



ALBERTA ALPINE

Policy Title

2020-2021 High Performance NorAm Team Selection

Policy Objective

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The main purpose of this team is to move athletes on to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team.
- 1.2. The programming of this team requires a full-time commitment. The team will often train Monday-Friday and be away for extended periods.

Procedure

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Athletes must hold a Canadian FIS licence.
- 2.2. Athletes must have participated in the Alberta system the previous year and have established permanent residency in Alberta.
- 2.3. Eligibility may be subject to review by the High Performance Committee (HPC) on a case by case basis.

3. Quota

- 3.1. This team will consist of at least 6 athletes with a minimum of 3 male and 3 female athletes.

4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1. Selection will be based on the following criteria and ranked in the following order:

1. Top 100 World Junior ranking in a tech discipline GS or SL; or
2. World Junior ranking in the top 50 in SG or DH; or
3. Average of best 2 rankings of top 150 in DH, SG, GS, or SL. Must include one tech discipline; or
4. Head to head rankings from NorAm's, National Championships and the following FIS races: Norquay SL, Panorama (Christmas), Whistler, and Spring Series.
 - a. In each qualifying race, the results will be calculated based on the FIS Penalty Ranking System.
 - b. The ranking in each discipline shall be based on the best two results. In the event an athlete has only one result, a 10-point additional penalty will be applied against the single result to create the second result.

- 4.2. Competitive Season July 1, 2019 – April 15, 2020. Selection for the team will use World Junior rankings as of the final list April 2020.

- 4.3. AASA Coaching Staff may use coaches discretion but results will be dependant on a vote from the HPC. In the event the athlete in question is from a club represented on the HPC a Program Director from another club will get to replace his/her vote.
- 4.4. Senior athletes (aka no longer World Junior ranked) may also be selected to the team based on performance, attitude and leadership.
- 4.5. Athletes that are not initially selected to this team will get opportunities at High Performance projects if they are showing promise and are deserving. These athletes may be from the club FIS or the AASA High Performance FIS Team.
- 4.6. AASA Staff and the HPC reserve the right to soften selection criteria depending on ACA's decisions to run development programs or difficulties with a changing points system.

5. Commitment Criteria

- 5.1. Once selected to the team the athlete must adhere to the following commitment criteria:

1. Must be based in Alberta full-time (Summer included)/present for all team activities
2. Fitness standards and improvements will be put in place and monitored by professionals at the Canadian Sports Institute
3. Spring Camp attendance
4. Dryland attendance
5. European summer/fall training camp
6. Sign off on YTP as part of athlete contract
7. Failure to adhere to the commitment criteria will lead to your dismissal from the team.

6. Definitions

- 6.1. "AASA" – Alberta Alpine Ski Association.
- 6.2. "AASA Coaching Staff" – All Coaches in charge of running the High Performance NorAm Team.
- 6.3. "AASA Staff" – All coaches, the President, and Provincial Program Director
- 6.4. "High Performance Committee or HPC" – A sub-committee of the Alberta Alpine Board of directors consisting of two board members (non-parents of U16 or FIS athletes), AASA Program Directors, and three qualified members (priority to club Program Directors).
- 6.5. "FIS" – Federation Internationale De Ski/ International Ski Federation ("FIS") carded Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada)
- 6.6. "Coaches Discretion" – means the exercise of discretion by the AASA Coaching Staff to nominate or not-nominate, an Athlete to the team based on various considerations.
- 6.7. "World Junior rankings" – based on FIS points.
- 6.8. "FIS Penalty Ranking System" – as defined in the FIS Rules and race point formulas.
- 6.9. "YTP" – Yearly Training Program as set by the AASA Coaching Staff