

Alberta Alpine Ski Association

Policy Title

3.7 Limited Quota Competitions Selection and Entry Policy

Policy Objective

Outline the process by which participation at events with limited quota will be determined. The following is the objective of participation and selection for each major age category.

- NGSL/U12: Maximizing participation is the objective. Refer to NGSL U12 Memorandum for further details on race entry process.
- U14: Large quotas will be used for regional events to allow for the maximum participation of U14 skiers. Race quality and venue capacity will be the determining factors in these quotas. National and International events will use smaller quotas. Minimum performance standards for selection to these events will be used to create a selection pool for each event.
- U16: In provincial and regional events large quotas will be used to maximize participation of U16 skiers. Race quality and venue capacity will be the determining factors in these quotas. National and International events will use smaller quotas. Minimum performance standards for selection to these events will be used to create a selection pool for each event.
- U19/U21 FIS: Quotas for FIS events will follow the FIS and Alpine Canada rules for that specific event. Selection for these events will be determined by performance and coaches' discretion.

Policy Approval

The following more clearly outline's the process by which participation at events with limited quota has been created and ratified in order to maintain transparency and clear communication.

- Initial Document will be created by the AASA Athletics Department and Athletics Director
- Document to be reviewed and amended by the AASA Performance Advisory Committee (PAC) in close consultation with the AASA AD
- Document to be reviewed by the AASA High Performance Committee (HPC)
- Document posted and communicated to the AASA general membership

Scope

All Athletes that are members of or participating in Alberta Alpine Ski Association Sanctioned programs and competitions.

Related Policies

Nancy Greene Ski League / U12 Memorandum

Procedure

U14

The Selection Committee consists of the AASA Athletics Director, PAC U14 coaches' representative, and the PAC Chair. The Athletics Director will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

ALBERTA WINTER GAMES (Revisited in Spring 2019 for 2020 games in Airdrie)

- Available to all U14/U16 Provincial Series athletes
- Zone 1-3 Qualifier, TBD, Date TBD
- Zone 4-8 Qualifier, TBD, Date TBD
- Athletes will be ranked from a 4 run SL time trial and will be qualifying only against Athletes from the respective zone as follows:
 - Fastest run of run 1&2
 - Fastest run of run 3&4
 - The two fastest runs of 1&2 and 3&4 will be combined for lowest aggregate time
 - Any ties will be broken by looking to the athletes fastest run of the day
 - AASA and TT ROC will maintain right to adjust time trial format based on Weather and track conditions to offer a fair and transparent qualifying opportunity
- 5 Male and 5 female athletes per zone.
- Additional information on eligibility, qualifying, and fill policies can be found on the AWG Sport Technical Package at <https://albertasport.ca/uploads/Alpine-Skiing.pdf>
- All Zone Team athletes, coaches, and chaperones must be named and announced no later than TBD

U16 FINALS (Sunshine, April 19-21, 2019)

- Available to all Graduating AASA U14 (2005 yob) Provincial series athletes.
- Entries should be completed as per normal u16 entry procedures.
- U14/U16 Athletes will be seeded by national points

U16

The Selection Committee consists of the AASA Athletics Director, PAC U16 coaches' representative, and the PAC Chair. The Athletics Director will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

ACA U16 RISING STARS PROJECT (Panorama, December 2-9, 2018)

- Alberta Quota is 8 Athletes (4 men & 4 women)
- Selection will be based on the previous season U16 Series overall.
 - The Top 4 AB Men and Top 4 AB women (2003 yob) will be selected in order of the previous seasons u16 Series overall ranking
- Athletes named to Team Alberta for the U16 Rising Stars Project will travel as a team and be supported by a group of coaches selected and managed by Alberta Alpine and Alpine Canada.
- Team Alberta coaches will be chosen by the Athletics Director based on: athletes qualified for the event, certification level, demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, and coaching development needs

U16 Canada Winter Games (Red Deer/Nakiska February 23-March 3, 2019)

