

CROSS COUNTRY YUKON 2026-2027 TRIP SELECTION CRITERIA

PHILOSOPHY

This criteria establishes the process by which athletes registered in Cross Country Yukon (CCY) Blue and Red Squads are selected to travel to racing opportunities outside the Territory for the 2026-27 racing season.

CCY “aspires to grow our community of skiers and develop high performance athletes in the Yukon by supporting and celebrating the successes of all its members as they achieve excellence in both sport and life.” The High Performance Selection Committee (HPSC) assists in achieving this mission by reviewing, administering and making recommendations to CCY regarding trip selection criteria.

The aims of establishing trip selection criteria are to ensure that:

- Athletes representing the Yukon in cross-country skiing are competitive and capable of finishing in the top 60% of the field at each event;
- A successful high performance program is sustained over the mid- and long-term;
- The most appropriate athletes are selected for each team and trip;
- Athletes receive the required information in a complete, accurate and timely manner;
- The selection criteria reflect the recommendations made in the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, endorsed by CCY, by focusing on athlete development (up to LTAD Learning to Compete); and
- CCY maintains credibility and objectivity.

Criteria are intended to state the requirements and standards (both objective and subjective) that will be applied in the selection process, and to describe how they will be applied. It is the athletes' responsibility to read and understand the contents of this document and any other supporting documents and policies.

To be eligible for selection, each skier must be a member in good standing of the CCY Blue or Red Squad programs (please see the attached Athlete in Good Standing Policy), must be in possession of a valid Nordiq Canada racing license, and must be a member of a CCY member organization.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ATHLETES SELECTED TO YUKON SKI TEAM TRIPS

Barring extenuating circumstances such as illness or injury, athletes wanting to be considered for CCY-supported travel and racing opportunities should meet all of the following expectations:

1. Show progress to maintain team status. Progress will be measured by considering: improving CPL ranking, improving test results and athlete commitment.
2. Compete in all selection and other local events as recommended by the CCY Head Coach.
3. Compete in all events (with Head Coach consultation) on trips to which they have been selected.

4. Maintain top 60% of the starting field performance in outside races.
5. Continue to perform at the level that gained them pre-selection (if applicable). If this performance is not demonstrated, then the pre-selection could be re-evaluated and the athlete could be dropped from the trip roster.
6. Be familiar with the selection process. It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with the processes that could affect them.

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Athlete selection and support to selected athletes will primarily be based on objective standards, typically results achieved in specified races as measured against international standards through the Canada Points List (CPL).

In cases where race results cannot be used exclusively, or where there are extenuating factors, other assessment measures may be used, including:

- Results achieved in other relevant races;
- Evaluating an athlete's commitment, assessed potential and ability to perform and contribute in a team context, and their standing with CCY;
- The athlete development goals of the particular trip or team;
- Costs to athletes and to CCY, and the availability of funding; and
- Other factors – age, health status, past results and force majeure may be taken into consideration.

CCY HPSC reserves the right to modify the selection criteria, or modify/withdraw from trips or tours, in the event of unforeseen circumstances. If such a change is necessary, the HPSC will make this decision. Any changes must be approved by the CCY board.

CCY is not required to fill maximum team sizes if athletes do not meet selection standards. The rationale and manner in which these criteria have been applied will be provided in writing as part of each team announcement.

TEAM SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Immediately following the relevant selection races, as close as possible to the decision date, the CCY HPSC will meet to implement the criteria. Once selection decisions are made, the team will be announced. Team selections will be posted and selected athletes will be contacted directly. Announcements will consist of 2 documents: a team announcement, including the list of athlete names, and a decision document (which may be published after the athlete list). The decision document will include the selection rationale. Any race results, points calculations or other data used will be provided. If criteria other than strictly objective criteria for specified races are applied, the rationale will be explained.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Final decisions rest with the High Performance Selection Committee, unless an official appeal is lodged.

FORCE MAJEURE

From time to time, situations arise beyond the reasonable control of an athlete that could prevent the athlete from meeting an eligibility standard. In these circumstances, the HPSC will decide on an appropriate action. Illness and injury could be considered when assessing athletes' performance and the HPSC could add or remove an athlete for these reasons.

TIES

In the event of a tie on a selection ranking list, both athletes who are tied could be selected (if team size permits), or the tie could be broken by considering each athlete's second best race result in the named qualifying races. In the absence of other named qualifying races, the tie may be broken by considering other factors determined to be relevant by the HPSC. The final decision in these cases will be made by the HPSC.

TEAM SIZE

Team size for all trips is limited to the stated maximum for that trip. CCY is not required to fill the stated maximum team size for any trip if minimum qualification standards are not met. This means that not all athletes who meet the minimum points criteria for a particular trip may be able to participate in that trip. In the event that more than the maximum number of skiers meet the selection criteria for a trip (and are interested in the trip), a ranking list will be established using the ranking priorities listed for each trip.

