

Ski de fond Canada Selection Criteria for 2017-18 National Ski Team (NST) and (PNST) Competition Trips

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SECTION 1: General Information

1.0 Objectives, Selection Policy, Decision Making Authority for Trip Selections

1. The objective of this document is to describe the policies and procedures that will be used by CCC in selecting athletes for: international competition trips in the 2016-17 2017-18 season.
2. This document is published under the authority of the High Performance Committee (HPC). It is consistent with CCC Document 2.1.3 NST-PNST Policy and Procedures for Team Selection, Nomination and Announcement:
<http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/79139ddb-7278-468b-a2da-0dd845ed29f1/213NSTSelectionPolicy-April-2012.pdf.aspx>
3. Selection Authority for Trip Selections.

There will be a Selection Committee established for competition trips with the exception of the World Cup competitions. Barring extenuating circumstances, selection authority will normally be constituted in the following manner:

- a) Selection to Development Competitions i.e. U23-WJC and B-Tours will be assigned to a Selection Committee chaired by the High Performance Director (HPD).
 - b) Selection to World Cup and Senior World Championships trips will be assigned to the HPDs based on the NST/PNST coaches' recommendations and feedback from coaches of non-NST/PNST athletes who are of the view that their athletes have met the published criteria for specific WC and WCh events. This decision of the HPDs will be based on the published criteria.
 - c) Selection to OWG/PWG teams will be assigned to a Selection committee chaired by the High Performance Director (HPD).
4. Appeal Process.
Selection decisions may be appealed under the CCC Dispute Resolution and Appeals Policy. Where time is critical (e.g., in the event of an imminent departure for a trip), the Summary Dispute Resolution Process may be employed. Reference:
<http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/46ea9b4e-68e6-4271-8f9d-568f9c105cbd/17DisputeResolutionandAppealPolicy.pdf.aspx>

2.0 Definitions Relevant to Understanding Criteria Procedures

1. Distance Races - for the purpose of these selection criteria, all races that are longer than 1.8km shall be designated as a Distance Race. This could be an individual start, mass start or skiathlon competition. An athlete selected or identified in a distance race shall be referred to as a distance athlete.
2. Sprint Races - for the purpose of these selection criteria, all races that are shorter than or equal to 1.8 km and are designated individual sprints or team sprints shall be designated as a Sprint Event. This includes team sprint events where each leg is shorter than or equal to 1.8 km. An athlete selected or identified in a sprint event shall be

referred to as a sprint athlete. All references to sprint results in these criteria are references to final results unless otherwise noted.

3. Tier One Selection Events – a categorization of races used for team selection and trip standards, which is limited to domestic and international FIS sanctioned races, that count towards the FIS points list. This categorization is intended to incorporate equitable depth of field races used for team selection. It is also intended to reduce the need for athletes to have to perform at peak capacity at all times during the season, both from a LTAD perspective and as a means to ease the financial burden on athletes.

As FIS sanctioned races are usually limited to open classes, distinct junior men and women races not included in open category races at NorAm events and National Championships will be included as part of the CPL selection points calculation. To optimize comparison of junior and senior athlete results, these results will also be given Tier One categorization.

3.0 Selection Guidelines and Procedures: Athlete Eligibility, Ranking and Selection Standards, Criteria Guidelines, Curtailment of Training & Competition for Health-Related Reasons, Performance Readiness

1. Athlete eligibility: Only those CCC members in good standing who have a valid Canadian passport, a valid FIS license and who meet CPL minimum eligibility standards will be considered. For the following countries, passports must be valid after for at least:
 - EU Countries: 3 months after date of departure from EU country.
2. Ranking and selection standards for able-bodied skiers:
 - a) This is determined primarily by the Canadian Points List (CPL - international points). An athlete must purchase a CCC racing licence in order to be eligible for CPL points, and must purchase both a CCC licence and a FIS licence to be eligible for FIS points. Follow <http://www.ccski.com/Events/Points.aspx> to become familiar with the current version of the CPL.
 - b) The only races considered for selection rankings and standards are Tier One Selection Events (refer to 2.3) which defines Tier One Selection Events.
 - c) International Performance Benchmarks (IPBs): IPBs represent the expected levels of performance and progressions on a yearly basis (aligned with CCC's long term high performance goals) from athletes qualifying for NST trips and teams. There are specific IPBs for males and females, in distance and sprint. An athlete's points on the final 2016-17 NST selection points lists or single best points based on Tier One Selection Events achieved during the previous 12 months will be compared to the IPBs for the athlete's age. This measurement is used as an indicator of an athlete's general progression from year to year and can be used as a guideline for comparison with other athletes. Refer to Appendix A for more details.
 - d) Ties: In the event of a tie on the selection ranking list, after the selection criteria have been applied, (a) all of the athletes that are tied shall be selected, or (b) the tie may be broken by looking to the number of 1st place finishes, then the number of 2nd place finishes, etc. in the selection competitions. If there is still a tie, the selection committee will make the final decision.

