



SOD Selection Criteria for Ontario Winter Games 2022

Preamble

The 2022 Ontario Winter Games (OWG) will take place March 3rd, 4th and 5th bringing together young cross-country ski athletes from across the province to compete at the Ma Te Way Centre in Renfrew County. Event Participation is for U16, year 1 & 2 (YOB 2006 and 2007) and U14, year 2 (YOB 2008) athletes who meet SOD Selection Criteria as outlined in this document.

There will be a **minimum** of (20) SOD athlete selections, ten males and ten females.

The 40 remaining spots will be divided amongst the 4 districts and shall be allocated based proportionately on Nordiq Canada license holders while maintaining gender equity.

EXAMPLE DISTRIBUTION

	# of license holders	% of total	# spots per District
NCD	45	32%	13
SOD	40	29%	11
LSSD	30	21%	9
NOD	25	18%	7
Total	140	100%	40

All athletes must be Nordiq Canada licensed with a registered Ontario club. **Nordiq Canada license must be obtained prior to December 31st, 2021.**

Qualification Races

There will be **eight (8) individual selection races used for selection** as follows:

1. Saturday December 11, 2021: Ontario Cup #1: Nakkertok Nordic:Skate 1km Challenge Sprint Qualifier
2. Saturday December 18, 2021: Yuletide Blast: Highlands Nordic: Skate: Distance TBD
3. Sunday January 2, 2022: Midland Loppet: Mountainview Nordic: Classic: Distance TBD
4. Sunday January 9, 2022: Sounder Ski Tour: Georgian Nordic: Classic: Distance TBD
5. Saturday January 15, 2022: Ontario Cup #2: Walden Cross Country: Distance/Format TBD
6. Sunday January 16, 2022: Ontario Cup #2: Walden Cross Country: Distance/Format TBD
7. Saturday January 22, 2022: Mono Nordic: Skate: Distance TBD
8. Sunday January 23, 2022: Kawartha Nordic: Skiathlon: Distance TBD

SOD Selection Process

For **ALL** YOB categories (U16, YOB 2006 & 2007, and U14, YOB 2008) a CPL score will be calculated (refer to section below) for each male/female participant based on their finish time and the finish time of the top two female and top two male athletes in **combined 2006, 2007, 2008, YOB** categories. Selection lists will be prepared as follows:

1. In order to be included on the selection list the skier must compete in and finish **at least one** Ontario Cup race from the following scheduled Ontario Cups:
 - a. Ontario Cup #1 (Saturday U14/U16/U18-1km Skate Qualifier Challenge race)
 - b. Ontario Cup #2 (Saturday or Sunday-**TBA**)
2. SOD selections will be based upon **the average of the best two (2) CPL point races** of the eight individual qualification races. The average of the best 2 races must include **one classic technique race and one skate technique race**.
3. A selection list will be prepared for the male athletes and a selection list will be prepared for the female athletes. These selection lists will show the score from each race and will be sorted by the total of the best two races and ranked by the highest points to lowest points.
 - i. Males: Top 10 athletes based on the average of the highest 2 CPL scores regardless of YOB category will qualify
 - ii. Females: top 10 athletes based on the average of the highest 2 CPL scores regardless of YOB category will qualify
4. Additional qualifying athletes will be offered a position based upon the next ranked skiers from the same female and male selection lists. Positions will be offered alternately as to maintain equal numbers of both female and male skiers up to the maximum number of skiers allocated to SOD for the OWG. Should an athlete decline a position, the position will be offered to the next ranked skier of the same gender.
5. Should SOD be allocated an uneven number of positions, the final position shall be offered to the next male or female skier on the list who has the higher points.
6. In the event of a race cancellation only the remaining race(s) will be used for selection.
7. If neither Ontario Cup selection race is held, total SOD paraffin series points from the 2021-22 season for the same cohort of athletes will be used for selection

CPL (Canada Points List) Calculation

The CPL calculation will be completed in accordance to Nordiq Canada's detailed explanation <https://nordiqcanada.ca/races/point-list/>

Force Majeure

Please note that “Force Majeure” appeals are subject to the process as outlined in the [2022 Ontario Winter Games Selection Criteria](#). All appeals should be sent by e-mail to Liz Inkila, XCSO Executive Director at admin@xcskiontario.ca and jackxcgolf@gmail.com by **TBA**.

Team Selection Announcement

SOD athletes will be offered their nominations **as soon as possible after the results of the last qualifying race are published**. In the event that an athlete does not accept their nomination, the position will be offered to the next qualified athlete. **Due to short timelines, athletes must accept their nominations within 48 hours of their coach receiving the email notice of nomination(s)**.