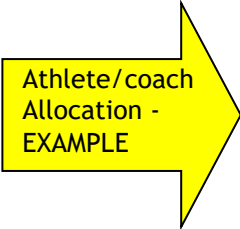




2022 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

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| <p>Ontario Winter Games Competition</p> | <p>The 2022 Ontario Winter Games is a multisport event to be held in Orillia and the surrounding area. The location and dates of the event are currently being finalized. The following is the draft schedule:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Thurs, March 3 Training Day Fri, March 4 Sprint Qualifier & District Distance Relay – mixed gender Sat. March 5 Interval Start/Classic</p> |
| <p>Ontario Winter Games Participants</p> | <p>The Ontario Winter Games participants consist of:</p> <p>Olympic Stream athletes:</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. • U16 Girls/Boys [1 & 2] – YOB 2006 & 2007 • U14 Girls/Boys [2] – YOB 2008 <p>Paralympic Stream athletes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 males and 8 females • 8 standing/8 sitting where possible |
| <p>Ontario Winter Games Selection</p> | <p>Olympic Stream:</p> <p>The Ontario Winter Games selection process will be regionally focused with specific selection criteria being determined by each District; Lake Superior Ski District (LSSD), Northern Ontario (NOD), Southern Ontario (SOD), and National Capital (NCD). Each District will select a minimum of 20 athletes (10 males and 10 females); the remaining 40 spots will be allocated based proportionately on Nordiq Canada license holders while maintaining gender equity.</p> <p>If using selection races, races must be completed by TBA which will allow for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each District is guaranteed a team size of up to 20 athletes (10 males and 10 females) for a total of 80 athletes. 2. Districts may choose to nominate less than their allocated positions. Remaining positions will be re-assigned equally amongst the remaining Districts. 3. The remaining positions shall be divided amongst the 4 Districts, LSSD, SOD, NCD and NOD as per the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Districts shall be allocated a number of positions based on the proportion of the number of Nordiq Canada race licenses held by YOB 2006 to YOB 2008 athletes (both male & female) registered with an ON club (within that district) divided by the total number of licenses in the identified YOBs (male and female) in the province. b. Gender equality must be maintained. Any issues of gender |



inequality within a District allocation will be dealt with on a case by case basis

4. All Districts must submit a ranking list of 10 or more per gender to admin@xcskiontario.ca by TBA.
 - a. The first 10 males and 10 females will be named to the OWG Games Team (4x20 per District = 80 total).
 - b. The next 40 athletes will be selected by proportionate Nordiq Canada license holders.

RACE LICENSE HOLDERS EXAMPLE OF RE-ALLOCATION (THE CHART BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF ALLOCATION – TO BE UPDATED AFTER DEC 31)

| District | # of license holders (Dec 31-2021) | % of total | Allocation per District Athlete | Allocation per District Coach |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NCD | 72 | 43% | 20 + 17 = 37 | 4 + 3 = 7 |
| SOD | 38 | 23% | 20 + 9 = 29 | 4 + 2 = 6 |
| LSSD | 23 | 14% | 20 + 6 = 26 | 4 + 1 = 5 |
| NOD | 33 | 20% | 20 + 8 = 28 | 4 + 2 = 6 |
| Total | 166 | 100% | 80 + 40 = 120 | 16 + 8 = 24 |

Please note: Districts must submit a ranking list with more than 10 males and 10 females so that District allocation can be facilitated by XCSO. XCSO will go down the ranking list according to Nordiq Canada license holder's allocations while maintaining gender equity.

Paralympic Stream:

- Selection will take place at the ON Winter Games selection events at Walden OCup, Sudbury, ON January 16/17 and/or January 28/29 at Kivi Park.
- The top 4 athletes in total placings will be selected in both standing and sitting categories

Eligibility - Athletes

- All athletes must be Nordiq Canada licensed with a registered Ontario club. **Nordiq Canada license must be obtained prior to December 31st, 2021.** 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.
- A Nordiq Canada guide license must be purchased for VI athletes
- Pay the registration fee which includes race registration, accommodations, food, and some OWG related ground transportation as per OWG policy (See appendix A). The registration fee is TBA + HST.

Eligibility - Coaches

All coaches must be a minimum Learn to Train or Level 2. There is no fee for coaches/team managers, however, registration is required.

Force Majeure

Subject to the appeal process below, athlete selection to the OWG's will consider "Force Majeure" appeals, as follows:



Cross Country
Ski Ontario

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| | <p>Injury, illness, family misfortune, exceptional circumstances and equipment breakage will be considered valid grounds for appeal. 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 Executive Director at admin@xcskiontario.ca and HPC Chair jackxcgolf@gmail.com by TBA</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> |
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Funding Available as per Appendix A ([OWG External Travel Policy](#)):

- 136 athletes (120 Olympic stream & 16 Paralympic stream) and 32 coaches/wax techs/managers (22 Olympic stream & 8 Paralympic stream) will be eligible for travel funding as per [OWG Travel Subsidy](#). Accommodation will be provided on Thursday March 3 and Friday, March 4 only
- Transportation will be provided to/from race venue for games participants only
- Meals may be provided for games participants only
- Ontario Winter Games Travel subsidy is available to participants who live more than 300km from the host community of Renfrew

Funding for club coaches/managers (32), will be allocated as per the following:

- Each District will have funding for a minimum of 4 coaches/manager with a minimum of 1 coach/manager being female for a total of 16 coaches/managers named
- The remaining coaches (8) will be named according to the number of athletes per club at a 5:1 ratio selected to attend the OWG as per allocation of Nordiq Canada license holders (see table above)
- 8 coaches/managers for the Paralympic stream athletes