3. Criteria Guidelines: Selections will be based on a combination of objective and subjective criteria guidelines.
- a) Objective selections shall be based on the results achieved by athletes in Tier One Selection Events scored on the CPL points list or other indicated race scoring methods, World Cup competitions held during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons, WJC and WU23 held during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons, NorAm and Canadian National Championship competitions held in the 2016/17 and 2017-18 seasons. To maintain equity and fairness in this selection process, the HPC reserves the right to exclude, or to count only partially, the results of any selection events with a weak depth of field.
 - b) Subjective selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period) defined by achieving podium pathway/IPB benchmarks;
 - ii. Completion of individual performance benchmarks, as set forth by the NST coaching staff and as approved by the HPD, which point toward the achievement of competition results consistent with NST program goals;
 - iii. Attitude and commitment of athletes to take part in the complete NST coaching, IST support, training camp and competition program;
 - iv. Illness or injury during the selection period;
 - v. Physiological indicators accumulated through monitoring and testing;
 - vi. Indication of medal potential in future Olympic, World Cup or World Championship competition, which would be enhanced by selection to the team;
 - vii. Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with NST World Cup objectives.
 - viii. Where there is only one athlete from a gender on a trip for an extended period, another athlete of that gender may be considered for selection.
4. Curtailment of Training and Competition for Health-related and other reasons: A written request and rationale for selection criteria exemption can be put forward for not having competed in or completed selection races. This rationale must be submitted to the HPD prior to the selection race not competed in, or immediately after a completed selection race. Documentation from a physician and/or other relevant documentation must be submitted to the HPD within 24 hours of receiving the request for exemption.
- Consideration for exemption may include but not be limited to the following:
- a) An unexpected event beyond the reasonable control of the athlete that crucially affects an athlete's ability to compete (e.g. illness, injury, transportation breakdown)

- b) Inadequate recovery time from a health–related issue or injury by the time of the selection competition or competition selected to.
5. Performance Readiness: Selected and pre-selected athletes must demonstrate competitive readiness which will be evaluated on the following factors:
- a) Optimal Health and readiness to travel based on examination by CCC physicians and IST support staff or personal physicians;
 - b) A performance level, as demonstrated throughout the training season, indicating that the athlete can continue to perform at the level that selected them to the specific international trip. This assessment will be made by the NST Coaching Team and the HPD.
6. Other factors which will be considered in the selection process are:
- a) The CCC strategic Plan.
 - b) The NST and PNST Operational Plans
7. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances: In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Cross Country Canada that prevent the CCC Selection Committee from fairly and objectively implementing these selection procedures, the HPC reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2017/2018 international trip schedule; the HPC shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter through a fair and reasonable process, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to the ski community as soon as possible.

4.0 FIS Continental Cup Series (COC).

All references to this series and the associated selection processes and associated WC starts can be found in the 2017-18 NorAm Series Selection Criteria: <http://www.cccski.com/National-Ski-Team/Selection-Criteria.aspx>

SECTION 2: 2017-18 FIS World Cups

5.0 General Information: Purpose, Objectives, Team Size, OPA-Scando events, WC Entry Requirements, Trip Costs, Team Announcement Dates.

1. Purpose:

- a) Provide WC starts for athletes who have achieved, or have shown potential to achieve individual and team performance benchmarks outlined as success markers for the 2018 OWG.
- b) Provide WC starts for developing athletes, based on available WC quota and available support, who have shown potential to contribute to Canada's Nation Cup points through attaining individual WC points and relay points.

