

CROSS COUNTRY YUKON

2011-12 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 reflects the recommendations made in the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model endorsed by Cross Country Yukon (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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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, maturity, assessed potential and ability to perform and contribute in a team context.
- c. costs to athletes and to CCY and the availability of funding.
- d. Other factors – age, health status, past results and force majeure may be taken into consideration. When such factors are considered in the selection process, the rationale and manner in which these factors have been considered will be provided in writing if requested by an athlete.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Selection to trips and teams will be based on the recommendations of Yukon Ski Team's coaches to CCY's High Performance Committee based on the selection criteria above.

Athletes are expected to compete in both Don Sumanik races to acquire racing points.

Meeting the point standard for a competition is not alone enough to ensure selection. Subjective criteria will be applied to select skiers who are suitable candidates for trips.

CCY reserves the right to modify 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 shortage of required leadership, coaching or support people.

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

FORCE MAJEURE

From time to time situations arise beyond the control of an athlete that could prevent the athlete from meeting an eligibility standard for a race. 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 remove 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.

TEAM SIZE RATIONALE

Team size for all trips is limited to 12 athletes. This is the maximum number of athletes that can be accommodated with respect to:

- Driving, when trips are made by road
- Accommodation and meals
- Supervision and care of athletes
- Technical and coaching support

This means that not all athletes who meet the minimum points criteria for a particular trip may be able to participate in that trip.

B TEAM OPTION

The option exists for additional athletes who meet the minimum point criteria to participate in a trip (a B Team). This option exists only if coaching and supervision support can be organized independently of the coaching and support required for the team selected for that trip (the A Team). Coordination and cooperation between the two groups can be arranged (eg. advice on waxing will be provided by the coach of the A Team) but the B Team should expect to function independently of the A Team. Funding at a lower level will be provided to the B Team athletes according to money available. Squad representatives will be advised of the team selected for an event at the time as soon as reasonably possible in order to facilitate B Team trip planning.

**2010-11 POINTS STANDARDS FOR SELECTION TO THE WORLD
JUNIOR/UNDER 23, NATIONALS & WESTERN 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.

Category	Year of birth	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – World Under 23/JR. Trials	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – Western Canadian Championships	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – Canadian National Championships	International Performance Curve from CCC for reference and selection when more than 12 skiers meet a trip criteria
JVG1	1997		61	65	78
JVG2	1996	71	63	67	81
JG1	1995 (1996)	73	67	69	84
JG2	1994	75	69	71	86
JF1	1993 (1994)	77	71	73	87.5
JF2	1992	78	72	74	89
JVB1	1996 (1997)		63	67	78
JB1	1995		67	69	84
JB2	1994	75	69	71	86
JM1	1993 (1994)	77	71	73	87.5
JM2	1992	78	72	74	89
Senior M/W first year	1991	79		75	90
Senior M/W second year	1990	80		76	91
Senior M/W 3 rd yr	1989	81		77	92

Points are calculated according to the top finish of a given selection event, and expressed in % of time of the best-ranked skier. The table above identifies the point standard required for each age group for each of the races to achieve the top 60 % threshold. 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.

The point standards are reviewed each year. This year, the point standard required to reach the 60% threshold has been raised by 1% in each category. This reflects the increasing level of competitiveness nationally for racers of all ages.

For more information on the points system, contact Cross Country Yukon or check the Cross Country Canada website at <http://canada.x-c.com/points/canada.htm>

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.

TEAM TRIPS – 2010/2011 SEASON
NORAM Sovereign Lake and Rossland, BC

Dates: December 8-19, 2011

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 Junior and Senior skiers from Canada in their respective categories (note that only open Junior and Senior categories are on the race invitation for the event). Trip will include 2 weekend races with a high altitude training camp between weekends.

Selection criteria: Red Squad skiers are pre-selected for this event. Additional skiers (females born in 1995 or earlier and males born in 1994 or earlier) will be selected based on the 2010 CPL distance points list (best of 4 distance points). Blue Squad skiers must have achieved the national point standard for 2010/11 at least once in the previous year.

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria and are interested in this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier compared to the International Performance curve 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.

Selection Races: Best 4 CPL distance race results of previous season.

Decision date: October 15, 2011

World Junior & World U23 Worlds Championships Trials, Callaghan Valley, BC

Dates: January 10-16, 2012

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. Female skiers born between 1996 and 1989 and male skiers born between 1994 and 1989 achieving the point standard by December 15, 2011 will be considered for this trip.

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria and are interested in this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier compared to the International Performance curve 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.

Selection races: Don Sumanik Races, November 26/27, alternate Dec. 3/4
Outside CPL sanctioned races that occur prior to Dec. 15, 2011

Decision date: December 20, 2011

Western Canadian Championships, Canmore, Alberta

Dates: January 19-23, 2012

Team Size: Maximum 12 skiers

Goal: To provide the Yukon based skiers an opportunity to compete in a high level competition in Western Canada and to represent the Yukon in the regional Western 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 born in 1997 or earlier and 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 Sumanik 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.

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria and are interested in this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier compared to the International Performance curve 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.

Selection races: Don Sumanik races, November 26/27, alternate Dec 3/4
Outside CPL sanctioned races occurring prior to decision date.

Decision Date: **December 20, 2011**

Arctic Winter Games, Whitehorse, Yukon

Dates: March 4-10, 2012

Team Size: Maximum 24 skiers (4/category, male/female midget, juvenile and junior)

Goal: To provide an international competitive opportunity for skiers born 2000 or earlier and skiing in midget, juvenile and junior boys/girls categories.

Selection Criteria: Skiers must be the minimum age indicated above. Skiers will be allowed to ski up one category above their age category. Selection will be made on the basis of the total times over two races, one classic, one skating.

Selection races: Don Sumanik races, November 26/27, alternate Dec 3/4
If Don Sumanik races are postponed, time trials will be held on alternate dates, to be determined.

Decision date: Week following completion of trials

Canadian National Championships, Mt-Ste-Anne, PQ

Dates: March 15-25, 2012

Team Size: Maximum 12 skiers

Goal: To expose the best Yukon skiers to a high level of competition in their respective age group and to represent the Yukon in the National Championships. Only athletes with a potential to finish in the top 60% of the age group they are competing in will be considered.

Selection Criteria: Juvenile and older skiers. Athletes must meet the minimum points criteria in two separate qualifying races, as noted in the points selection table. Once skiers have attained qualification standards, they must continue to train and perform at a high level to remain on the team. Red Squad athletes will be pre-selected for this event.

In the event that more than 12 skiers meet the selection criteria and are interested in this event, a ranking list will be established using the CPL list. The top points carrier compared to the International Performance curve 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.

Selection races: Don Sumanik Races, November 26/27, alternate Dec 3/4
Western Canadian Championship races, Jan. 19-23, 2012
Outside sanctioned races.

Decision Date: January 30, 2012