



ALPINE SKIING MILANO CORTINA 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process (the “Nomination Process”) of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) to nominate athletes as members of the Canadian Olympic Alpine Ski team (“Team”) at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games (“Games”). Nominations by ACA are subject to final nomination by the Canadian Olympic Committee (“COC”) Team Selection Committee.
- 1.2 The Objective of the Nomination Process is to nominate athletes most capable of achieving podium performances at the Games (Categories I, III and IV) and potential future medalists at the 2030 Olympic Winter Games (Category II).
- 1.3 The High Performance Director, Alpine is responsible for developing and approving the Nomination Process and procedures for the Team that will be nominated to the COC for Games.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 2.2 “FIS” means the International Ski Federation, the international sport governing body;
- 2.3 “COC” means Canadian Olympic Committee;
- 2.4 “COC Team Selection Committee” means the Committee who approves the nomination of the Team in accordance with IF criteria, other COC rules and policies as well as the provisions of the Olympic Charter;
- 2.5 “IOC” means International Olympic Committee;
- 2.6 “MOCOG” means Milano Cortina Organizing Committee;
- 2.7 “CAST” means the Canadian Alpine Ski Team;



- 2.8 “CAST Alpine Staff” means the High Performance Director, Alpine of ACA and CAST Head Coaches.
- 2.9 “CAST Medical Staff” means various medical specialists, staff or non-staff of ACA;
- 2.10 “Decision Making Authority” means the High Performance Director, Alpine;
- 2.11 “WC” means FIS World Cup;
- 2.12 “WSC” means the 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships;
- 2.13 “SDRCC” means Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada;
- 2.14 “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, mental/emotional and competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the Games;
- 2.15 “Qualifying Athletes” are athletes that qualify according to Performance Criteria (Category I);
- 2.16 “Qualifying Period 1” is the period from **February 4, 2025 to February 16, 2025 (WSC)** during which the athletes must achieve minimum criteria to be considered for nomination under Category I and Category II;
- 2.17 “Qualifying Period 2” is the period from **July 1, 2024 to January 18, 2026** during which athletes must have achieved minimum criteria for nomination under Categories I, II and III (excludes Qualifying Period 1);
- 2.18 “AC” means Alpine Combined.

3.0 TEAM SIZE

- 3.1 [The International Ski Federation \(FIS\) Olympic Qualification System for Alpine Skiing](#) provides the following quota for alpine skiing, subject to re-allocation by FIS on/or near January 19, 2026:
- (a) Canada may earn a maximum of twenty-two (22) athlete quota places for the Games, up to a maximum of 11 male or 11 female athletes;
 - a. a maximum of 4 athletes per country may compete per event; and,
- 3.2 The CAST Alpine Staff has sole, full and absolute discretion as to the exact composition of the Team, the number of athlete quota filled and gender of athletes nominated to meet the Objective of this Policy.



4.0 ELIGIBILITY

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

- i) be a member in good standing with ACA and FIS;
- ii) meet all applicable citizenship requirements of the International Olympic Committee and FIS at the time of nomination 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 22, 2026;
- iv) meet all age requirements of FIS: all participating athletes in the Games must be born before 1 January 2010;
- v) meet FIS medical requirements in accordance with [Article 221: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Committee Rules \(ICR\)](#);
- vi) be “fit to race” prior to January 19, 2026. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the High Performance Director, Alpine that Injury Status applies;
- vii) meet the minimum qualification criteria as per section 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 or 10.0 of this Internal Nomination Procedure;
- viii) sign the 2025-26 ACA Athlete Agreement;
- ix) return a copy of this policy with the acknowledgment signed; and,
- iv) sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and MOCOG Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 15, 2026.

5.0 RANK LIST DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL RANKING, PRE-QUALIFICATION AND RACING ROSTER

Rank List Development:

5.1 The team nomination list will be prepared in priority sequence as follows:

1. Category I (CI)
2. Category I (CI) Injury Status
3. Category II (CII)
4. Category III (CIII)
5. Category IV (CIV) – please refer to 10.0

5.2 Rank priority within each Category will be determined by WC and WSC total WC points



scoring system.

5.3. In the event that two or more athletes rank equally within a Category, the following tie breaking method will be applied:

- I. Tie breaking method for Category I (CI):
 - a. Within WSC criteria, a tie will be broken by using the next best WSC result, same discipline exclusions for the achieved criteria apply.
 - b. Within WC criteria, a tie will be broken by using the next best WC result, same discipline exclusions for the achieved criteria apply.
- II. Tie breaking method for Category II (CII) and Category III (CIII):
 - a. A tie will be broken by using the next best WC result, same discipline exclusions for the achieved criteria apply.

5.4 Category IV will only be applicable in the event additional quota spots are still available after qualifying Category I, Category II and Category III athletes have been ranked.

5.5 Should one or more unused Alpine quota spots still be available at the end of the Qualifying Period 2, only then can the CAST Alpine Staff at their sole, full and absolute Discretion nominate up to two (2) athletes for the sole purpose of the Team Event within Category IV per 10.1 and 10.2.

