



2024 Ontario Winter Games NOD Team Selection Criteria for Olympic Stream Athletes

The 2024 Ontario Winter Games (OWG) will take place Feb 16th to Feb 18th bringing together cross-country ski athletes from across the province to compete near Thunder Bay at the Lappe Nordic Centre. The NOD Race Selection Committee is excited to be able to put together an NOD team including both Olympic and Paralympic Stream athletes (Paralympic Selection Criteria are provided in a separate document). All athletes must be Nordiq Canada licensed with a registered Ontario club.

Olympic Stream Athletes

For Olympic Stream athletes, participation will include U16, year 1 & 2 (YOB 2008 and 2009) and U14, year 2 (YOB 2010) athletes who meet NOD Selection Criteria as outlined in this document.

There will be a **minimum** of (20) NOD athlete selections, ten males and ten females. The number of athletes selected in each of the U14 and U16 male/female categories will be allocated based proportionately upon the number of athletes participating in the selection process in those categories.

FOR EXAMPLE

	# of MALE NOD athletes applying	% of total NOD MALE athletes applying	# of spots per category
U16	12	60%	6
U14	8	40%	4
Total	20	100%	10

After each of the 4 districts in Ontario choose their 20 athletes, 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



Selection Process – Olympic Stream

1. NOD selections will be based upon athlete completion of the **2024 NOD OWG Online Selection Application for Olympic Stream Athletes**, which will be available online on Monday, November 27th.
2. The NOD Selection Committee will rank athletes and prepare a selection list for the male athletes and a selection list for the female athletes.
 - a. Males: 10 athletes will be selected based on the application. The number of NOD males chosen from each category (U16 or U14) will be based proportionately on the number of NOD males who have filled out the application.
 - b. Females: 10 athletes will be selected based on the application. The number of NOD females chosen from each category (U16 or U14) will be based proportionately on the number of NOD females who have filled out the application.
3. Additional qualifying athletes will be offered a position on the team in the order of the list up to the maximum number of skiers allocated to the NOD by XCSO. Should an athlete decline a position, the position will be offered to the next ranked skier of the same gender.
4. The application will be posted on the NOD website. The main emphasis in selecting NOD team athletes will be results from the 2023 OWG held at Renfrew (for YOB 2008 and 2009) as well as the Ontario Youth Championships (OYC) held at Porcupine Ski Runners in March 2023 (for YOB 2009 and 2010). Consideration will also be given to athletes who did not participate at either race event if they provide good reasons for not participating at those events in 2023 (e.g., illness, injury, or any other reason, etc.). For athletes who did not compete at OWG or OYC in 2023, the committee will consider ski training and racing activities over the past year(s) as well as coach's recommendation. Some examples are, but are not limited to:
 - i. Training hours in the 2022-2023 season, as well as to date in the 2023-24 season;
 - ii. Km skied in the 2022-2023 season;
 - iii. Race results from events other than OWG or OYC in the 2022-2023 season.The selection committee notes that the selection criteria for OWG 2024 are unique to the 2024 season in that OWG are not normally held in two consecutive years. In this unique case we feel that it is fair to place most emphasis on results from the previous ski season.
5. **Applications must be completed online by Monday, December 11, 2023 by 11:59pm.**
6. Nordiq Canada race license must be obtained prior to **Thursday, November 30, 2023 by 11:59pm.**

NOD OWG Team Selection Announcement

NOD athletes will be offered their nominations as soon as possible following the Dec 11th application deadline. We plan to send our completed list to Cross Country Ski Ontario by December 22, 2023. If an athlete does not accept their nomination, the position will be offered to the next ranked athlete. Due to short timelines, athletes must accept their nominations within 48 hours of their coach receiving the email notice of nomination(s).