

DRAFT CROSS COUNTRY YUKON 2009-2010 TRIP SELECTION CRITERIA

PHILOSOPHY

The aims of establishing trip selection criteria are to ensure that:

- a. athletes and teams representing the Yukon in cross-country skiing are credible and competitive;
- b. a successful high performance program is sustained over the mid and long term;
- c. the most appropriate athletes are selected for particular teams and trips; and
- d. athletes receive the required information in a complete, accurate and timely manner.
- e. The selection criteria reflect the recommendations made in the LTAD model endorsed by CCY.

Criteria are intended to state the requirements and standards – both objective and subjective – which will be applied in the selection process, and how they will be applied.

In general, selection of athletes and support to selected athletes will be prioritized based on:

- a. objective measurements – results achieved in specified races, as measured against international standards through the Canadian Points List (CPL) or Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) points; and
- b. subjective assessments – relating to an athlete's commitment, assessed potential and ability to perform and contribute in a team context.
- c. costs to athletes and to CCY and the availability of funding.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Selection to trips and to teams will be based on the Yukon Ski Team's coaches' recommendations to CCY's High Performance Committee. These recommendations will be based on the published criteria; however age, health status, past results, and force majeure could be taken into consideration.

CCY reserves the right to override the selection criteria in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as cancellation of a scheduled race or weather.

CCY reserves the right to modify or withdraw from a trip in the event of a staffing shortage.

Because the selection process for teams and trips is regulated in part by the available funding, CCY reserves the right to modify trips or tours due to financial shortfalls.

From time to time a situation at a selection event could prevent an athlete from meeting an eligibility standard for reasons beyond their control. Should this happen, the Head

coach and the High Performance Committee will evaluate the competitive field, and will make the decision on selection.

FORCE MAJEURE

From time to time situations arise beyond the control of an athlete. In these circumstances the High Performance Committee will decide on an appropriate action. Illness and injury will be considered when assessing athletes' performance and the High Performance Committee could add or delete an athlete to/from a trip or a team for these reasons.

Ties

In the event of a tie on the selection ranking list after the selection criteria have been applied, both of the athletes that are tied could be selected, or the tie could be broken by looking to the number of 1st place finishes, then the number of 2nd place finishes, etc. The final decision in these cases will be made by the High Performance Committee.

**2009-10 POINTS STANDARDS FOR SELECTION TO THE WORLD
JUNIOR/UNDER 23 & EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The table below outlines the points standards an athlete must obtain to compete in that event based on attaining the required Canada Points standard in qualifying competitions. For additional selection criteria, see the information for the specific trip. The points in this table have been adjusted to reflect the changes made to the CPL point's calculation by CCC in 2006.

Category	Year of birth	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – World Under 23/JR. Trials/PQ	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – Eastern Canadian Championships/ PQ	
Juvenile G 2 nd year	1995		60	
Juvenile G last year*	1994		62	
Junior W first year *	1994	70	62	
Junior W second year	1993	72	66	
Junior W third year	1992	74	68	
Junior W fourth year	1991	76	70	
Junior W last year	1990	77	71	
Juvenile B first year	1995		60	
Juvenile B 2 nd year	1994		62	
Juvenile B last year	1993		66	
Junior M first year	1992	74	68	
Junior M second year	1991	76	70	
Junior M last year	1990	77	71	
Senior M/W first year	1989	78		
Senior M/W second year	1988	79		

*** Please refer to the new CCC competition model review for information on the new categories adopted by CCY this season. <http://cccski.com/dbfiles/1604.pdf>

Points are calculated according to the top finish of a given selection event, and expressed in % of the best-ranked skier. The point's standards for each age group for each of the races in the table above represent the top 60 % threshold. This means that when athletes

achieve that standard, they can expect to finish at least in the top 60 % of their respective category if they perform like they did during the selection races.

TEAM TRIPS – 2009/2010 SEASON

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES SELECTED TO YUKON SKI TEAM TRIPS

Barring extenuating circumstances such as illness or injury athletes are expected to:

1. Show progress to maintain team status. Progress will be measured in the following ways: increasing CPL ranking; improvement in test results, and commitment.
2. Compete in all selection and other local events as recommended by the ski team Head Coach.
3. Compete in all events on trips that they have been selected to.
4. Maintain top 60% of the starting field performance in outside trips.
5. An athlete who is pre-selected to a trip or a team is expected to continue to perform at the level that “pre-selected them”. If this performance is not demonstrated, then the pre-selection could be reevaluated and the athlete could be dropped from the trip roster.
6. All athletes/coaches are expected to make themselves familiar with the selection process. It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with the processes that could affect them.
7. To be eligible to compete in these events, skiers must be in possession of a valid CCC racing license and must be a member of a CCY affiliated club.

