



ALBERTA ALPINE

Policy Title

2025-2026 Alberta U16 Europe Qualification & Whistler Provincial Start Seeding.

Policy Objective

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The U16 Alberta Europe project is intended to expose our top u16 athletes to elevated international competitions to advance their knowledge, skill set, values, and opportunities to meet their individual goals as high performance athletes.

Procedure

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Athletes must hold an Alberta national competitors card.
- 2.2. Athletes must be a current registered AASA club member in good standing.
- 2.3. Athletes must be a current Alberta Alpine Ski Association (AASA) member in good standing.
- 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. Europe project has a set team size of 3 men and 3 women.
- 3.2. Whistler Cup has no set quota this Season clubs are welcome to bring their athletes and AASA will seed the start list based on the below seeding.

4. Selection Process Overview

- 4.1. Selection criteria (see 5) will be applied to generate ranking lists. These ranking lists will be used to select to the Europe project and seed the Whistler cup race.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Selection will be based on the U16 PRS series race results

5.2. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

5.2.1. Europe Project: Abetone ITA SL & GS March 27-28

5.2.1.1. Race winners in SL & GS prior to March 2nd, 2026.

5.2.1.2. If the team is not filled from race winner's a ranking list will be formed by using the best 2 SL results combined with the best 2 GS results.

5.2.2. Whistler Cup Seeding: Whistler Cup SL, GS, & SG April 8-12

5.2.2.1. If an athlete is selected to the team Canada Whistler Cup project, they will be removed from the Alberta seeding.

5.2.2.2. Race winners in GS, SL, & SG prior to April 6th, 2026.

5.2.2.3. Overall world cup point allocation per discipline from the Alberta U16 provincial race series will be used to seed remaining racers.

5.3. If there is a tie in the number of races won the athlete with the next highest finish result will be selected/seeded, if the second result is a tie it will go to the third result and so on.

5.4. Coaches' discretion for nomination and selection will not be used.

6. Commitment Criteria

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

6.1.1. In the spirit of sport, you must enter all training and race opportunities with an open mind to learning.

6.1.2. Best efforts must be made to create positive interactions with all staff, athletes, and stakeholders.

6.1.3. Attendance of all dryland training sessions unless absence is approved by project staff.

6.1.4. Attendance of all on-snow activities unless absence is approved by project staff.

6.1.5. Must abide by Alberta Alpine's Code of Conduct <https://albertaalpine.ca/alberta-alpine-policies/>

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. "FIS" Federation Internationale De Ski/ International Ski Federation

7.3. "GS" Giant Slalom

7.4. "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)

7.5. "SG" Super G

7.6. "SL" Slalom