- Canadian Domestic Quota policy provides for an Alberta Team represented by 14 U16 athletes (7 men & 7 women).
- Selection will be based on the results of the Opening U16 Series Races
- 12 athletes will be selected from Criteria's A and B and the last 2 athletes selected may be exposed to criteria C if needed *
- All Team Alberta athletes will compete in all 4 disciplines SG/GS/SL/SX
- Selection to Team Alberta will occur in the following order:
 - Criteria A
 - i. Race winners are automatically selected
 - ii. winners are gold medalists
 - Criteria B
 - i. Highest combined points from any two races – 200 max.
 - ii. In the event of a tie, the spot goes to the racer with the best single event finish.
 - iii. If still tied the tiebreaker will be race points accumulated in their top two finishes.
 - Criteria C
 - i. *Special Circumstance (if needed) an official request by one of the U16 head coaches should be tabled before the end of Jan 9th 2019.
 - ii. *only used if needed. Coaches discretion - 2 spots max
- Athletes named to Team Alberta for the Canada Winter Games will travel, room, and operate as a team and will be supported by a group of coaches selected and managed by Alberta Alpine.

- Team Alberta coaches will be chosen by the Provincial Program Director based on: athletes qualified for the event, certification level, demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, and coaching development needs.

U16 WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Panorama February 28-March 3, 2019)

- Available to all U16 Provincial and Regional Series athletes

U16 WHISTLER CUP TEAM CANADA (Whistler, BC April 7-15, 2019)

- FIS & ACA quota policy provides for a Canadian Team of 12 U16 athletes (6 men & 6 women).
- Selection to Team Canada will occur in the following order:
 1. U16 Canadian National Champions awarded at the Canada Winter Games (SG, GS, SL)
 2. U16 Canadian Overall National Champion from the CWG (SG, GS, SL) by WC points
 3. Remaining Quota to be filled in order of Overall Championship ranking by WC points

U16 WHISTLER CUP TEAM ALBERTA (Whistler, BC April 7-15, 2019)

- FIS & ACA quota policy provides for an Alberta Team of 12 U16 athletes (6 men & 6 women).
- Selection to Team Alberta will occur in the following order:
 1. Gold medal winners at a AASA U16 Provincial Race Series Race.
 - a. Should there be more gold medalists than available quota spots, selection to Team Alberta will be based on series points from the U16 Series in the following procedure:
 - i. Athletes will be ranked on their best 5 u16 series point results.
 - ii. A maximum of 3 results from one technical discipline (SL, GS) and a maximum of 2 results from Speed Disciplines (SG) will be used in the rankings.
 - iii. Any ties will be broken using the athletes' next best result regardless of discipline.
 2. Remaining Quota spots will be filled (male and female) from the U16 Series in the following procedure:
 - i. Athletes will be ranked on their best 5 u16 series point results.
 - ii. A maximum of 3 results from one technical discipline (SL, GS) and a maximum of 2 results from Speed Disciplines (SG) will be used in the rankings.
 - iii. Any ties will be broken using the athletes' next best result regardless of discipline.
- Athletes named to Team Alberta for the Whistler Cup Team Alberta will travel as a team and be supported by a group of coaches selected and managed by Alberta Alpine.

- Team Alberta coaches will be chosen by the Athletics Director on the basis of: athletes qualified for the event, certification level, demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, and coaching development needs.

Youth Olympic Games

- The Overall Champion from the Canada Winter Games will be selected to represent Team Canada at the Youth Olympic Games in 2020.

OTHER U16 PROJECTS

- Other U16 projects, such as a European Interaction or US race event may be offered by Alberta Alpine or ACA. As these events are planned a selection procedure will be communicated as early as possible.

U18/U21

U18/ U21 SELECTION COMMITTEE

Selection Committee: AASA Provincial Program Director, the Alberta Ski Team Head Coach, and PAC FIS Representative. The AASA Provincial Program Director will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

DECEMBER ALBERTA CUP (Panorama, December 18-21, 2018)

- Available quota spots will be determined by FIS point ranking in each discipline.
- Athletes that do not have current/valid FIS points will be ranked by their best FIS point result attained at the December 1-2, 2018 FIS SL races at Mt Norquay.
- In the event the December 1-2 races are cancelled, athletes without FIS points will be ranked off their final Overall U16 Series standings of the previous season.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS/Eastern Spring Series (U19, JUNIOR, SENIOR)