2. Objectives:

a) Individual events

World Cup Team athletes:

- Individual athlete benchmarks of podium and/or top 8 results.
- consistent scoring of WC points
- 1 athlete in the red group and top 10 overall WC results at the end of the season
- 1 athlete on the podium at the TDS
- 4 WC podiums

NST B team and U25 athletes:

- all athletes scoring WC points
- 2 athletes with a minimum of one top 20 result

Other athletes (non NST athletes):

- A minimum of 1 athlete scoring WC points

b) Nations Cup Ranking (combined scoring of individual WC points and Team events)

- Men: top 6
- Women: top 12

3. Team size:

- a) Is dependent on WC Quota; WC quota of start entitlements per nation is set annually by FIS. For 2017-18, Canada's WC quota is 4 women and 6 men. The team size may consist of any number of athletes up to the FIS WC quota for Canada.
- b) Is limited by the number of technical support staff. The maximum number of athletes that can be supported on the WC is 12 athletes, to provide optimal support for all athletes. Athletes ranked according to their WC points in the last 365 days, and COC leaders, will have priority

4. Selection to WC Events based on 2017-18 OPA and Scandinavian Cup results:

In addition to the 2017-18 WC Selection Criteria 6.0, CCC sanctioned trips with athletes

participating in OPA and Scandinavian Cup races may be considered for selection to specific WC events based on the recommendation of the WC coaches to the HPD. Consideration for selection will consider the following guidelines:

- a) Athletes having met a standard, which is the equivalent of a top 35 and top half WC result, at a 2017-18 OPA or Scandinavian Cup event may be selected. This standard will be established in comparison to 2017-18 WC events for which the athlete is being considered.
 - b) Athletes must have met IPB standards for their age at least once in the last 365 days.
 - c) Athletes cannot replace athletes already selected for WC trips and must fit within the team size requirements outlined in 5.3.
5. World Cup Entry requirements:

The FIS entry standards for these competitions are as follows with the additional FIS requirements that each athlete has a FIS code number and has reached at least one (1) result better than or equal to these standards in the last 365 days:

- a) International WC Group and FIS Regional Series leaders - **distance**: men 60 FIS points; women 90 FIS points;
- b) International WC Group and FIS Regional Series leaders - **sprint**: 120 FIS points for men and women.

6. Trip Costs:

Team status on the World Cup does not include full funding from CCC except for athletes in the WC red group.

7. Team Nomination Announcement Dates:

Tour de Ski: December 18
WC Period 2: January 12
WC Period 4: February 25

6.0 Selection Criteria 2017-18 FIS World Cups.

Athletes who meet one of the following standards for each identified World Cup period and/or meet the Criteria Guidelines referenced in 3.3 may be selected to the following World Cup trips.

1. World Cup Period 1 (November 24 - December 17, 2017).

a) *Pre-selected athletes:*

- i. FIS red group status as indicated on the final red group ranking list at the end of 2016-17: **Alex Harvey**;

- ii. Athletes identified and financially supported by OTP based on 2016-17 World Cup and World Championship results: **Alex Harvey, Devon Kershaw, Len Valjas, Graeme Killick, Knute Johnsgaard; Jess Cockney**
- iii. Top 4 ranked NST senior women: **Emily Nishikawa, Dahria Beatty, Cendrine Browne, Katherine Stewart-Jones;**
- iv. Winners of the 2016-17 Overall NorAm COC series. [**Katherine Stewart-Jones and Russell Kennedy**]

All pre-selected athletes must demonstrate performance readiness as referenced 1.3.5

b) *Selected athlete:*

In consideration of the maximum team size of 12 indicated in 5.3, one more athlete can be added to the World Cup in this period. This athlete selection will be a male sprinter based on the sprint/distance events where the most WC points were scored by athletes of either gender, considering athletes not already selected under 6.1.a. Based on this rationale, one additional male sprinter may be added for sprint events based on a November 2017 sprint selection.

- i. Location: Canmore, Frozen Thunder course;
- ii. Dates and Technique: Nov. 1, 2017 classic qualifying round;
- iii. Sprint selection process: The race winner of the selection qualifying round will be selected.

2. FIS Tour de Ski (December 30, 2017 - January 7, 2018).

Selections will be in the following ranking order:

- a) World Cup individual top 6 results in the 2016-17 or 2017-18 season. [**Alex Harvey, Len Valjas**]
- b) FIS red group status at the end of WC Period 1.
- c) One top 12 World Cup distance and/or sprint result, or two top 20 distance and/or sprint results, or three top 30 distance and/or sprint results up to the end of World Cup Period 1. This will include individual stage results in Stage WC events.
- d) Athletes scoring WC points in the 2017-18 season who also have met the Primary Qualifying Criteria or Alternate Qualifying Criteria A in CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2018 OWG.
- e) Athletes who have met the Primary Qualifying Criteria or Alternate Qualifying Criteria A in CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures for the 2018 OWG and are able to meet the Alternate Qualifying Criteria A OWG standard of top 30 based on 4 athletes per nation 2 times in Period 1 may be considered based on the recommendation of the WC Coaching Team to the HPD. These recommendations must consider 5.1&2 and 3.3.a-b.

