

# **CROSS COUNTRY YUKON**

## **2007-2008 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 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.

**2007-08 POINTS STANDARDS FOR SELECTION TO THE WORLD  
JUNIOR/UNDER 23, NATIONALS AND 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. 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/ON	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – Nationals Championships/BC	Selection Criteria/ (Points Standard) – Western Canadian Championships/ Sask
Juvenile first year	1993		64	62
Juvenile second year	1992		66	65
Junior B/G first year	1991		68	66
Junior B/G second year	1990	74	70	68
Junior M/W first year	1989	76	72	70
Junior M/W second year	1988	77	73	71
Senior M/W first year	1987	78	74	72
Senior M/W second year	1986	79	75	73
Senior M/W third year	1985	80	76	74
Senior M/W fourth year	1984	81	77	
Senior M/W fifth year	1983	82	78	
Senior M/W sixth year	1982	83	79	
Senior M/W seventh yr.	1981	84	80	
Senior M/W eight year	1980	85	81	
Senior M/W ninth year	1979	86	82	

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.

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>

## **TEAM TRIPS – 2007/2008 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.

### **NORAM Silver Star, BC**

***Dates:*** December 2-3, 2007  
(Travel dates will be Nov. 30-Dec. 4)

***Team size:*** up to 12 athletes

***Goal:*** To provide the most competitive Yukon skiers with an opportunity to collect Canada Points in early season against the best Junior and Senior skiers from Canada in the open categories.

***Selection criteria:*** Red Squad skiers are pre-selected for this event. Additional skiers born in 1992 and earlier who have achieved the point's standard for the Nationals in 2007 will be eligible 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.

### **World Junior and World Under 23 Worlds Championships Trials, Duntroon, Ont.**

***Dates:*** January 3-6, 2008  
(Travel dates will be Dec. 31-Jan. 7)

***Team size:*** Up to 12 athletes

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

***Selection Criteria:*** The Red Squad skiers are pre-selected for this event. All skiers born in 1990 and earlier achieving the points standard by December 10, 2007 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.

### **Western Canadian Championships, La Ronge, Saskatchewan**

***Dates:*** February 21-24, 2008  
(Travel dates Feb. 19-25, 2008)

***Team Size:*** Maximum 12 skiers

***Goal:*** To expose selected skiers to a high level of competition in Western Canada and to represent the Yukon in the regional Western Championships. Only skiers with the 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 at least once as noted in the points selection table in either the Don Sumanik Races in December or the Besh Cup races in February. Once skiers have attained qualification standards, they must continue to train and perform at high level to remain on the team.

Midget skiers will only be considered for this trip if they meet the points standard for the Juvenile Category in the above selection criteria and have the approval of the High Performance Committee and a parent to be eligible.

Selection will be announced after the Besh Cup races in Alaska.

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 point's 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.

### **Canadian National Championships, Callaghan Valley, BC**

**Dates:** March 16-23, 2008.

(Travel dates are March 14-24, 2008)

**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 high level to remain on the team.

Midget skiers need to meet the point's standard for the Juvenile Category in the above selection criteria and have the approval of the High Performance Committee and a parent or legal guardian to be eligible.

Selection races: Don Sumanik Races, Besh Cup in Fairbanks and any outside CPL sanctioned races. Red Squad athletes will be pre-selected for this event.

Selection will be announced after the Western Canadian Championships.

### **Arctic Winter Games, Yellowknife, NWT**

**Dates:** March 9 – March 16, 2008.

(Everyone will travel with Team Yukon including athletes, coaches and mission staff from all sports).

**Team Size:** 12 male and 12 female skiers (4 in each of the midget, juvenile and junior boy and girl age categories).

**Goal:** To represent the Yukon at a multi-sport competition including athletes from all over the North.

**Eligibility:** Skiers with the highest combined point total from the two AWG 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 a skier 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 programs.

The competitors have to be entered in the trials to be selected. Additional athletes from each of these categories may also be nominated if some of the selected athletes decline their nomination or a given category is not filled.

**Selection Races:** Don Sumanik/AWG Trials Races on Dec. 15-16, 2007.

The Team will be announced on December 18, 2007.

In the event of one or both races being canceled, the Trials will take place in early January.