- **National Championships (DH & SG & GS & SL), Mt. Edouard/Sugarloaf, ME dates TBD**
- **Eastern Spring Series (GS & SL), Stoneham, QC March 30-April 2, 2019**
- Canadian Championships quota will be assigned in accordance with ACA policy
- In the event of limited AB provincial quota, quota will be assigned as follows:
 1. Current CAST members as per CAST staff discretion
 2. Current AST members as per AST staff discretion
 3. Past CAST and/ or AST members in order of FIS points per discipline
 4. Alberta Club members in order of FIS points per discipline
 5. FIS points per discipline ultimately determine entry into a race

NOR AM CUP

- Nor Am Cup race quota will be assigned in accordance with ACA policy.
- In the event of limited AB provincial quota, quota will be assigned as follows:
 1. Current CAST members as per CAST staff discretion
 2. Current AST members as per AST staff discretion
 3. Past CAST and/ or AST members in order of FIS points per discipline
 4. Alberta Club members in order of FIS points per discipline
 5. FIS points per discipline ultimately determine entry into a race

OUT OF REGION (Excluding AB & BC) FIS RACES

- Within Canada FIS and ACA Domestic policy will apply.
- Outside of Canada International FIS quota will apply
- In the event of limited AB provincial quota, quota will be assigned as follows:
 1. Current CAST members as per CAST staff discretion
 2. Current AST members as per AST staff discretion
 3. Past CAST and/ or AST members in order of FIS points per discipline
 4. Alberta Club members in order of FIS points per discipline
 5. FIS points per discipline ultimately determine entry into a race

OTHER PSO EVENTS

- Other U19 projects, such as a European Interaction or US race event may be offered by Alberta Alpine of ACA. As these events are planned a selection procedure will be communicated as early as possible.

INTERNATIONAL RACING (Outside of North America)

- International FIS quota and ACA Domestic Policies will apply
- Any Athlete with more than 60 FIS points will be limited to 4 FIS starts, maximum of 2 per discipline per calendar year, provided the race opportunity coincides with a minimum 2 week training project. Approvals are to be submitted to and are at the discretion of the PSO provincial program director as per ACA domestic Policy.
- Athletes with a single discipline below 60 FIS points are considered unrestricted and may start events at the discretion of Club Coaching staff
- This policy does not apply to ACA or AASA led U19/U21 international race projects aimed at providing exposure to upcoming performance orientated athletes
- In the event of limited AB provincial quota, quota will be assigned as follows:
 1. Current CAST members as per CAST staff discretion
 2. Current AST members as per AST staff discretion
 3. Past CAST and/ or AST members in order of FIS points per discipline
 4. Alberta Club members in order of FIS points per discipline
 5. FIS points per discipline ultimately determine entry into a race

North Zone Regional Series Finals

NORTH ZONE REGIONAL FINALS (Marmot Basin, Jasper 24-25 March 2017)

- Entry is open to all athletes (U14, U16, U19, MASTERS) that are members in good standing of the AASA.
- Any athlete positioned in the top 15 overall of the Alberta U14, U16, or FIS Provincial Series is ineligible to receive awards at Regional Series Final.
- To be eligible to receive awards at the Regional Series Finals an athlete must have started at least one (1) race in the North Zone Regional Series.

NORTH ZONE REGIONAL SERIES CHAMPIONS INVITE

- **U14 Champion**
- The North Zone U14 Regional Finals Champion (men and women) will be invited to attend the U14 provincial series final at Panorama Mountain Resort, April 12-14, 2019.
 - Athlete will be comped entry by AASA
- To be eligible to receive the invite the Champion must have started at least one (1) race in the North Zone Regional Series in addition to the Regionals Series Final Weekend.

- **U16 Champion**
- The North Zone U16 Regional Finals Champion (men and women) will be invited to attend the U16 provincial series final at Sunshine Village, April 19-21, 2019.
 - Athlete will be comped entry by AASA
 - Protected start position,
 - Start position of 31st or,
 - Seeding by National Points if placed in the top 30.
- Any athlete positioned in the top 15 overall of the Alberta U16 Provincial Series is ineligible to receive the invite.
- To be eligible to receive the invite the Champion must have started at least one (1) race in the North Zone Regional Series in addition to the Regionals Series Final Weekend.