Fairbanks, Alaska (just added to the race calendar)

Dates: November 21-22
(Travel dates will be Nov. 20-23, 2009)

Team size: All Blue and Red Squad skiers eligible for this trip

Goal: To provide everyone an opportunity to compete in an early season competition. This competition will include high school skiers as well as US Ski Team and Alaskan skiers.

NORAM Sovereign Lake, BC

Dates: December 12-13, 2009
(Travel dates will be Dec. 9-14, 2009)

Team size: up to 12 athletes

Goal: To provide the older and most competitive Yukon skiers with an opportunity to collect Canada Points in early season against the best open skiers from Canada and the US in their respective categories (note that only open Junior and Senior categories are on the race invitation for the event).

Selection criteria: Red Squad skiers are pre-selected for this event. Additional skiers born in 1993 and earlier who have achieved the point's standard for the Canadian National Championships in 2009 will be eligible for this trip (met the points criteria twice).

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria for this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier independent of their age or category will be selected. If the ranking list is used, a minimum of 4 females and four males will be selected.

World Junior and World Under 23 Worlds Championships Trials, Val Cartier, Québec

Dates: January 2-5, 2010
(Travel dates will be Dec. 30-Jan. 6)

Team size: Up to 12 athletes

Goal: To provide the most competitive Yukon skiers with an opportunity to qualify for a National Team Trip or/and gain valuable experience at the National Level.

Selection Criteria: The Red Squad skiers are pre-selected for this event. All skiers born in 1988 and earlier achieving the point standard by December 15, 2009 will be considered for this trip.

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria for this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier independent of their age or category will be selected. If the ranking list is used, a minimum of 4 females and four males will be selected.

Eastern Canadian Championships, Outaouais, PQ

Dates: Jan. 30-31, 2010
(Travel dates Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2010)

Team Size: Maximum 12 skiers

Goal: To provide the Yukon based skiers an opportunity to compete in a high level competition in Eastern Canada and to represent the Yukon in the regional Eastern Championships. Only athletes with the potential to finish in the top 60% of the age group they are competing in will be considered.

Selection Criteria: Juvenile and Junior skiers based in Whitehorse during the winter will have the priority for this trip. Athletes must meet the minimum points criteria at least once as noted in the points selection table in either the Don Sumanikor Yukon Championships Races or outside sanctioned races. Once skiers have attained the qualification standards, they must continue to train and perform at high level to remain on the team.

Selection will be announce by January 17, 2010

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*Exceptionally this year the Yukon Ski Team would be taking part in the Eastern Canadian Championships and not the Western Championships.

2010 Arctic Winter Games Trials **Grande Prairies, Alberta**

Dates: March 6 – March 13, 2010.
(Everyone will travel with Team Yukon including athletes, coaches and mission staff from all sports).

Team Size: A maximum of 12 male and 12 female skiers (4 in each of the midget, juvenile and junior boy and girl age categories).
Midget skiers are 1996-97 – Juvenile skiers are 1994-95 – Junior B&G are 1992-93

- Please note that younger skiers will not be moved to an older category even if spots are available in other categories.

Goal: The AWG represent an opportunity for skiers to participate in their first outside competition and compete with skiers residing in the North.

Eligibility: Skiers with the highest combined point total from the two selection races will be selected. Skiers must demonstrate the commitment to train and perform at their best possible level at the AWG to remain on the team. Failure to demonstrate this commitment may result in an athlete being dropped from the team.

For the fourth spot in each of the categories, if a community skier is within 17% of the winner he/she will also be automatically be qualified for the team. (E.g. the community skier will take precedence over a Whitehorse skier for this fourth spot). Community skiers are described as individuals who do not have access to coaches or programs in their area and are not part of any Whitehorse based programs.

The competitors have to be entered in the trials to be selected. Additional athletes who have attended the selection from each of these categories may also be nominated if some of the selected athletes decline their nomination but only in their respective categories (no skiers will be moved up).

Selection Races: Don Sumanik/AWG Trials Races on Nov. 28 and Dec.5, 2009 with back-up races on Jan. 9 and 16, 2010.

Team will be announced one week after the completion of the trials.

The CCY High Performance Committee will make the recommendations on the selection of athletes and coaches to the CCY Board of Director. In the event of an appeal on the selection process, the request should be directed to the CCY High Performance Committee in writing at the following e-mail address xcyukon@northwestel.net. Please note that for the AWG selection process, the Sport Yukon Games Committee would monitor any appeal based on their AWG guidelines for trials.

Canadian National Championships, Whitehorse, Yukon

Dates: March 14-21, 2010

Team Size: CCY is hoping to see as many Yukon skiers participating in this event and no selection will be used. The Skiers who will be participating in the 2010 Nationals will be supported by their respective Squad coaches.