



## ALBERTA ALPINE

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### Policy Title

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2024-2025 Alberta Ski Team Selection

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### Policy Objective

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Alberta Ski Team (AST) is a high-performance development program. AST is designed to develop and prepare the top ranked athletes within Alberta with the skill set, values, and opportunities to meet their individual goals as high performance athletes.
- 1.2. AST members are expected to be competitive at the National and Nor-Am cup Levels.
- 1.3. The programming for this team requires a full-time commitment and ability to be away for extended periods.
- 1.4. The primary athletic purpose of the AST is to advance athletes on to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team (CAST).

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### Procedure

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#### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Athletes must hold a Canadian FIS license.
- 2.2. Athletes must be a current Alberta Alpine Ski Association (AASA) member in good standing.
- 2.3. Athletes must have participated in the Alberta system the previous race season and have established permanent residency in Alberta.
  - 2.3.1. Participation in the Alberta system is defined by being registered to an Alberta Alpine club and participation in at least two GMC Cup race series.
- 2.4. Eligibility may be subject to review by the High-Performance Committee (HPC) in conjunction with the Athletic Director on a case-by-case basis.

#### 3. Quota

- 3.1. There is no set team size.

#### 4. Selection Process Overview

- 4.1. Selection criteria (see 5) will be applied to invite athletes to a spring fitness and training evaluation camp.
  - 4.1.1. Athletes meeting the Automatic AST Criteria (Section 5.4.1) will be invited to participate in the selection camp, but are not guaranteed to be offered a spot on the AST.
- 4.2. AST coaches and staff will evaluate each individual athletes' performance at fitness testing and the spring training camp.
- 4.3. Based on AST staff recommendations from performance factors from the season and at the camp athletes will be selected to the AST.
  - 4.3.1. Notification of status to all athletes that attended the selection camp will be completed within 7 days of the completion of the selection camp.
- 4.4. AST staff will continue to evaluate the AST athletes through the preparation period (summer and early fall).

#### 5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. Selection will be based on Year of Birth (YOB), National Ranking By Age or Younger (NRBA), World Ranking By Age or Younger (WRBA), World Junior Ski Championships (WJSC) selection, and Head To Head (HTH) ranking.
- 5.2. NRBA and WRBA will be based on the most recent published FIS list.
- 5.3. HTH ranking will consider the following races:

- 5.3.1.1. Norquay GMC Cup (December 23, 2023)
- 5.3.1.2. MacLachlan FIS series (December 19-22, 2023)
- 5.3.1.3. Nakiska GMC Cup (January 11-12, 2024)
- 5.3.1.4. Norquay GMC Cup (March 2-5, 2024)
- 5.3.1.5. Canadian Nationals (March 18-21, 2024)
- 5.3.1.6. AB/BC Spring Series (March 22-25, 2024)
- 5.3.1.7. Nakiska GMC Cup Finals (April 15-19, 2024)

- 5.3.2. In each qualifying race the FIS race result will be used.
- 5.3.3. The lowest four FIS race results from each discipline (SL & GS) and the lowest 2 from SG will be added together to form the ranking list.
- 5.4. Selection will be based on the following criteria:
  - 5.4.1. Automatic AST Criteria for YOB 2007-2004:

- 5.4.1.1. WJSC team Canada selection.
- 5.4.1.2. Nor Am Junior Podium in SL, GS, or SG.

5.4.1.3. Nor Am Season Event Rank:

Men top 40 in either SL or GS, OR top 20 in either SG or DH;  
Women top 30 tech in either SL or GS, OR top 10 SG.

5.4.2. Camp Selection:

5.4.2.1. YOB 2007-2004: Top 6 Alberta (Male and Female) HTH selection ranking AND top 500 WRBA in SL or GS, Subject to Section 5.5.

5.4.2.2. YOB 2007: A two-discipline average of either: top 5 NRBA OR top 50 WRBA (AC & DH excluded), subject to Section 5.5.

5.4.2.3. YOB 2006: A two-discipline average of either: top 7 NRBA OR top 75 WRBA (AC & DH excluded).

5.4.2.4. YOB 2005 & 2004: A two-discipline average of either: top 12 NRBA OR top 150 WRBA (AC & DH excluded).

- 5.5. YOB 2007 will only be considered for summer and project access except in exceptional circumstances and will race and train for the competition season with their home club.
- 5.6. Coaches discretion for nomination and selection will only be used in exceptional circumstances in the case of Injury, sickness, or unforeseen circumstances and will be dependent on a vote from the HPC, subject to Section 5.8.
- 5.7. Other birth years may be selected based on performance, attitude, and leadership and will be dependent on a vote from the HPC, subject to Section 5.8.
- 5.8. Athletes that are not initially selected will get opportunities via naming to the ADG to be invited to train on an invitee project basis with the AST if they continue to show promise and are deserving.
- 5.9. In the event that a member or members of the HPC have a conflict of interest regarding a vote, such as an affiliation with an athlete or the club representing an athlete being subjected to a vote, a Program Director from another club will be selected to replace that vote.

## 6. Commitment Criteria

- 6.1. Once selected to the team, athletes must adhere to the following commitment criteria:

- 6.1.1. Must be based in Alberta full time (summer included) and be present for all team activities.
- 6.1.2. Best efforts must be made to meet the fitness standards and improvement goals put in place and monitored by professionals both internally and at the Canadian Sport Institute.
- 6.1.3. Attendance of all dryland training sessions unless absence is approved by their coach.
- 6.1.4. Attendance of all on-snow training camps unless absence is approved by their coach.
- 6.1.5. Sign off on Yearly Training Program (YTP) as part of athlete contract.
- 6.1.6. Must maintain compliance with the AASA Athlete Code of Conduct.

- 6.2. Failure to adhere to commitment criteria will lead to your dismissal from the team.

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## Definitions

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7. Definitions for Reference:

- 7.1. "AASA" Alberta Alpine Ski Association.

- 7.2. "AC" Alpine Combined
- 7.3. "AST" Alberta Ski Team
- 7.4. "CAST" Canadian Alpine Ski Team
- 7.5. "DH" Downhill
- 7.6. "FIS" Federation Internationale De Ski/ International Ski Federation
- 7.7. "GS" Giant Slalom
- 7.8. "HPC" High Performance Committee; a sub-committee of the Alberta Alpine Board of Directors consisting of three board members (non-parents of U16 or FIS athletes), AASA athletic Director, and three qualified members (priority to club program directors)
- 7.9. "HTH" Head to head competition comparison
- 7.10. "NRBA" National ranking by age or younger i.e. birth year and younger
- 7.11. "SG" Super G
- 7.12. "SL" Slalom
- 7.13. "WJSC" World Junior Ski Championships
- 7.14. "WRBA" World ranking by age or younger i.e. birth year and younger
- 7.15. "YOB" Year of Birth
- 7.16. "YTP" Yearly Training Program