

CROSS COUNTRY CANADA

NOMINATION PROCEDURES – 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

AMENDMENT #2

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Background.** CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) – 2018 Olympic Winter Games was approved and posted on CCC's website October 13, 2016. Refer to: [http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/fd8cb82b-d5c9-459c-885a-235d90a3ca19/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-OWG-\(13-Oct-2016\).pdf.aspx](http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/fd8cb82b-d5c9-459c-885a-235d90a3ca19/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-OWG-(13-Oct-2016).pdf.aspx)
Section 10.2 of this document provided the following direction regarding amendments to the *Policy*:

Amendments to Nomination Procedures. At the end of the 2016-17 season, and no later than June 1, 2017, the HPC will review the content of these procedures. At that time, if necessary to address issues requiring clarification only, an addendum to the policy may be produced to address issues that were overlooked initially or that have arisen unexpectedly. The COC will be notified of such changes and the rationale for the amendments and these changes will be made public on the CCC website as soon as possible.

Amendment #1 was approved and posted on CCC's website September 15, 2017. Refer to: [http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/9d61bdb7-bdc6-4840-9e2d-10107bbbfb6e/Amendment-to-2018-OWG-Nomination-Procedures-\(15-Sept-17\).pdf.aspx](http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/9d61bdb7-bdc6-4840-9e2d-10107bbbfb6e/Amendment-to-2018-OWG-Nomination-Procedures-(15-Sept-17).pdf.aspx)

Amendment #1 specified that CCC cannot finalize the types of races available for the Alternate Qualifying Criteria B (Olympic trials event January 2018) until after the December World Cup event in Toblach on December 17, 2017 (2017-18 WC Period 1). After this time, CCC was to establish the remaining number of positions available under the Alternate Qualifying Criteria B and will publish a summary of the athletes who have met the Primary Qualifying Criteria and Alternate Qualifying Criteria A.

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1. **Aim.** The aim of this document is to promulgate Amendment #2, to CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) - 2018 Olympic Winter Games. This amendment modifies CCC's Amendment #1 Internal Nomination Policy – 2018 Olympic Winter Games to clarify:
 - a) The number of remaining start quota available based on the FIS quota list for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games;
 - b) The number of remaining start quota under Alternate Qualifying Criteria B;
 - c) Provide additional clarity to the text in Section 6.5 to minimize any misunderstanding of the criteria in Section 6.5.

2. **Rationale.** During the 2016-17 season, the following athletes met the Primary Qualifying Criteria and the Alternate Qualifying Criteria A for the 2018 OWG at the 2016-17 World Cups and/or 2017 World Championships. No additional athletes met the Primary Qualifying Criteria and Alternate Qualifying Criteria A for the 2018 OWG during the 2017-18 Period 1 World Cups.
 - a) Primary Qualifying Criteria: **Alex Harvey, Len Valjas, Devon Kershaw, Knute Johnsgaard, Jess Cockney.**
 - b) Alternate Qualifying Criteria A: **Dahria Beatty, Emily Nishikawa and Graeme Killick.**

CCC could not finalize the types of races available for the Alternate Qualifying Criteria B (Olympic trials event January 2018) until after the December World Cup event in Toblach on December 17, 2017. After this time, in accordance with Amendment t #1, CCC was to establish the remaining number of positions available under the Alternate Qualifying Criteria B.

