



## ALBERTA ALPINE

### Policy Title

2021-2022 Alberta Ski Cross Team Selection

### Policy Objective

#### 1. Introduction

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

### Procedure

#### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Must be a Canadian citizen.
- 2.2. It is strongly recommended that athletes hold a Canadian FIS licence.

#### 3. Quota

- 3.1. The team will consist of 8-10 athletes.

#### 4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1. Selection will be based on the following results based objective criteria:

##### Women born:

- 1997 or older: Top 30 WR or top 2 NorAm overall
- 1998: Top 30 WR, or top 10 WR in age, or younger or 3 top 4 NorAm results, or top 5 NorAm overall
- 1999: Top 50 WR, or top 10 WR in age or younger, or 2 top 4 NorAm results, or 4 top 8 NorAm results
- 2000: Top 50 WR, or top 10 WR in age or younger, or 2 top 4 NorAm results, or 4 top 8 NorAm results
- 2001 or younger: Top 50 WR, or top 5 WR in age or younger, or 2 top 4 NorAm results, or 4 top 8 NorAm results
- Must have a minimum of 125 Ski Cross FIS points (based on the list following the last Canadian FIS event).

Men born:

- 1997 or older: Top 50 WR or top 2 NorAm overall
- 1998: Top 50 WR, or top 10 WR in age, or younger or 2 top 4 NorAm results, or top 5 NorAm overall
- 1999: Top 100 WR, or top 15 WR in age or younger, or 1 top 4 NorAm results, or 3 top 8 NorAm results
- 2000: Top 100 WR, or top 5 WR in age or younger, or 1 top 4 NorAm results, or 3 top 8 NorAm results
- 2001: Top 100 WR, or top 5 WR in age or younger, or 1 top 4 NorAm results, or 3 top 8 NorAm results
- 2002 or younger: Top 100 WR, or top 3 WR in age or younger, 1 top 4 NorAm results, 2 top 8 NorAm results
  
- Must have a minimum of 100 Ski Cross FIS points (based on the list following the last Canadian FIS event).

- 4.2. The results based objective criteria will be heavily weighted; however, it is not the only information used in athlete selection. Head-to-head result comparisons and spring camp performance will be important data for consideration. This could impact selecting one athlete over another.
- 4.2.1. Meeting quota using the results based objective criteria is ideal. It is likely that no other data/coach's discretion will be used in this circumstance (see 4.3).
- 4.2.2. In the case where many athletes meet the results based objective criteria and a quota issue is apparent, additional data/coach's discretion will be used to select the most deserving athletes (see 4.3).
- 4.2.3. In the case where many athletes do not meet the results based objective criteria and the quota is not met additional data/coach's discretion will be used to select the most deserving athletes (see 4.3).
- 4.3. AASA Coaching Staff can use coach's discretion to nominate or not-nominate an Athlete to the team based on various considerations including but not limited to: tracking towards results based objective criteria, head-to-head result comparisons, spring camp performance, likelihood to adhere to commitment criteria (see 5) and data compiled by CSX.
- 4.3.1. If the athlete selected by coach's discretion displaces an athlete that has met the results based objective criteria, the result of this nomination will be dependent on a vote from the HPC. If the athlete in question is from a club represented on the HPC, a Program Director from another club will replace his/her vote.
- 4.4. High-Performance Exemption: This exemption will allow a top performing athlete seeking to transition from Alpine to Ski Cross to gain special consideration in joining the Alberta Ski Cross Team. An Alpine athlete must have an average of 50 FIS points in GS and Slalom, or 70 FIS points in either Downhill or Super-G. In writing to all the AASA Coaching Staff (email or letter), the athlete must express the desire to switch to Ski Cross quoting their most current FIS point profile.
- 4.5. For any other athletes interested in Ski Cross they are encouraged to speak with the AASA Coaching Staff prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for spring camps and other on/off snow opportunities to test their skill set against the top athletes.
- 4.6. AASA Staff and the HPC reserve the right to adjust criteria depending on ACA's decisions to run development programs, difficulties with a changing points system, and/or COVID related challenges.

## 5. Commitment Criteria

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

- 5.1.1. Follow the Respect for Sport guidelines and any other safety sport guidelines.
- 5.1.2. Fitness standards and improvements will be put in place and monitored by professionals at the Canadian Sports Institute.
- 5.1.3. Spring Camp attendance.
- 5.1.4. Dryland attendance.
- 5.1.5. European summer/fall training camp (if a camp is being hosted).
- 5.1.6. Sign off on YTP as part of athlete contract.
- 5.1.7. Failure to adhere to commitment criteria may 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 Alberta Ski Cross Team.
- 6.3. "AASA Staff" – All coaches, the President and Program Director.
- 6.4. "ASXT" – Alberta Ski Cross Team
- 6.5. "High Performance Committee or HPC" – A sub-committee of the Alberta Alpine Board of Directors consisting of two board members (non-parents of U16, FIS athletes, or Ski Cross Athletes), AASA Program Director/President, and three qualified members (priority to club Program Directors).
- 6.6. "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).
- 6.7. "WR" or "World Ranking" – Found on the FIS website (link in Other Documents and Related Material)
- 6.8. "Coach's 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.
- 6.9. "YTP" – Yearly Training Program as set by the AASA Coaching Staff.

## **Other Documents and Related Material**

World Ranking – <https://www.fis-ski.com/en>

CSX Criteria – [https://alpinecanada.org/uploads/documents/2021-2022\\_Nomination\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Selection\\_to\\_the\\_Canadian\\_Ski\\_Cross\\_Team.pdf](https://alpinecanada.org/uploads/documents/2021-2022_Nomination_Guidelines_for_Selection_to_the_Canadian_Ski_Cross_Team.pdf)