3. World Cup Period 2 (January 27-28, 2018 – Seefeld, AUT)

The NST will not attend the WC events Jan.13-14 in Dresden and Jan. 20-21 in Planica; this period will be dedicated to a pre-OWG training camp.

This WC event selection includes all athletes selected to the 2018 OWG Team.

4. World Cup Period 4 (March 3-18, 2018 – Lahti, Drammen, Oslo, Falun).

- a) World Cup podium in the 2016-17 or 2017-18 season. [**Alex Harvey**]
- b) FIS red group status at the end of WC Period 3.
- c) World Cup and/or Olympic Games results: One top 12 distance and/or sprint result, or two top 20 distance and/or sprint results, or three top 30 distance and/or sprint results up to the end of World Cup Period 3 and including individual stage races.
- d) FIS COC leaders at the end of WC Period 3.
- e) Additional athletes may be selected based on the recommendations of the WC Coaching Team to the HPD. These recommendations must consider 5.1&2 and 3.3.a-b

SECTION 3: 2018 Olympic Winter Games Trials – Alternate Nomination Criteria B (Jan. 2018)

This selection comes under the jurisdiction of CCC's Internal Nomination Procedures – 2018 Olympic Winter Games: 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 6.5 (Alternate Criteria B) references the selection races to be held in January 2018. The details of this selection process can be referenced in CCC's Nomination Procedures - 2018 Olympic Winter Games, Amendment #1: refer to <http://www.cccski.com/National-Ski-Team/Selection-Criteria.aspx>

SECTION 4: 2018 U23-World Junior Championships (U23-WJC)

9.0 General Information: Purpose, Objectives, Designated Selection Trials, Eligibility Requirements.

1. Purpose: To provide an international age appropriate competition for Canada's highest performance potential U23 athletes for the purpose of identifying and developing the athletes capable of progressing to World Cup, World Championship and Olympic competitions.
2. Objectives:
 - a) U23 – 2 men and 2 women placing in the top 12; 2 men and 2 women placing 13-20.

- b) WJC – 2 men and 2 women placing in the top 20; 2 men and 2 women in the top 21-30, top 8 relay (men and women).

3. Designated Selection Trials:

Mont Ste Anne, QC - Jan. 7-10, 2018.

		WOMEN	MEN	
07.01.2018	Sun	5/10 km Cl	10/15 km Cl	Interval start
08.01.2018	Mon	SPR Fr	SPR Fr	
09.01.2018	Tues	10/20 km	20/ 30 km	Skiathlon
10.01.2018	Wed			Backup race day

4. Eligibility requirements:

- a) Athletes are expected to have a FIS license prior to these events.
- b) Passports valid up until May 4th, 2018 are required before airline tickets will be purchased.
- c) Athletes must demonstrate competitive readiness and the capacity to meet the trip objectives, including:
 - i. Medical evidence of health and readiness to travel is to be provided by the athlete's coach if requested by the HPD. An athlete shall be ineligible for the trip if he/she is not expected to recover from injury or illness adequately by the time of the trip departure;
 - ii. International Performance Benchmarks (IPB) based on the single best result in CPL points over the last 365 days will be used as an eligibility guideline for assessing U23 athletes in the selection process. These U23 IPB standards are as follows:

Age groups	Female		Male	
	Sprint	Distance	Sprint	Distance
Born in 1995	95.0	93.0	96.0	95.0
Born in 1996	94.0	92.0	95.0	94.5
Born in 1997	93.0	90.5	94.0	93.5

10.0 U23-WJC trip details: Itinerary, Team Size, Trip Costs.

1. Itinerary:

- a) Championship dates and location: Goms-Kandersteg (SUI), 27.01-03.02.2018.
- b) Trip departure is estimated to be 14 January 2018.
- c) The trip leader will be Lisa Patterson.

2. **Team Size:** This is limited by FIS to the maximum allowable competitors per nation up to a maximum of 8 athletes per gender for each of the World Junior and U23 categories with a maximum FIS quota of 4 males and 4 female starters per race. The selection committee will determine the final team size; this will consider team logistics and accommodation availability.
3. **Trip Costs:** \$3200

11.0 U23-WJC Selection Process, Priorities and Ranking.

Selection will be made using the following order of priorities, up to the maximum team size (10.2) and considering the maximum entry of four athletes in all U23/WJC events. Only Canadian citizens with CCC licenses will be considered in the ranking process.

