2027 JEUX DU CANADA GAMES - NS Cross Country Skiing Selection Criteria

1. Objective

To select up to:

1. Able bodied: 6 Males, 6 Females
2. Para-nordic: 2 Males, 2 Females

to represent Nova Scotia at the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Eligible able-bodied competitors must be born from 2007 to 2013. Eligible Para-nordic competitors must be born from 1997 or later to 2013 (age exemptions may be granted as outlined in the eligibility criteria in Appendix A: 2027 Technical Package - TBA). Athletes must meet all other eligibility criteria in Appendix A: 2027 Technical package - TBA). Athletes are responsible for being familiar with selection criteria as it pertains to them.

It is expected that selected athletes will demonstrate commitment to training, racing, and physical fitness between the selection races and Canada Games, including attending a Tier 1 NC sanctioned race on the 2026-27 national calendar (Eastern Canadian Championships or equivalent) prior to competing at the Games.

2. Requirements

Selection is open to all athletes who meet the following requirements:

a. Resident of Nova Scotia
b. Submit a completed and signed letter of intent contained in Appendix B to CCNS by the end of November 30th, 2026. A letter of intent for athletes under 18 years old must be co-signed by a legal guardian. The form must be sent head of the selection committee chris.algar@dal.ca and the provincial team coach daniel.murray@xcski.ca.
c. Member of a CCNS Club (before the selection races)
d. Hold a NC racing licence (before the selection races)
e. Commit to a Canada Games information session (date TBA)
f. Commit to participate in the 2027 Eastern Canadian Championships or equivalent Tier 1 NC sanctioned race during the 2026/27 season and before the Canada Games.

3. Selection Process

a. Able bodied athletes must have achieved a minimum CPL qualification standard of 70% in either a sprint or distance CPL points race appearing on the most recent

Canada points List (https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/) or achieve the standard in a sprint or distance CPL race in the 2026/27 racing season before Jan. 25th, 2026. The standard will be derived from the average of the top 3 U20 athletes in each gender for the latest published CPL (https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/). A list of CPL points races prior to the closing of the window is listed in the Appendix.

b. If there are more than 6 able bodied athletes who have expressed interest in being considered for selection, then the athletes who have the highest combined spring and distance CPL points from races held during 2026/27 competition season up to January 25th, 2027 will be selected.

- Para-nordic athletes must have competed in an NC sanctioned event in the previous year.

- The Selection Committee may also consider;
  - Canada Points List (CPL)
  - Progression in results year to year
  - Evidence of commitment and training (logs, general fitness, and other results)
  - The Selection Committee will have the discretion to select athletes who have not fully met the criteria if they judge it would be beneficial for the development of the athletes and the sport. The Committee will also have the discretion to not select an athlete if they feel he/she has not had sufficient experience or done sufficient training for Canada Games competition.

The Canada Game Team will be announced between Jan. 25th, 2027 and Jan. 29th, 2027 and will be communicated to all the athletes who have submitted a letter of intent.

Force De Majeure

In the event of illness, injury, equipment breakage, family misfortune, or other exceptional circumstance an appeal may be justified. Force de majeure appeals must be submitted in writing by Jan. 23rd, 2027.

Appeals

Appeals for Canada Games selection will be handled in the same process as for the Nova Scotia Team, except Complaints must be made within twenty four (24) hours after the incident occurs. (See Selection Criteria Appeal Procedure)

Appendix A

CWG 2027 Minimum Female Standard

Distance Women CPL Oct. 15th 2025 to Oct. 15th 2026 : https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/lists/1974

Name	YOB	Div	Club	Cat.	Points
Sarah-Ève Picard	2008	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 W	88.86
Madeleine Wilkie	2007	BC	Larch Hills Nordic Society	U20 W	84.73
Aislin Simson	2007	AB	Canmore Nordic Ski Club	U20 W	83.89
				AVERAGE	85.83
				Qualifying Standard	60.08

Sprint Women CPL Oct.15th 2025 to Oct. 15th, 2026:https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/lists/1976

Name	YOB	Div	Club	Cat.	Points
Aria Grandi	2007	AB	Canmore Nordic Ski Club	U20 W	88.22
Madeleine Wilkie	2007	BC	Larch Hills Nordic Society	U20 W	87.8
Sofia Renaud	2007	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 W	86.43
				AVERAGE	87.48
				Qualifying Standard	61.24

CWG 2027 Minimum Male Standard

Distance Men CPL Oct. 15th, 2025 to Oct. 15th, 2026: https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/lists/1975

Name	YOB	Div	Club	Cat.	Points
Thierry Olivier	2007	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 M	91.38
Teo Wadsworth	2007	AB	Canmore Nordic Ski Club	U20 M	90.98
Albert Raymond	2007	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 M	89.36
				AVERAGE	90.57
				Qualifying Standard	63.40

Sprint Men CPL Oct.15th 2025 to Oct. 15th, 2026: https://apps.nordiqcanada.ca/lists/1977

Name	YOB	Div	Club	Cat.	Points
Thierry Olivier	2007	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 M	92.02
Thomas Beland	2007	QC	Club nordique Mont-Sainte-Anne	U20 M	90.68
Joël Thibault	2007		Club Fondeurs-Laurentides	U20 M	89.9
				AVERAGE	90.87
				Qualifying Standard	63.61

A2: List of 2026/2027 National Level CPL races for consideration. – there may be other local CPL races that within the qualifying window that are not on the national schedule.

Nov. 27-29th, Sovereign Canada Cup, Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre, BC, CANADA
Dec. 04-06, 2026 NorAM/US Super Tour, Canmore Nordic Centre, Canmore AB, CAN
Dec. 18-21st, 2026, WJr/U23 Trails – Candy Cane Cup, Gatineau, QC, CAN

Appendix B: CWG Letter of Intent

Nova Scotia 2027 Canada Winter Games Nordic Ski Team Declaration for Selection Consideration

Athletes wishing to be considered for the Nova Scotia 2023 Canada Winter Games team must complete the following declaration form and submit a signed copy to the head of the Selection Committee by email chris.algar@gmail.com and the Nova Scotia Nordic ski team coach daniel.murray@xcski.ca by 5 pm on Nov. 30th, 2026.

I, _____ wish to be considered for the selection to the Nova Scotia 2027 Canada Winter Games Nordic Ski Team. By signing this form I agree that I:

1) Have read and understood the selection criteria.

2) Am a resident of Nova Scotia as defined by a the CWG technical package.

3) Am a member of a NS Nordiq Canada registered ski club and hold a valid Nordiq Canada/FIS racing license for the 2026/27 Competition season.

Contact Information:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Name (First and Last

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Name of Parent or Guardian if under 18

_____ _____
Signature Date