



ALBERTA ALPINE

Policy Title

2025-2026 Alberta Ski Team Selection

Policy Objective

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).

Procedure

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 generate a perspective team list.
 - 4.1.1. Athletes meeting the Automatic AST Criteria (Section 5.4.1) will have the highest consideration but are not guaranteed to be offered a spot on the AST.
- 4.2. AST coaches and Athletic Director will evaluate each individual athletes' season performance from the prospective list and propose selection recommendations based on their expertise.
- 4.3. Based on staff recommendations & Club head coach Input the HPC will formalize a final AST team confirmation vote. Once the HPC vote has occurred athletes will be selected to the AST.
 - 4.3.1. Notification of status to all athletes that met consideration criteria will be completed within 7 days of the completion of the selection.
- 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), 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 at the time of selection.
- 5.3. HTH ranking will consider the following races:

- 5.3.1.1. Norquay GMC Cup (December 2024)
- 5.3.1.2. MacLachlan FIS series (December 2024)
- 5.3.1.3. Norquay GMC Cup (February 2025)
- 5.3.1.4. AB/BC Spring Series Panorama (April 2025)
- 5.3.1.5. Nakiska GMC Cup Finals (April 2025)

- 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 2008-2005:

- 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 Discipline Event Rank:
 - Men top 50 in either SL or GS, OR top 30 in SG, OR top 20 in DH;
 - Women top 50 in either SL or GS, OR top 30 in SG, OR top 20 in DH.

5.4.1.4. Nor Am Season Overall Rank:
Men top 60;
Women top 60.;

5.4.2. Non-Automatic Criteria for consideration:

- 5.4.2.1. YOY 2008-2005: 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. YOY 2008: A two-discipline average of top 110 WRBA (AC & DH excluded) or top 65 WRBA in one discipline (AC & DH excluded), subject to Section 5.5.
- 5.4.2.3. YOY 2007: A two-discipline average of top 160 WRBA (AC & DH excluded), or top 95 WRBA in one discipline (AC & DH excluded).
- 5.4.2.4. YOY 2006 & 2005: A two-discipline average of top 200 WRBA (AC & DH excluded), or top 140 WRBA in one discipline (AC & DH excluded).

- 5.5. YOY 2008 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 or sickness and will be dependent on a vote from the HPC, subject to Section 5.5. In the event of "unforeseen circumstances," the athlete will have to go through a formal appeal.
- 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 5.5. consideration for selection of older athletes will be based off achieving minimum standards outlined in 5.4.1
- 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. If 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.
- 5.10. Athletes that have met objective criteria, HPC selection confirmation, and accepted their invite to the team will have consideration for qualification in the following season even if they have not met objective criteria. This is subject to 6.1 and may only be used the season following when the athlete met objective criteria.

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.

Definitions

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. "SG" Super G
 - 7.11. "SL" Slalom
 - 7.12. "WJSC" World Junior Ski Championships
 - 7.13. "WRBA" World ranking by age or younger i.e. birth year and younger
 - 7.14. "YOB" Year of Birth
 - 7.15. "YTP" Yearly Training Program