Team Options:

1. CCY TEAM

Includes athletes who have qualified and been selected pursuant to these selection criteria for each respective trip. This team will receive full trip and race service support.

2. QUALIFIED AND NOT SELECTED

Athletes who meet the minimum standard to be selected to a CCY trip but are not selected for the trip due to team size constraints are encouraged to attend the events in question independently if they are interested and able to do so. Athletes must make their own logistical, coaching and technical support arrangements. Communication with the CCY team can be arranged (eg. advice on waxing will be provided by the coach of the CCY team) but athletes attending events on their own should expect to function independently of the team.

APPEALS

Appeals of trip and team selection decisions made by the HPSC are subject to the CCY Dispute Resolution and Appeals Policy, found on the following page of the CCY website: [CCY Safe Sport](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information about the selection criteria may be requested from Lee Hawkings, Chair, High Performance Selection Committee, by email at leehawkings@gmail.com.

CROSS COUNTRY YUKON TRIP SELECTION CRITERIA: 2026-27 SEASON

Four athletes are pre-selected (“Red Squad A”) to all CCY trips for the 2026-27 season based on their top-15 level performances at the national level in the 2025-26 season.

1. Western Canada Cup, Sovereign Lake, BC

Trip Dates: November 22-29, 2026

Team Size: Open to Red and Blue squad athletes who are ready for competition at this level and will benefit from attending the competition.

Goal: To give CCY Red and Blue Squad skiers an opportunity to race at the highest level in Canada before Christmas.

Selection Criteria:

1. All interested Red and Blue Squad athletes who wish to attend and who are ready for competition at this level, (athlete readiness will be discussed individually between athletes and the CCY head coach).
2. Expressions of interest will be sought in early October.
3. Final team size and composition will be determined before October 15th, 2026

Decision Date for Trip 1: October 15th, 2026

2. WJR/U23/FISU Trials – Candy Cane Cup (Nakkertok, QC)

Dates: Dec 15-21, 2026

Team Size: Maximum of 8 athletes

Goals: To give eligible athletes an opportunity to compete for selection to the World Junior or U23 World Championship Team. To give athletes with potential to qualify for the World Junior/ U23 Championships in the 2027-28 season experience at the Trials.

Eligibility: Athletes must be U18, U20 or U23 (all athletes will be registered in the U20 or Open categories at the trials event).

Selection process: Athletes will be selected using the following priorities, up to the maximum team size of 8. Athletes will be ranked for selection in the following order:

Priorities:

1. Red Squad A athletes needing race support;

2. Athletes placing in the top 15 in a minimum of one individual race at the 2026 Nationals, ranked by their highest placing in their respective category;
3. U18 and U20 athletes placing in the top 15 Canadian skiers in their age category at the Western Canada Cup in Sovereign Lake. If both male and female athletes meet this criteria, the highest-ranked female athlete will be selected first. Remaining athletes of both genders will be ranked in order of their best single race placing.

Decision Date for trip 2: December 5th, 2026

3. Western Championships (Rossland, BC)

Dates: February 9-14, 2027

Team Size: Blue Squad athletes in good standing with CCY

Goal: to give Blue Squad athletes an opportunity to race outside the Yukon. To represent Yukon at the Western Canadian Championships.

Selection Criteria:

1. All interested Blue Squad athletes who wish to attend and who are ready for competition at this level (athlete readiness will be discussed individually between athletes and the CCY head coach).
2. Expressions of interest will be sought in December.
3. Red Squad athletes needing race support will be considered on a case by case basis, logistical capacity permitting.
4. Final team size and composition will be determined before January 10th, 2027.

Decision Date for Trip 3: January 10th, 2027.

4. Canadian National Championships (Whistler, BC)

Dates: March 19-28, 2027

Team Size: Maximum 14 skiers.

Goals: To provide the best Yukon skiers with an opportunity to compete at the highest level in Canada in their respective age categories. To represent the Yukon at the National Championships.

Selection process: Athletes will be selected in the order of priorities 1-4, below, up to the maximum team size of 14. Athletes who are selected based on results achieved in a category above their own will be selected to compete in their correct age category at the Ski Nationals.

Priorities:

1. Red Squad A skiers needing race support;
2. Athletes selected to Trip 2 World Junior/U23 Trials, ranked on their selection priority for that trip;
3. Top U16 Yukon male and female athletes (who are not already qualified under priorities A and B above) at the Western Canadian Championships (calculated using single best race placing);
4. U16, U18, U20 and Open athletes achieving one race result within 12 CPL points (for male athletes) or 15 CPL points (for female athletes) of the fastest Canadian skier in their respective category at the Western Canada Cup, Canada Winter Games or Western Canadian Championships. Athletes will be selected in order, from lowest to highest CPL points behind the top Canadian skier in their own Category, until the maximum team size is reached.

Decision Date for Trip 4: March 6th, 2027