



SOD Selection Criteria for Ontario Winter Games 2024

Preamble

The 2024 Ontario Winter Games (OWG) will take place bringing together young cross-country ski athletes from across the province to compete at Lappe Nordic, Thunder Bay.

Event Participation is for U16, year 1 & 2 (YOB 2008 and 2009) and U14, year 2 (YOB 2010) athletes who meet SOD Selection Criteria as outlined in this document.

There is a **minimum** of (20) athlete selections per district, 10 males and 10 females. There are 4 districts in Ontario and there will be a total of 120 able-bodied athletes at the OWG.

The 40 remaining spots are allocated proportionally based on Nordiq Canada license holders as of December 1, 2023, while maintaining gender equity. SOD has been allocated an additional ___TBD___ selections, per the following.

Race License Holders - Re-Allocation as of (date)

	# of license holders	% of total	# spots per District
NCD			
SOD			Approx 10
LSSD			
NOD			
Total			

All athletes must be Nordiq Canada licensed with a registered Ontario club. **Nordiq Canada license must be obtained prior to December 1st, 2023.**

Qualification Races

There will be up to **three (3) individual selection races used for selection** as follows:

1. Friday December 15th, 2023 - Ontario Cup #1 U16 2.5 km skate interval start (no U14 category)
2. Sunday December 17th, 2023 - Ontario Cup #1 (distance)U16 7.5 km U14 5km classic interval start
3. Saturday, December 16th, 2023 - Yuletide Blast

*The SOD selection committee reserves the right to invite athletes based upon the 2022-2023 [SOD Paraffin Series points](#).

SOD Selection Process

For **ALL** YOB categories (U16, YOB 2008 & 2009, and U14, YOB 2010) a CPL score will be calculated (refer to section below) for each male/female participant in **combined 2008, 2009, 2010 YOB** categories. Selection lists will be prepared as follows:

1. 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 single best race and ranked by the highest points to lowest points.
 - i. Males: top 10 athletes based on the highest CPL score regardless of YOB category will qualify
 - ii. Females: top 10 athletes based on the highest CPL score regardless of YOB category will qualify
 - iii. The other spots (#) will be allocated by gender (even number of each gender) based on the next best CPL score.
2. Should an athlete decline a position, the position will be offered to the next ranked skier of the same gender.

CPL (Canada Points List) Calculation

The CPL calculation will be completed in accordance to Nordiq Canada's detailed explanation described in: [/https://nordiqcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/Points-Description-2020-21-1.pdf](https://nordiqcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/Points-Description-2020-21-1.pdf)

"In competitions where reference skiers have points on the CPL, the top two recorded points will be used as reference. If there are less than 2 competitors on the CPL among the first five on the results list, a competitor(s) will be assigned a maximum value of 55 for the purpose of calculating points for that competition."

Force Majeure

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. Force majeure for medical reasons must be submitted prior to the race.

Any force majeure appeal selections approved by a subcommittee of HPC will be included within the identified quota of athletes by category and gender.

All appeals should be sent by e-mail to [Brian Rogers](#) by 5pm December 28th, 2023.

Team Selection Announcement

SOD athletes will be offered their nominations as soon as possible after December 20th, 2023. 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).**