5.6 For the speed events (Men: DH, SG, AC) (Women: DH, AC) the process for naming the team racing roster will be clearly identified prior to the last training day in DH.

5.7 Event specific final racing roster will be named at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and/or High Performance Director, Alpine within 24hrs of the planned event time.

5.8 Final Team Event roster will be named at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and/or High Performance Director, Alpine within 24hrs of the planned event time.

5.9 Qualification periods are clearly defined in sections 2.16 and 2.17. The two qualification periods are defined in accordance to the FIS quota allocation announcements, quota re-allocation periods and COC/MOCOG Delegation Registration Meeting deadlines.

6.0 CATEGORY TYPES AND QUALIFYING PERIOD SUMMARY MATRIX

Categories are further defined following this table.

Categories are listed in order of priority for rank list as per 5.11	Qualifying Period 1 February 4, 2025 – February 16, 2025 (WSC)	Qualifying Period 2 July 1, 2024 – January 18, 2026 (excludes Qualifying Period 1)
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Category I Qualifying Athletes Category	<p>a) One (1) top 3 result in any discipline at the 2025 WSC, paired with one WC Top 15 during Qualifying Period 2 (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC)</p> <p>b) Two (2) top 7 results in any discipline at the 2025 WSC, paired with one WC Top 15 during Qualifying Period 2 (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC)</p>	<p>c) One (1) top 3 result in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025.</p> <p>d) One (1) top 3 result in any World Cup from January 1-April 1, 2025, paired with one (1) top 15 result after October 1, 2025 (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC).</p> <p>e) Two (2) top 15 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). One (1) result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025.</p> <p>f) Three (3) top 20 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). Two (2) results need to be achieved after October 1, 2025.</p> <p>g) For 1995-2010 athletes, four (4) top 30 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). Three (3) results need to be achieved after October 1, 2025.</p>
Category I Injury Status Category	N/A	<p>Category I-Injury is only used if after Category I, quota is still available as per 7.2</p> <p>The CAST Alpine Staff may, in their sole discretion, nominate an athlete under "Injury Status".</p>
Category II Potential Future Medalist Category <i>* Athletes born 2001 or later only</i>	N/A	<p>Category II is only used if after Category I and I-injury, quota is available as per 8.0</p> <p>a) Two (2) top 30 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025.</p> <p>b) One (1) top 15 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025</p>
Category III Additional Quota Use Category	N/A	<p>Category III is only used if after Category I, I-injury and II, quota is available as per 9.1</p> <p>a) Two (2) top 30 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC)</p>
Category IV Team Combined Category	N/A	<p>Category IV is only used if after Category I, I-injury, II and III, quota is available as per 10.1</p> <p>The CAST Alpine Staff may, at their sole discretion, nominate up to two (2) additional athletes specifically for the Team Combined Event.</p> <p>The CAST Alpine Staff shall nominate Category IV athletes based on factors deemed relevant to meet the Objective of this Policy. These factors may include: World Rank, World Cup performance, Continental Cup performance, and/or specific performance in Team Combined competitions.</p>

7.0 CATEGORY I “CI” Qualification

7.1 Athletes must achieve the following criteria to be nominated as Qualifying Athletes (Category I – “CI”):



- (a) one top 3 result in any discipline of the 2025 Alpine World Ski Championships, during **Qualifying Period 1** (2.16) paired with one WC Top 15 during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17); or,
- (b) One (1) top 3 result in any World Cup from January 1-April 1, 2025, paired with one (1) top 15 result after October 1, 2025 (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC); or,
- (c) two top 7 results in any discipline of the 2025 Alpine World Ski Championships (excluding Team Event), during **Qualifying Period 1** (2.16) paired with one WC Top 15 during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17); or,
- (d) one top 3 result in any World Cup competition (excluding Team Event, AC and Parallel), during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025; or,
- (e) two top 15 result in any World Cup competition (excluding Team Event), during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025; or,
- (f) three top 20 results in any World Cup competition (excluding Team Event, AC and Parallel), during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). Two results need to be achieved after October 1, 2025; or,
- (g) For 1995-2010 athletes, four (4) top 30 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Combined Event, Parallel and AC), during **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). Three results need to be achieved after October 1, 2025.

7.2 The CAST Alpine Staff may, at their sole discretion, nominate an athlete under “Injury Status” if one or more unused quota spots is still available after all athletes are ranked per 7.1, the CAST Alpine Staff may consider Athletes under Injury Status for the following circumstances/situations:

- I. Eligible athletes would have to meet and be ranked per 7.1 as it applies to WC results during the athletes last competition season prior to injury date.
- II. Athletes who have either missed 6 or more WC starts in their strongest discipline of the 2024-25 season or lost the full WC 2024-25 competition season (or more), or, who were injured during Qualifying Period 2 which resulted in them missing multiple WC starts in any one discipline, but are able to return to competition prior to the end of Qualifying Period 2, are eligible for injury status nomination.
- III. In addition, current WC results from **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17) should warrant the use of injury discretion and this justification is required for all injury discretion nominations.
- IV. Injury Status is used at the sole discretion of the CAST Alpine Staff and the final decision to nominate an athlete under injury discretion would be made by the High Performance Director, Alpine. All Injury Status nominations will be documented by the CAST Alpine Staff in detail.

