



ALBERTA ALPINE

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## 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 athletes

### **U16 FINALS (Nakiska April 17-18, 2020)**

- GS and SL Available to all Graduating AASA U14 (2006 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 Provincial Program Director, U16 coaches' representative, and the PAC. The PPD will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

### **U16 European Project (Skojfa Loka, SLO & Zagreb, CRO Feb. 11-20, 2020)**

- Canadian Domestic Quota policy provides for one Team Canada of 3 male and 3 female athletes from Alberta.
- Selection will be based on the results of the U16 Open Race Series Norquay and Lake Louise. Only the results from the GS and SL will count for this project.
- 6 athletes will be selected from Criteria A
- All Team Canada athletes will compete in the GS and SL races
- Selection to Team Canada will occur in the following order:
  - Criteria A
    - i. Each run will count towards a time trial for each Norquay race and the Lake Louise GS totalling up to 8 starts.
    - ii. Your top 4 runs regardless of event based on a points/second calculation will determine your ranking.
    - iii. In the event of a tie, the athletes' next best result will be used
- Athletes named to Team Canada for the European project will travel, room, and operate as a team and will be supported by Milan Arsovski (NASA) and Gavin Preziosi (AASA).

### **U16 National Championships (Sun Peaks, March 9-14, 2020)**

- Canadian Domestic Quota policy provides for an Alberta Team represented by 28 U16 athletes (14 men & 14 women).
- Selection will be based on the results of the U16 Open Race Series Norquay, Lake Louise and Sunshine
- 28 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 5 races (Max 2 SG results) – 500 points 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 Feb. 24, 2020.
- ii. \*only used if needed. Coaches discretion - 2 spots max

- Athletes named to Team Alberta for the U16 Nationals 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 (Marmot Basin Feb. 12-15, 2020)**

- Available to all U16 Provincial and Regional Series athletes

#### **U16 WHISTLER CUP TEAM CANADA (Whistler, BC April 16-19, 2020)**

- 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 U16 National Championships (SG, GS, SL)
  2. U16 Canadian Overall National Champion from the U16 National Championships (SG, GS, SL) by WC points
  3. Remaining Quota to be filled in order of Overall Championship ranking by WC points

#### **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 20-23, 2019)**

- 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 7-8, 2019 FIS SL races at Mt Norquay.
- In the event the December 7-8 races are cancelled, athletes without FIS points will be ranked off their final Overall U16 Series standings of the previous season.

### **CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Panorama, March 17-28, 2020)**

- **National Championships (DH & SG & GS & SL)**
- 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 trump all

### **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 trump all

### **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 trump all

## **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 trump all

## **North Zone Regional Series Finals**

### **NORTH ZONE REGIONAL FINALS (Marmot Basin, Jasper March 28-29, 2020)**

- 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 10-12, 2020.
  - 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 Nakiska April 16-19, 2020.
  - Athlete will be comped entry by AASA
  - Protected start position,
    - Start position of 31<sup>st</sup> 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.