1. Process:

- a) Any athletes meeting the 2018 OWG Internal Nomination Procedures will be nominated for selection.
- b) Any athletes achieving top 30 WC results in the December 2017 World Cups will be nominated for selection.
- c) Any preselections under 11.1 a-b will be announced by Dec.19, 2017.
- d) *Winners of Selection Trials:* The top Canadian in each competition at the Selection Trials and in each of the four categories (U23 men and women; junior men and women) will be selected after consideration of the selection eligibility guidelines for U23 skiers (9.4).
- e) *Selections based on sprint and distance ranking lists:* After considering 11.1.a-d, the selection committee can increase the team up to the maximum team size (10.2). These recommendations will be based on consideration of Distance Ranking Lists and Sprint Ranking lists (see 11.2 for men and women from the Designated Selection Trials and potential to meet the purpose and objectives of the criterion. The Ranking Lists will only consider the top 5 Canadian ranked athletes on either the sprint or distance lists and will include the race winners.
- f) Special consideration may be made to take additional athletes, in each of the age groups and genders. Additional athletes will not be considered if it compromises the potential results of the selected athletes from criteria 11.1 a-d. The basis for this decision will consider the purpose and objectives of the criteria and the individual strengths of the selected athletes. Additional selections can be made by the selection committee under the following order of considerations:
 - i. Additional athletes can be selected using the Criteria Guidelines 3.3.
 - ii. Training Centre and Head Club Coach's recommendations to add additional athletes will be considered and must be submitted in writing to the High Performance Director

within 30 minutes of the final selection race. These recommendations can be considered for selection in the following order of priorities:

- Curtailment of Training and Competition for Health-related and other reasons for athletes having previously demonstrated their capacity to meet the trip objectives;
 - The next athlete on the ranking lists.
- g) The Selection Committee will decide the balance between sprint and distance athletes based on consideration of the trip purpose and objectives and the outcomes of 11.1 a-d.

2. Distance and Sprint Ranking:

- a) Distance Ranking Lists: An athlete's sum total of the two distance competitions will be used to establish the distance ranking list. This ranking list will be established from the distance competitions at the selection event using an athlete's points calculated using the CPL system (refer to <http://www.ccski.com/Events/Points.aspx> for CPL details);
- b) Sprint Ranking Lists: The sprint race for each gender will have two ranking lists: final results list and sprint qualifying list (this list will use an athlete's points calculated using the CPL system (refer to <http://www.ccski.com/Events/Points.aspx> for CPL details). Additional sprint selections will be based on the recommendations of the HPD to the selection committee considering both ranking lists.

SECTION 5: Para-Nordic Competitions:

12.0 General information: Purpose, Objectives, Events and Dates, Team Size, 2018 PWG.

1. Purpose:

- a) To provide World Para Nordic Skiing (WPNS) sanctioned Continental Cup (COC), World Cup (WC) and Paralympic Winter Games (PWG) starts for athletes who have achieved, or have shown potential to achieve medal results and meet established CCC international benchmarks.
- b) To provide development opportunities to complement CCC international benchmarks leading to the 2018 PWG where it is in the best interest of the team's overall results at the 2018 PWG.
- c) To provide competition opportunities for Next Gen athletes leading to the long term development of athletes on a podium pathway who can progress to medal performance at WPNS WC, World Championships (WCH) and ultimately the 2022 PWG.

2. Objectives:

- a) Contribute to team performance targets as determined by the 2017-18 CCC Para-Nordic Operational Plan <http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/4a057151-7b39-4a83-9fa6-9c3a866e214e/Business-Plan-2017-2018.pdf.aspx>
- b) Give athletes the opportunity to meet CCC team selection criteria to be named to the 2018-19 CCC PNST and/or CCC PN Prospects Teams.
- c) Give athletes the opportunity to meet team selection criteria for the 2018 PWG.
- d) Give athletes the opportunity to meet 2018-19 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding support criteria.
- e) Give “New” athletes the opportunity to be WPNS classified.
- f) Identification of Next Gen athletes who:
 - i. Can be ranked and have at least one race of 180 WPNS points or less on the WPNS BT or WPNS CC ranking points list.
 - ii. Demonstrate the long term potential to achieve established benchmarks leading to WPNS WC, WCH or PWG podium results.
 - iii. Can progress towards meeting the performance criteria to be eligible for the CCC PNST or CCC PN Prospects team.