7.3 An Injury Status athlete may only compete if the CAST Alpine Staff, in consultation with the CAST Medical Staff, has determined the Injury Status athlete, after January 19, 2026 and prior to the last date under the IOC/MOCOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, has



completed a prescribed rehabilitation program and is fit to race. Nomination based on Injury Status shall be communicated in writing within 24 hours of Team Nomination Meeting to be effective.

8.0 CATEGORY II “CII” Qualification

8.1 The Potential Future Medalist Category (**Category II**) applies to athletes born 2001 or later that do not meet Category I Performance Criteria, have yet to be nominated for the Games, and who achieve the following performance criteria established by the CAST Alpine Staff to identify potential medalists for the 2030 French Alps Winter Olympics:

- i) two top 30 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Event, AC and Parallel), during the **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025; or
- ii) one top 15 results in any World Cup (excluding Team Event, AC and Parallel), during the **Qualifying Period 2** (2.17). One result needs to be achieved after October 1, 2025.

9.0 CATEGORY III “CIII” Qualification

9.1 Additional Quota Use Category (**Category III**) is only used if after Category I and II there are still quota places available. This is for athletes that do not meet the performance criteria of Category I or the age requirements of Category II and have achieved three top 30 World Cup results (excluding Alpine Combined, Parallel and Team Event) during Qualifying Period 2 (2.17).

10.0 CATEGORY IV “CIV” Qualification

10.1 Team Combined Event Category (**Category IV**): Based on which athletes have already qualified, CAST Alpine Staff may, at their sole discretion, nominate up to two (2) additional athletes, male or female, specifically for the Alpine Team Combined Event. Objective of this category is to field the best athletes for the Alpine Team Combined Event.

10.2 CAST Alpine Staff shall nominate Category IV athletes based on factors deemed relevant to meet the Objective of this Policy. These factors may include: World Rank, World Cup performance, Continental Cup performance, and/or specific performance in Parallel competitions. The CAST Alpine Staff shall be free to weigh these objective markers as they wish to meet the Objectives of this Policy. All Category IV nominations will be documented by the CAST Alpine Staff in detail.

11.0 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

11.1 The High Performance Director, Alpine may, at any time, as the Decision Making Authority,



disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with ACA's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the ACA Athlete Agreement.

- 11.2 An athlete will be removed from consideration if 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).

12.0 REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

- 12.1 If any athlete nominated to the COC is not "fit to race" prior to competition, a replacement athlete may be provisionally nominated to the Team, who has met minimum performance criteria, from other athletes meeting minimum performance criteria, in the sole discretion of the High Performance Director, Alpine by January 21, 2026. Substitutions after nomination to the COC (January 21, 2026) are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after January 26, 2026 are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

13.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND REVISIONS

- 13.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Nomination Process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the High Performance Director, Alpine reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. In the event ACA does not have a High Performance Director, Alpine, this right transfers to the ACA High Performance Committee.
- 13.2 The High Performance Director, Alpine may exercise the discretion to revise this agreement prior to the end of the Qualifying Period as may be reasonable to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Nomination Process. ACA shall inform CAST athletes and COC 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 the Nomination Process 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 TEAM NOMINATION MEETING

- 14.1 The CAST Alpine Staff shall conduct the Team Nomination Meeting, on January 19, 2026 by teleconference or in person, immediately following the last World Cup competition on January 18, 2026 to identify the nomination list. The sole record of the Team Nomination Meeting shall be the meeting minutes which shall refer to the Category-specific criteria for each athlete considered, any applicable comments and the final nomination, and attach the results of the athletes considered over Qualifying Period 1 or 2 as well as the supporting data and documents for any nomination in Category I-Injury and Category IV.



- 14.2 When the CAST Alpine Staff has reached a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes, nominations will be forwarded to the ACA President and CEO for final review.
- 14.3 Immediately following final approval from ACA President and CEO, the High Performance Director, Alpine shall notify by phone or e-mail those athletes that were eligible for nomination, whether or not those athletes were nominated.
- 14.4 Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination or appeal, the final team nomination will be forwarded to the COC Team Selection Committee no later than January 21, 2026 at 11:59pm EST.
- 14.5 The Team nomination list will be updated in conjunction with the FIS Olympic Winter Games Alpine quota reallocation timelines.
- 14.6 The list shall be used to nominate the 'Team' as the Alpine Olympic Winter Games quota re-allocations from the FIS become clear and final.

15.0 Appeals

- 15.1 Any dispute relating to the Nomination Process I for the Games must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties and in the discretion of the SDRCC.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 Appeals will not be accepted past this time frame.
- 15.4 A decision must be reached no later than January 26, 2026 at 5:59pm EST