



## **PARA-ALPINE SKIING INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES PyeongChang 2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process for Alpine Canada Alpin (“Alpine Canada”) to nominate athletes (the “Selection Process”) as members of the Canadian Paralympic Alpine Ski team (the “Team”) for the PyeongChang 2018 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 and/or at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games (the “Objectives”).

### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 The following terms shall have the meaning set out below or as otherwise defined in this document:
  - 2.1.1 “ACA” means Alpine Canada;
  - 2.1.2 "Athlete" means an individual who had been selected by ACA to be a member of the Canadian Paralympic Alpine Ski Team;
  - 2.1.3 “Bipartite Invitation” means invitations granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and IF using guiding principles;
  - 2.1.4 “Confirmed sport class status” means the WPAS has confirmed the classification category that an athlete will compete in;
  - 2.1.5 "CPAST” means the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team;
  - 2.1.6 “CPAST Staff” means the, Para-Alpine Athletic Director and CPAST Head Coach;
  - 2.1.7 “CPAST Medical Staff” means various medical specialist, staff or non-staff of ACA;
  - 2.1.8 “CPC” means Canadian Paralympic Committee;
  - 2.1.9 “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CPAST Staff, in consultation with the CPAST Medical Staff, of a number of factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness, determined by Para-Alpine Athletic Director and CPAST Head Coach and consistency of training and performance prior to the Games;



2.1.10 "IF" means the International Federation;

2.1.11 "Injury Status" means being confirmed as injured on the WPAS points list;

2.1.12 "IPC" means the International Paralympic Committee, the international sport governing body;

2.1.13 "Objectives" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.2;

2.1.14 "POCOG" mean PyeongChang 2018 Organizing Committee;

2.1.15 "Qualifying Athletes" are athletes that qualify according to Performance Criteria (Standard Nomination Criteria, Single Result Nomination Criteria and NextGen Nomination Criteria);

2.1.16 "Standard Nomination Criteria" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3;

2.1.17 "Single Nomination Criteria" has the meaning set for in Section 5.4;

2.1.18 "NextGen Nomination Criteria" has the meaning set forth in Section 6

2.1.19 "Qualifying Period" is the period from **November 1, 2016** to **February 17, 2018**;

2.1.20 "Review sport class status" means the athletes classification has not yet been confirmed by the IPC;

2.1.21 "NextGen" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.2;

2.1.22 "SDRCC" means Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada;

2.1.23 "Selection Process" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1;

2.1.24 "Team" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1;

2.1.25 "WPAS" means World Para-Alpine Skiing;

2.1.26 "WPAS Race Calendar" is the calendar outlined by the IPC on their website - <https://www.paralympic.org/alpine-skiing/calendar-and-results>;

2.1.27 "WPAS World Cup Races" are the specific races deemed World Cup (WC) by the IPC and outlined in their calendar;

### **3.0 TEAM SIZE**

3.1 The International Paralympic Committee Paralympic Qualification Guide for Para-Alpine Skiing provides the following quota for para-alpine skiing;



- a) Canada may be allocated up to a maximum of twenty (20) male and ten (10) female athletes, as allocated by the 2016/2017 WPAS Nations Ranking Allocation and 2016/2017 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 CPAST Staff shall have the discretion to select and determine which Athletes will comprise the Team in order to comply the Objectives.

The Canadian Paralympic Committee has final discretion over who is selected to the team, but considers all suggestions from Alpine Canada.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY**

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

- i) hold a valid WPAS licence for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons, and not be subject to suspension by ACA or IPC;
- ii) have achieved race points in at least one (1) race of the 2017/2018 season by **February 17, 2018**;
- iii) be nominated by Alpine Canada in the events that will be offered at the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Paralympic Games as per the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide. All athletes must have achieved the WPAS Minimum Qualifying Standards;
  - a) For technical events: be ranked and have achieved for the Men 220 WPAS Points and for the Women 240 WPAS Points or less, either on the WPAS Slalom Ranking List or the WPAS Giant Slalom Ranking List as of February 19, 2018;
  - b) For speed events: 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 19, 2018;
- iv) meet all age requirements of WPAS: all participating athletes must be at least sixteen (16) years of age by **December 31, 2017**;



- v) Be internationally classified with either a “confirmed” sport class status or a ‘review’ sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season, competing in either visually impaired, standing or sitting categories;
  - vi) meet compliance with the IPC Athletes Nationality at the time of selection and must maintain these requirements until the completion of the Games;
  - vii) be “fit to race” prior to **February 19, 2018**. This deadline does not apply to athletes to whom it is communicated in writing by the Para-Alpine Athletic Director that Injury Status applies;
  - viii) meet the minimum nomination criteria under Articles 5 or 6;
  - ix) sign the 2017-18 Alpine Canada Athlete Agreement;
  - x) return a copy of this policy with the acknowledgment signed;
  - xi) sign and submit to Para-Alpine Athletic Director, the CPC Team Member and POCOG Eligibility Code no later than February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018;
- 4.2 Paralympic Team nominations by Alpine Canada must be submitted to the CPC no later than **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

## **5.0 QUALIFYING EVENTS , RANK LIST DEVELOPMENT, INJURY STATUS, STANDARD NOMINATION CRITERIA, SINGLE RESULT CRITERIA AND NEXTGEN CRITERIA**

### **Qualifying Events:**

- 5.1 The following list of events are the only qualifying events in which athletes may earn points towards the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games
- 2016-17 WPAS World Cup Races as listed in the WPAS Race Calendar;
  - 2017 WPAS Championships;
  - 2017-2018 WPAS World Cup Races as listed in the WPAS Race Calendar;

all other WPAS sanctioned events including WPAS races, 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 as follows:
1. Standard Nomination;
  2. Single Result Nomination;
  3. Injury Status Nomination;



#### 4. NextGen Criteria.

5.3 Athletes will be nominated in priority order, 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 Para-Alpine Athletic Director may, at his/her's sole discretion, nominate an athlete under "Injury Status" if:

- i) injury or illness prevents an athlete from competing in the current World Cup for any portion of the Qualifying Period;
- ii) circumstances are clearly documented before the qualifying event in question, and must be supported by a member of CFAST 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 PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games qualification period demonstrate the probability that the athlete would have been capable of achieving all required nomination criteria if not for the exceptional circumstances.