3. Events and Dates:

- a) WPNS WC #1 Canmore, CAN (3 x CC + 3 x BT): December 9-17, 2017
- b) WPNS COC- Bozeman, USA (2 x CC): Jan 6-7, 2018
- c) WPNS WC #2 Oberried, GER (3 x CC + 3 x BT): Jan 20-28, 2018
- d) *WPNS WC Vuokatti FIN (3 x CC + 3 x BT): February 02-10, 2018
- e) 2018 PWG PyeongChang KOR (3 x CC + 3 x BT +2 x Relay): March 10-18, 2018

***Note:** CCC will not be supporting/sending a team to compete at the Vuokatti FIN WC Feb 02-10, 2018. With High Performance Director - Para-Nordic (HPD-PN) approval athletes and their support staff may attend this race at their own cost and organize their own logistics.

4. 2018 PWG:

The selection process below in Section 13.0 does not apply to 2018 PWG selection. Selection to the 2018 PWG Team is determined by a separate selection document – Internal Nomination Procedures 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. (2018 PWG INP) [http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/f04dc2f5-fed0-4803-b0d8-3a9bd32ee152/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-PWG-Final-\(June-14,-2017\).pdf.aspx](http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/f04dc2f5-fed0-4803-b0d8-3a9bd32ee152/CCC-Nomination-Procedures---2018-PWG-Final-(June-14,-2017).pdf.aspx)

5. Team Size:

There are no WPNS WC or COC athlete quota limitations but team size for these events will be limited by available budget, support staff and logistics as determined by the Head Coach (HC) and High Performance Director - Para-Nordic (HPD-PN). 2018 PWG Team size is determined by the 2018 PWG INP.

13.0 Selection Process:

1. CCC PNST (WC and Development) athletes are pre-selected for all WPNS WC/COC events. This group will receive CCC PNST support and will be fully funded based upon available budget and yearly training plan (YTP) priorities.
2. CCC Prospects Team athletes will be selected for events based upon individual athlete YTP priorities and available budget and staff support. This group will receive support through the CCC Next Gen funding however, self-funding for all or part of these events may be necessary for Prospects Team athletes.
3. Additional Selections: Additional athletes may be added for one or more of these events based on specific athlete development priorities considering the purpose and objectives of the criteria in 12.1 and 12.2.
 - a) Additional selected athletes and their support staff wishing to take part in these events must be recommended by the HC and sanctioned by the HPD-PN.
 - b) Additional selected athletes and their support staff will be required to work with the trip Team Leader and/or HPD-PN to organize their trip logistics.
 - c) Additional selected athletes will be required pay some or all of their own and their support staff trip costs.
4. Additional Selection Standard: Under the conditions outlined in 13.3 additionally selected athletes must meet the following criteria:
 - a) Have a yearly training program that is led and monitored by a qualified coach and has shown the commitment to long term development in order to achieve benchmarks leading to the long-term goals of competing for Canada in WPNS WC, WCH, and PWG.
 - b) Demonstrate the long term potential to achieve benchmarks leading to WPNS WC, WCH or PWG podium results and/or add benefit to the team strategy and goals for PWG.
 - c) Demonstrate the ability or potential to achieve at least one result of 180 WPNS points or less on the WPNS CC or WPNS BT ranking points list in the 2017-2018 season.
 - d) Recommendation by their Division.
 - e) Meet minimum WPNS eligibility criteria for each event.

Appendix A – International Performance Benchmarks (IPBs)

IPBs were reviewed and revised August 2015 to align with podium pathway profiles; the primary objective was to set benchmarks that provide guidelines relative to the viability of achieving World Cup podiums. The objectives of this review, method and rationale for data analysis, data analysis conclusions and intended use of IPBs can be found at

<http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/b7ddc61b-73a8-4ff1-9896-df189c3b9b38/Summary-IPB-revision-2015.pdf.aspx>

	JBG1	JBG2	JMW1	JMW2	SEN1	SEN2	SEN3	SEN4	SEN5	SEN6	SEN7	SEN8	SEN9	SEN10+
Print	83.5	86.5	89	91	93	94	95	96	96.5	97	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5
List	81	84	86.5	88.5	90.5	92	93	94	94.5	95	95.5	96	96	96
Print	84.5	87.5	90	92	94	95	96	96.5	96.5	96.5	97	97	97	97
List	84	87	89.5	91.5	93.5	94.5	95	95.5	96	96.5	97	97.5	98	98.5