



ALBERTA ALPINE

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## 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 age class working groups 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



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## **Procedure**

### **U14**

The Selection Committee consists of the AASA Athletics Director & U14 coaches working group members. The Athletics Director will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

### **OTHER U14 PROJECTS**

- ▶ Other U14 projects may be offered by Alberta Alpine or ACA. As these events are planned a selection procedure will be communicated as early as possible.



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## **U16**

The Selection Committee consists of the AASA Athletics Director & U16 coaches working group members. The Athletics Director will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

### **U16 Canada Winter Games PEI (Crabbe, FEB 28-MAR 05 2023)**

- ▶ 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 U16 Open Race Series at Norquay, & Panorama. Selection will be finalized January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 (CWG timeline)
- ▶ 14 athletes will be selected from Criteria's A and B and the last 1 athlete selected may be exposed to criteria C if needed \*
- ▶ All Team Alberta athletes will compete in all 4 disciplines SG/GS/SL/SX
- ▶ Athletes named to Team Alberta for the U16 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.
- ▶ 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. Lowest combined race points from any 4 races.
    - ii. In the event of a tie, the spot goes to the racer with the single best event finish
    - iii. If still tied the tiebreaker will be race points accumulated in their top two finishes.
    - iv. If an athlete only finishes 3 races the fourth result will be the average of their race points plus 40%
    - v. If an athlete finishes 1 or 2 races their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> results will be the average of their race points plus 50%
  - ▶ Criteria C
    - i. Special circumstance (if needed) an official request by one of the U16 head coaches should be tabled before January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - ii. Only used if needed. Coaches group discretion 1 spot max per gender



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#### **U16 WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Red Mountain BC MAR. 2-5, 2023)**

- ▶ Available to all U16 Provincial and Regional Series athletes that did not qualify for CWG

#### **U16 WHISTLER CUP TEAM CANADA (Whistler, BC April 14-16, 2023)**

- ▶ 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 Canada Winter Games (SG, GS, SL)
  2. U16 Canadian Overall National Champion from Canada Winter Games (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



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## **U18/U21**

### **U18/ U21 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee consists of the AASA Athletics Director, Alberta Ski Team Coach, & FIS coaches working group members. The Athletics Director will chair the committee and will cast the deciding vote should any matter requiring a vote result in a tie.

### **CANADIAN Nationals (Kimberly, March 13-17, 2023)**

#### **▶ National Championships (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

### **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

### **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
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### **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:
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  3. Past CAST and/ or AST members in order of FIS points per discipline
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### **North Zone Regional Series Finals**

#### **NORTH ZONE REGIONAL FINALS (Marmot Basin, Jasper March 25-26, 2023)**

- ii. Entry is open to all athletes (U14, U16, U19, MASTERS) that are members in good standing of the AASA.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.



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