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

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

#### **Bipartite Commission Invitation:**

5.5 Bipartite Commission Invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are allocated to ensure participation of top athletes who may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify under these procedures due to extraordinary circumstances.

#### **5.5.1 Timelines and Application Procedures for Bipartite Commission Invitation:**

Applications for Bipartite slots must be received by the IF by 22 January 2018. All Bipartite decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.



5.6 For an athlete to be eligible for nomination by ACA to the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Team, they must be a member in good standing of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team.

### Standard Nomination Criteria

5.7 Athletes must achieve the following Standard Nomination Criteria to be nominated as for the Canadian Paralympic Para-Alpine Ski Team:

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 6 within 10% of the winning time of this category</li> <li>• one TOP 6 result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
Standing and Sitting	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 12 within 10% of the winning time of this category</li> <li>• one TOP 12 result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>

<u>Women</u>	
Visually Impaired, Standing and Sitting	Must place twice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 6 within 12% of the winning time of this category</li> <li>• one TOP 6 result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>

### Single Result Criteria

5.8 Athletes who do not meet Standard Nomination Criteria as outlined in section 5.3, have the ability to be nominated to the Canadian Paralympic Alpine Ski Team based on Single Result Criteria below:

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 3 within 8% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
Standing and Sitting	Must place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 10 within 8% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>

<u>Women</u>	
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Visually Impaired, and Sitting	<p>Must place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 3 within 10% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
Standing	<p>Must place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 6 within 10% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup Competition during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>

## 6.0 NEXTGEN NOMINATION CRITERIA

6.1 For an athlete to be eligible for nomination by ACA to the 2018 Canadian Paralympic Team under the terms of the NextGen 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 2022 Paralympic Winter Games, through the Own the Podium review process;
2. Is a member in good standing of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team;
3. Must not have previously competed in a Paralympic Games in Para-Alpine Skiing;
4. Has competed in two (2) WPAS World Cup Races in this sport within the 18-months leading up to the Games.

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

<u>Men</u>	
Visually Impaired	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 10 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup</li> <li>• one result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
Standing and Sitting	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 18 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 15 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
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<u>Women</u>	
Visually Impaired and Sitting	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup</li> <li>• one result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 6 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>
Standing	<p>Must place twice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 10 within 15% of the winning time of this category in any World Cup</li> <li>• one result must be achieved during the 2017/18 season</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Must place once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOP 8 within 15% of the winning time of this category in the 2017/18 season</li> </ul>

## 7.0 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

7.1 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.

7.2 An athlete will be removed from consideration for the Canadian Team if:

7.2.1 if he/she is in violation of the CPC Team Member Agreement;





- 7.2.2 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); And,
- 7.2.3 Any such other reasons or behavior the Para-Alpine Athletic Director may his/her sole direction considers to bring the sport of Para Alpine skiing into disrepute.

## **8.0 REPLACEMENT ATHLETES**

- 8.1 If an athlete who has qualified in an individual event is injured or removed from the Canadian Team and all five eligible spots for that given event had previously been filled, 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.

## **9.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND REVISIONS**

- 9.1 The Para-Alpine Athletic Director may exercise discretion to revise these selection standards prior to the end of the Qualifying Period making any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Selection Process, or in the event of unforeseen circumstances which may prevent the strict application of these procedures. Where the Para-Alpine Athletic Director has exercised such discretion, the ACA shall inform CFAST athletes and CPC in writing of any such revisions.

## **10.0 TEAM SELECTION MEETING**

- 10.1 The Team nomination-ranking list will be updated upon the conclusion of Qualifying Period in accordance with the IPC PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide.
- 10.2 The CFAST Staff shall conduct a Team Selection Meeting, on February 17, 2018 by teleconference or in person, forthwith after the last World Cup competition that is included in the ranking list.
- 10.3 CFAST Staff shall review each Qualified Athletes performance and select the allowable number of male and female athletes for the Canadian Team from the pool of Qualified Athletes on the basis of qualification criteria in section 5 and 6.
- 10.4 When the CFAST Staff has reached a consensus relative to the final nomination of athletes, the Para-Alpine Athletic Director 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.
- 10.5 The final list of nominated athletes will be submitted by the Para-Alpine Athletic Director to the CPC for final acceptance no later than February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



## **11.0 ENTRY AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES**

- 11.1 Once the final list of nominated athletes is submitted by ACA and accepted by the CPC, all athletes will be required to comply with and sign the CPC Team Member Agreement before becoming qualified Paralympic Team members.
- 11.2 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.

## **12.0 APPEALS**

- 12.1 Any dispute relating to these procedures may be brought directly to the SDRCC and shall be decided by SDRCC in accordance with the procedures set out at <http://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca>. Any decision issued by the SDRCC shall be final and not subject to appeal.

## **13.0 ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

- 13.1 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 May 15, 2017. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the athlete being ineligible for nomination.
- 13.2 If the potential team member has not reached the age of legal majority (18 years of age) prior to the 2017 – 2018 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 Alpine Skiing for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games.



\_\_\_\_\_  
**ATHLETE SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

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**WITNESS OR GUARDIAN  
NAME:**

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**DATE**