3. **FIS Qualification System for the 2018 Olympic Games.** Refer to Section 3 – International Federation Criteria in CCC’s internal Nomination Procedures – 2018 Olympic Games: [http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/fd8cb82b-d5c9-459c-885a-235d90a3ca19/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-OWG-\(13-Oct-2016\).pdf.aspx](http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/fd8cb82b-d5c9-459c-885a-235d90a3ca19/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-OWG-(13-Oct-2016).pdf.aspx)

The FIS Cross-Country Quota List for the 2018 Olympic Games as calculated on 12-12-2017 indicates that Canada’s current quota is 9 athletes. Refer to: <https://data.fis-ski.com/dynamic/olympic-quotas-list.html?sectorcode=cc&listid=2018>

Additional quota may be become available through the reallocation of unused International Federation quota places. Refer to Section F in the International Federation Allocation System for the 2018 Olympic Games. This document indicates that FIS will reallocate all unused quota places and inform NOCs on 25-January-2018

4. **Positions available under Alternate Qualifying Criteria B at the designated trials races in Canada, January 2018 based on ranking for nominations to the Olympic Team:**

- a) Based on the Ranking for Nomination to the Olympic Team as referenced in Section 7 of the INP the following ranking creates a total of 7 athletes eligible for nomination:

Priority #1. Athletes meeting the Primary Qualifying Criteria: **Alex Harvey, Len Valjas, Devon Kershaw, Jess Cockney, Knute Johnsgaard**

Priority #2. A minimum team size of 4 men and 4 women. **Emily Nishikawa, Dahria Beatty** are next ranked for nomination to establish a minimum team of 4 women.

- b) To complete the current team size of 9 athletes as indicated in FIS Cross-Country Quota List for the 2018 Olympic Games as calculated on 12-12-2017, two more women are eligible for selection at the trials races, January 2018. This is designated as:

- i. one female sprint position; and
 - ii. one female distance position.
- c) If a 10th quota position is reallocated to Canada under the reallocation of unused International Federation quota places reallocated to Canada, this position will be designated under Ranking for Nomination to the Olympic Team as referenced in Section 7 of the INP 7.1.b.i:
Priority #3. **Graeme Killick**
- d) If an 11th quota is reallocated to Canada under the reallocation of unused International Federation quota places, this position will be designated under as a male sprinter.
- e) If a 12th quota is reallocated to Canada under the reallocation of unused International Federation quota places, this position will be designated as a female distance athlete.

5. Modification to Amendment #1 Section 6.5. The text in Section 6.5 of Amendment #1 is amended as follows.

As outlined in CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures Section 5.2, athletes who meet one or more of the Primary Qualifying Criteria, Alternate Qualifying Criteria A or Alternate Qualifying Criteria B will be eligible for nomination to the COC for membership on the 2018 Olympic Team. However, meeting one or more of the qualifying criteria as specified in this process, and including this amendment, does not guarantee nomination or team selection.

Section 6.5 - Alternate Qualifying Criteria B (Olympic Trials, January 6-10, 2018)

- a) The formats and number of designated selection races for each gender will depend on the remaining available nominations for specific events at the OWG and the performance objectives outlined in Section 1.3 of the INP.
- b) Designated selection races based on consideration of athletes who have currently met the OWG Primary Qualifying Criteria and Alternate Qualifying Criteria A to be held in Mont Ste Anne, QC, January 6-10, 2018 are:

		WOMEN	MEN	
06.01.2018	Sat	Sprint CI	Sprint CI	
07.01.2018	Sun	10 km CI	15 km CI	Interval start
09.01.2018	Tues	20 km	30 km	Skiathlon
10.01.2018	Wed			Backup race day

- c) Sprint athletes will be ranked based on their placing in the final sprint heat and sprint qualifier round achieved in designated selection races.
- d) Ranking for a designated selection distance race will be based on finish order. Ranking for a designated selection sprint race will be based on finish

order in the final sprint heat and finish order in the sprint qualifier round. Separate ranking lists will be established for men and women for each distance race and sprint race. These ranking lists will be limited to the following athletes and process:

- i. Canadian athletes eligible for OWG selection;
- ii. Athletes who have not previously met the Primary Qualifying Criteria and/or Alternate Qualifying Criteria A for a distance race and for a sprint race (i.e. if an athlete qualified under the Primary Qualifying Criteria in a distance event, then that athlete would be excluded from the ranking list for a distance race but would be included in the ranking list for a sprint race and vice versa). This does not include athletes who have met the Primary Qualifying Criteria and/or Alternate Qualifying Criteria A for a distance race and for a sprint race but need to re-qualify due to injury or ; and
- iii. Any athletes not meeting the eligibility standards in d.i and ii. who finish ahead of eligible athletes, will be removed from the selection ranking list and the following eligible athletes will move up accordingly in ranking.

