



2018 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

Ontario Winter Games Competition	<p>The 2018 Ontario Winter Games is a multisport event to be held in Orillia and the surrounding area. The following is scheduled for cross country skiing at Horseshoe resort:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">February 28</td> <td>Training Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 1</td> <td>Sprints/Free technique (Kings Court)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 2</td> <td>Interval Start/Classic</td> </tr> </table>	February 28	Training Day	March 1	Sprints/Free technique (Kings Court)	March 2	Interval Start/Classic
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Ontario Winter Games Participants	<p>The Ontario Winter Games participants consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 males and 60 females. Five additional males and 5 additional females will be selected as alternates. Alternates are named in case a selected team member declines, are sick, or injured etc. • Juvenile Girls/Boys [1 & 2] - YOB 2002 & 2003 • Midget Girls/Boys [2] - YOB 2004 						
Ontario Winter Games Selection Process	<p>The Ontario Winter Games selection process will be a tiered selection based on the following 3 factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ontario Talent Squad members - team of 20 (13 female/7 male) 2. Ontario points based on race results at Ontario Cup #2 at Walden CCFC (Sudbury, ON)* 3. District selection as determined by each District: LSSD, NOD, SOD and NCD <p>*Competing at OCup #2 will maximize athletes' opportunity for selection</p>						
Eligibility - Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All athletes must be CCC licensed with a registered Ontario club. CCC license must be obtained prior to January 30th at which time the Ontario Winter Games team will be registered with the host society. It is recommended that athletes obtain their license early in the season in order to gain full benefit including CPL for seeding purposes and Ontario points for ON team selection. • Pay the registration fee of (-\$110) which includes race registration, accommodations, food, and some OWG related ground transportation as per OWG policy (yet to be released) 						
Eligibility - Coaches	<p>All coaches must be a minimum Learn to Train or Level 2.</p>						
Selection Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ontario Talent Squad athletes http://xcskiontario.ca/athletes/ontario-talent-squad/ 13 female 7 male 2) The next 30 male and 30 female positions - total 60 positions being gender equal, irrespective of YOB will be selected by the descending order of total Ontario points earned from both days of racing at Ontario Cup #2. 3) The remaining 40 (17 female & 23 male) positions shall be divided equally amongst the 4 Districts; LSSD(10), SOD(10), NCD(10) and 						



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	<p>NOD(10) while maintaining gender balance.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ontario Talent Squad athletes must confirm their intention to compete at the OWG by December 31, 2017 and their identified club coach must confirm adherence to training plans and their intention to race competitively in Ontario for the 2017/2018 season. 2. In the event that a number of OTS athletes do not accept their nomination, that number will be added to the number of selected athletes at OCup #2 3. Districts will be required to collaborate to ensure gender equity at the games. 4. Districts may choose to nominate less than their allocated positions. Remaining positions will be re-assigned equally amongst the remaining Districts. Deadline for notice of re-allocation is January 24th at 5pm. Details will be released at a later date 5. Ontario Points calculation will follow the Ontario Team selection and support document
<p>Selection Criteria in the Event of Race Cancellation</p>	<p>In the event of a cancellation at the selection races, the team will be selected based on the results of the 1 event held.</p> <p>In the event that both selection races are not held, team selection will then be based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All remaining positions will be selected based on District selection. Each District's participants #s will be based on the percentage of District registered racers in the selection event versus the total registered racers in the YOBS 2002/2003/2004
<p>Force Majeure</p>	<p>Subject to the appeal process below, athlete selection to the OWG's will consider "Force Majeure" appeals, as follows:</p> <p>Injury, illness, family misfortune, exceptional circumstances and equipment breakage will be considered valid grounds for appeal. Appeals must be made to the chair of the HPC in writing by 5pm, Monday, January 22, 2018. Appeals must be in writing and include supporting documentation to support the appeal - including Doctor's notes. Appeals will be evaluated by the HPC taking into consideration the reason for the appeal.</p> <p>All appeals should be sent by e-mail to Liz Inkila, XCSO Administrator at admin@xcskiontario.ca and hmaureen@shaw.ca</p> <p>Any force majeure appeal selections approved by a subcommittee of HPC will be included within the identified quota of athletes by category and gender.</p>



Potential Funding Available:

- 120 athletes and 24 coaches/wax techs may be funded as per OWG Travel Subsidy. Accommodation will be provided on Wednesday, Feb 28 and Thursday, March 1 only
- Transportation may be provided from/to Pearson for games participants only
- Transportation may be provided to/from race venue for games participants only
- Some meals may be provided for games participants only
- Ontario Winter Games Travel subsidy may be available to participants who live more than 300km from the host community of Orillia

Funding, if available for club coaches (24), will be allocated according to the number of athletes per club at a 5:1 ratio selected to attend the OWG.

Please note: We will work with District and Club coaches to ensure the funding is allocated fairly and would expect coordination and cooperation within Districts.