medical Staff” means various medical specialist, staff or non-staff of ACA;
- 2.8 “WPAS” means World Para Alpine Skiing
- 2.9 “IF” means the International Federation
- 2.10 “SDRCC” means Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada



- 2.11 “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CFAST Staff, in consultation with the CFAST 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;
- 2.12. “Qualifying Athletes” are athletes that qualify according to Performance Criteria (Standard Nomination Criteria, Single Result Nomination Criteria and Rising Star Nomination Criteria);
- 2.13 “Qualifying Period” is the period from **January 1, 2020** to **February 14, 2022** during which the athletes must achieve minimum criteria to be considered for nomination.
- 2.14 “Bipartite Invitation” means invitations granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and IF using guiding principles.
- 2.15 Paralympic Team nominations must be submitted to the CPC by February 15th, 2022.

3.0 TEAM SIZE

- 3.1 The International Paralympic Committee Paralympic Qualification Guide for Alpine Skiing provides the following quota for alpine skiing;
- (a) Canada may be allocated up to a maximum of twenty (20) male and fifteen (15) female athletes, as allocated by the 2020/2021 WPAS Nations Ranking Allocation and 2020/2021 WPAS Ranking Factor Allocations.
 - (b) Canada can enter a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes per medal event,
 - (c) Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC, and does not apply to the maximum quota allocation per NPC.
- 3.2 The CFAST Staff has sole discretion as to the exact composition of the Team, the number and gender of athletes nominated to meet the Objectives of these Procedures.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 To be eligible for nomination to the Team, an Athlete must:
- i) hold a valid WPAS licence for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 seasons, and not be subject to suspension by ACA or IPC;



- ii) be internationally classified with either a “Confirmed” sport class status or a “Review” sport class status with a review date after the 2021/2022 season;
- iii) be born in the year 2006 or earlier; and

For technical events:

- iv) have achieved race points in at least one (1) technical race of the 2021/2022 season by **February 14, 2022** (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method);
 - a. be ranked and have achieved for the Men 220 WPAS Points and for the Women 240 WPAS Points or less on the WPAS Slalom Ranking List or the WPAS Giant Slalom Ranking List as of February 14, 2022 (exceptions may be made via a Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method).

For speed events:

- i) have achieved race points in at least one (1) speed race of the 2021/2022 season by **February 14, 2022** (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method);
 - a. be ranked and have achieved for the Men 140 WPAS Points and for the Women 180 WPAS Points or less, either on the WPAS Downhill Ranking List or the WPAS Super G Ranking List or on the WPAS Super Combined Ranking list (only for Super Combined) as of February 14, 2022 (exceptions may be made via a Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method).
- ii) meet compliance with the IPC Athletes Nationality at the time of selection and must maintain these requirements until the completion of the Games;
- iii) hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before August 4, 2022;
- iv) be “fit to race” prior to **February 18, 2022**. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the Para-Alpine, Athletic Director that Injury Status applies; and,
- v) meet the minimum nomination criteria under Articles 6 or 7.
- vi) sign the 2021-22 Alpine Canada Athlete Agreement.
- vii) return a copy of this policy with the acknowledgment signed;
- iv) sign and submit the CPC Team Member and BOCOG Eligibility Code no later than June 15, 2021;



5.0 QUALIFYING EVENTS, RANK LIST DEVELOPMENT, INJURY STATUS

Qualifying Events:

5.1 The following list of events are considered qualifying events for the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games

- 2021-22 WPAS World Cup Races as listed in the WPAS Race Calendar
- 2021 WPAS World Championships (postponed to January 2022)

** all other WPAS sanctioned events including NorAm Cups, Europa Cups, and National Championship Events are not eligible qualification events.

Rank List Development:

5.2. The rank list will be prepared in priority sequence by gender as follows:

1. Standard Nomination
2. Single Result Nomination
3. Standard Nomination or Single Result Nomination Injury Status
4. Rising Star Criteria

5.3 Athletes will be nominated in priority order by gender, based on their WPAS Points in their best event within the rank list. The athletes with the least amount of points in their best event will have priority over athletes with a higher amount of points in their best event. The list used will be the latest available at the time of the selection.

- i) in the event where two athletes have the exact same points, the WPAS points from their next best event will be used to break the tie.

Injury Status:

5.4 The CPAST Athletic Director may, at their sole discretion, nominate an athlete under “Injury Status” if:

- i) injury or illness prevents an athlete from competing in the World Cup, World Championships for any portion of the Qualifying Period; and,
- ii) circumstances for the Injury are clearly documented before the qualifying event in question, and must be supported by a member of CPAST Medical Team; and
- iii) a summary of the past four years of the athlete(s) ranking and results, and the athlete(s) recent results during the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games qualification period demonstrate the probability that the athlete would have been capable of achieving all required Selection Criteria if not for the exceptional circumstances.

5.4.1 Nomination based on Injury Status shall be communicated in writing within 24 hours of Team Selection Meeting to be effective.



5.4.2 An Injury Status athlete may only compete if the CPAST Staff, in consultation with the CPAST Medical Team, has determined the Injury Status athlete to have completed a prescribed rehabilitation program and is fit to race.

Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation:

5.5 While the primary method in which the guiding principles are respected is through the standard qualification methods, the IPC and IFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations in particular sports through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method. These invitations are included in the overall athlete quotas of the relevant sports. Invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are typically allocated to ensure participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances.