I. Distance Ranking List.

Distance selection ranking process: Distance selections may be made based on the following order of selection considerations:

- i. Race winners of the distance selection events, if there is more than one position available.
- ii. If there is more than one race winner and only one position available, the race winners will be ranked based on their finishing position in the distance race where they were not the winner; the highest ranked athlete will be selected. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the closest percentage time behind the winner in the distance race in which they were not the winner will be selected.
- iii. If one athlete is the race winner of both distance selection events and there is more than one distance position available, the second place finisher in each distance race will be considered. If the second place finishers are different athletes, the athletes' finish position in the distance race in which they did not finish second will be considered; the highest-ranked athlete will be selected. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the closest percentage time behind the winner in the race in which they placed second will be selected.

II. Sprint Ranking Lists:

The designated sprint races for men and women will have separate ranking lists and each race will have two types of sprint ranking lists:

- i. A final results list for each sprint race based on the sprint heats;
- ii. A sprint qualifying list for each sprint qualifier based on the qualification round.

Sprint selection ranking process: Sprint selections may be made based on the following ranking up to the maximum team size:

- i. A race winner of the final sprint heat or the sprint qualifier round;
 - ii. If there is only one position available, then the race winners identified in the sprint selection ranking process (i) will be ranked based on the athletes' finish ranking in the final and qualifying round ranking. Each athlete on these ranking lists, for men and women, will be assigned a ranking based on their finish: finisher #1 receives 1 point, finisher #2 receives 2 points, finisher #3 receives 3 points, etc. The two rankings will be added together and the athlete with the lowest total ranking will be selected; and
 - iii. In the event of a tie after considering II.i and ii, the athlete with the best sprint ranking in the qualifying round will be selected.
- e) If an athlete is ranked highest on the sprint ranking list and highest on the distance ranking list, or if an athlete is ranked highest on the sprint ranking list and second on the distance ranking list and there are distance spots available, or if an athlete that has previously met Primary Qualifying Criteria or Alternate Qualifying Criteria A for distance is ranked highest on the sprint ranking list, additional distance athletes may be selected in accordance with the remaining distance positions up to the maximum team size, provided distance starts quota remains available. The next athlete on the distance ranking list will be selected by applying the distance ranking process.
- f) If the same two athletes are ranked highest on both the sprint ranking list and the distance ranking list, an additional distance athlete may be selected according to the remaining distance positions up to the maximum team size, provided distance start quota remains available. The next athlete on the distance ranking list will be selected by applying the distance ranking process to the next highest ranked athletes.
- g) One male and one female sprint alternate and one male and one female distance alternate will be named by applying the respective sprint and distance ranking process to the next highest ranked athletes, after the team is filled. Should any athlete no longer be able to compete at the Olympic Games, due to any unforeseen circumstance, the alternate athlete named in the same discipline will be selected to compete in the same discipline in which the previously-selected athlete was qualified and will be nominated to the team in accordance with the Late Athlete Replacement Policy, Section 9.4 of CCC's internal Nomination Procedures – 2018 Olympic Games.
- h) In the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting in one distance selection race being cancelled, distance positions will be filled by ranking athletes in order of finish position in the remaining distance race. In the event no distance selection races can be held, distance positions will be filled by selecting the highest-ranked athlete(s) on the 2017-18 CPL distance seeding list published on 22-December- 2017.

- i) In the event of unforeseen circumstances resulting in the sprint selection race being cancelled, sprint positions will be filled by selecting the highest-ranked athlete(s) on the 2017-18 CPL sprint seeding list published on 22-December-2017.