5.5.1 Timelines and Application Procedures:

NPCs may suggest Bipartite candidates to the respective International Federation beginning on January 10, 2022. Applications for Bipartite slots must be received by the IF by February 7, 2022. All Bipartite decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

5.6 Alpine Canada reserves the right, at their sole discretion to nominate an athlete based on results and other evidence.



6.0 STANDARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

6.1 For an athlete to be eligible for nomination by ACA to the 2022 Canadian Paralympic Team, they must be a member in good standing of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team, or NextGen/Prospect Team.

6.2 Athletes must achieve the following minimum performance criteria to be nominated as Qualifying Athletes:

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 6 within 10% of the winning time of this category• one TOP 6 result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season
Standing and Sitting	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 12 within 10% of the winning time of this category• one TOP 12 result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season

<u>Women</u>	
Visually Impaired, Standing and Sitting	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 6 within 12% of the winning time of this category• one TOP 6 result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season

6.3 Athletes who do not meet Standard Nomination Criteria as outlined in section 6.2, have the ability to be nominated as qualifying athletes using Single Result Criteria below:

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 3 within 8% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2021/2022 season
Standing and Sitting	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 10 within 8% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2021/2022 season

<u>Women</u>	
Visually Impaired, and Sitting	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOP 3 within 10% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2021/2022 season



Standing	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 6 within 10% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2021/2022 season
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7.0 RISING STAR NOMINATION CRITERIA

7.1 For an athlete to be eligible for nomination by ACA to the 2022 Canadian Paralympic Team under the terms of the Rising Star clause, an athlete must meet all the following performance, qualification, and eligibility requirements:

1. Has been identified by the ACA as a podium potential athlete for the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, through the Own the Podium review process
2. Is a member in good standing of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team, or NextGen/Prospect Team
3. Must not have previously competed in a Paralympic Games in their current sport

7.2 Athletes must achieve the following Rising Star criteria to be nominated as Qualifying Athletes:

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 10 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup • one result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season OR Must place once: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2021/22 season
Standing and Sitting	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 18 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup • one result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season OR Must place once: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 15 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2021/22 season



<u>Women</u>	
Visually Impaired and Sitting	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup • one result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 6 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2021/22 season
Standing	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 10 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup • one result must be achieved during the 2021/22 season <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2021/22 season

11.0 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 11.1 The Para-Alpine Athletic Director may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian 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.
- 11.2 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of the CPC Team Member Agreement.
- 11.2 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 Paralympic Committee (IPC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).



12.0 REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

- 12.1 If an athlete who has qualified in an individual event is injured, that athlete may be replaced, subject to IF and Paralympic regulations, by the next ranked individual athlete who has met all required selection criteria. ACA's Medical Staff will assess any injured athlete and determine if that individual is unable to compete.

13.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND REVISIONS

- 13.1 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, Athletic Director reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action, taking into account factors and circumstances that are deemed relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.
- 13.2 The Para-Alpine, Athletic Director may exercise discretion to revise these selection standards 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. ACA shall inform CPAST athletes and CPC in writing of any such revisions forthwith. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures 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.

14.0 COVID-19

- 14.1 ACA is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact nominations of athletes for the Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, ACA will respect the published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.
- 14.2 Situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require the Internal Nomination Procedures to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the nomination. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Further, situations may arise that do not allow the Internal Nomination Procedures 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, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance Objective as stated herein.



15.0 TEAM SELECTION MEETING

- 15.1 The Team nomination-ranking list will be updated upon the conclusion of Qualifying Period in conjunction with the IPC Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide.
- 15.2 The CPAST Staff shall conduct the Team Selection meeting, on **February 14, 2022** by teleconference or in person, forthwith after the last World Cup or World Championship competition that is included in the ranking list.
- 15.3 When the CPAST Staff has reached a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes, the Athletic Director, Para-Alpine Team shall no later than twenty-four (24) hours afterwards notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were eligible for selection, whether or not those athletes were nominated.

16.0 ENTRY AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

- 16.1 Once the final nomination list of ACA is accepted by the CPC, all athletes will have equal status as qualified Paralympic Team members and will be required to sign the CPC Team Member Agreement and comply with it.
- 16.2 Athletes nominated in their respective events by ACA to the CPC will be entered in those events at the Paralympic Games. Upon arriving on-site at the Games, ACA Paralympic Coaches and the Team Leader will provide the final confirmation of athletes' participation in each of their individual events and will make any required entry changes as required in the eventuality of unexpected circumstances within 24 hours of the planned event time.

17.0 Appeals

- 17.1 Any dispute relating to the Nomination Process for the Games must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties and in the discretion of the SDRCC.
- 17.2 An Athlete who wishes to appeal the internal nominations shall, within 12 hours commencing from the time of nomination notification from the High Performance Director, Alpine, file an appeal with the SDRCC.
- 17.3 Appeals will not be accepted past this time frame.
- 17.4 A decision must be reached no later than February 16th, 2022 at 11:59pm EST.



18.0 ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- 18.1 To be eligible for selection, all potential Team members are required to read, sign and return the attached Athlete Acknowledgment and Acceptance form to Alpine Canada prior to June 15, 2021. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the athlete being ineligible for nomination.
- 18.2 If the potential team member has not reached the age of legal majority (18 years of age) prior to the 2021 – 2022 competitive season, the Parent or Legal Guardian is also required to read and sign the acknowledgment.

Matt Hallat
Para-Alpine, Athletic Director

SIGNATURE

DATE

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, _____ have read, acknowledge, and accept the Paralympic Selection Criteria for Para-Alpine Skiing for the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

ATHLETE SIGNATURE

DATE

**WITNESS OR GUARDIAN
NAME:**

DATE