



2017 – 2018

**Nomination Guidelines for
Selection to the
Ontario Ski Team**



Dear Athletes, coaches and parents.

The following Nomination Guidelines represent Alpine Ontario Alpin (AOA)'s commitment to creating and managing an elite athletic development system for the Province of Ontario. The Ontario Ski Team is an Athlete centered, coach driven, and administrative supported organization with a mandate to deliver the best training and racing opportunities for our Athletes. Every year we strive to build an even better program. AOA recognizes its position within the alpine development system and strives to work congruently with our Club Programs and the National Ski Team to offer the very best for our Athletes. Moreover, the relationship we have with our clubs, supporting programs and Alpine Canada is important to the success of our system.

One of AOA's long-term goals is to increase Ontario's presence on our National Ski Team. To be successful in our pursuits we acknowledge the need to select Athletes based on past performance and subjective factors that highlight an Athlete's skiing skill, dedication to the sport and love of competition.

Qualifying for **The Ontario Ski Team** is reserved for the very best Athletes in Ontario.. Alpine Ontario Alpin has set the bar high and we expect our Athletes to meet the standards and represent Ontario in a fashion that is consistent with the high level of programming we provide.

Good luck to all Athletes and should you have any questions please feel free to contact either Mike Necesanek, Ontario Ski Team – Women's Head Coach, Cam McKenzie, Ontario Ski Team – Men's Head Coach, or Mark Marshall, Alpine Ontario Alpin - Athletic Director.



NOMINATION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2017/2018 ONTARIO SKI TEAM

Effective: 15th of February, 2017

1/ GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Selection Guidelines outline the process applicable to all Athletes to be considered for selection to the Ontario Ski Team ("OST")
2. The objective of the Selection Guidelines is to select Athletes most capable of achieving success based on the criteria below.
3. The OST shall consist of a maximum of 4 Athletes who have Prospect Athlete Status, as hereinafter defined, per gender.

2/ DEFINITIONS

1. "Athlete" means a FIS carded Athlete that is an Ontario Resident.
2. "Appeals Committee" means a committee to be appointed by the Executive Director of AOA
3. "OST" means the Ontario Ski Team
4. "Prospect Athlete Status" means Athletes who do not meet the selection criteria but are invited to train with the team during the period ending September 1st who then have the opportunity to be selected to the OST with Prospect Athlete Status as contemplated herein.
5. "OST Alpine Staff" refers to the Head Coaches for the Men's and Women's teams, the Athletic Director.
6. "Selection Committee" will be comprised of the AOA Executive Director, Athletic Director, Men's Ontario Ski Team Head Coach, and Women's Ontario Ski Team Head Coach.
7. "FIS Rankings" means the rankings for each discipline on the most current FIS Points List published prior to selections.
8. "Club Program" any racing program operating within Ontario.
9. "National Rank by age or younger" can be found on the FIS website www.fis-ski.com



3/ PROCEDURE

These nomination guidelines reflect the goal that AOA strives to deliver the best Alpine Ski Racing Athletes in Canada. Our goal for these criteria is to obtain a focused group of Athletes across Ontario to ensure the best representation and select the very best Athletes Ontario is producing. Athletes will be asked to conduct themselves in a manner keeping with the overall objectives and integrity of our program.

4/ ELIGIBILITY

1. Athletes must hold a Canadian FIS license.
2. Athletes must be a member in good standing of an Ontario Alpine club within the last 5 seasons and possess a valid OHIP Card.
3. AOA will consider the eligibility of Athletes who do not meet section 4.2 criteria but have established full time residency in the province of Ontario on a case-by-case basis.

5/ SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

1. A list of Athletes that fulfill the performance criteria listed in subsection 10 & 11 will be compiled from the 12th FIS List valid on March 21st 2017. This list will be published on the AOA website on March 23rd 2017. The OST Alpine Staff shall consider the list of identified Athletes and, at its sole discretion, finalize the list of selected Athletes and notify each of the selected Athletes. Athletes will have until April 19th, 2017 to confirm their participation in the program by submitting an Athlete signed agreement.

2. AOA and all Division and Club Programs may make an application no later than April 19th, 2017, for their Athlete(s) who do not make the selection criteria outlined in section 10 and 11. Submissions should go directly to Mark Marshall, AOA Athletic Director. The submission must include but is not limited to:

- A) Performance evaluation of the current competitive season
- B) Detailed technical evaluation of on snow skills
- C) Most recent physical fitness testing results

Submissions must be accompanied with a cheque made payable to AOA for \$500 CAD. This amount shall be nonrefundable.

3. Each Athlete in respect of whom an application has been made shall be notified by AOA, no later than April 21st, of the receipt of the application and setting forth the



cost to the Athlete to participate with Prospect Athlete Status up to September 1st and the cost to the Athlete to be on the OST with Prospect Athlete Status if the Athlete is selected to do so as contemplated herein. Each Athlete shall be notified no later than April 21st, Prior to April 22nd an Athlete may withdraw his or her application in which case the \$500 will be refunded.

4. AOA will advise each Athlete by April 25th as to whether he or she has been granted Prospect Athlete Status. Each Athlete so selected shall have until May 1st to commit to Prospect Athlete Status by submitting a signed Athlete agreement. All Athletes who are granted Prospect Athlete Status shall participate with the OST up to the period of September 1st. At the end of such period the name of each Athlete with Prospect Athlete Status will be brought before the Selection Committee for determination as to whether the Athlete will be named to the OST with Prospect Athlete Status for the remainder of the season.

7/ APPEALS

1. AOA will conduct an appeals process to resolve any disputes arising from the selection process.
2. The Appeals Committee will be appointed by the AOA Executive Director.
3. Athletes not named to the OST with Prospect Athlete Status on April 3rd may submit a written appeal by April 8th to the Appeals Committee. The letter must document the reasoning as to why the decision should be overturned accompanied with appropriate data.
4. Athletes not named to the OST as Prospect Athlete Status Athletes on September 1st may submit a written appeal by September 5th to the Appeals Committee. The letter must document the reasoning as to why the decision should be overturned accompanied with the appropriate data.
5. The Athlete's Club Program Director or coach and the Athlete's parents (if the Athlete is under 18 years of age) must endorse the appeal.
6. The Appeals Committee will meet as soon as is reasonably possible following the receipt of the notice of appeal. The appeals committee shall establish its own rules including rules as to the ability of an Athlete to make an oral presentation.
7. Following the appeals meeting, the committee will advise the AOA Staff and the Athlete of its decision within three business days of hearing the appeal. All decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final.



8/ INJURY STATUS

1. Athletes who don't meet the selection criteria due to a major injury or illness during the current season who were clearly showing the competitive performance to be within the OST Selection criteria will be considered both for full status or Prospect Athlete Status.
3. OST members on injury status may only resume training and/or competition with the approval of the Athlete's medical professionals and the OST Alpine Staff

9/ MEN'S SELECTION CRITERIA

FIS AGE U21 & U19 ATHLETES

Athletes qualify for selection to the OST by meeting the following criteria:

1. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1997:
Athletes with less than 35 pts in GS and SL OR less than 35 pts in EITHER GS or SL & 45 pts or less in SG OR Athletes with a top-15 world rank for birth year and younger in any one discipline
2. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1998:
Athletes with less than 45 pts in GS and SL OR less than 45 pts in EITHER GS or SL & 55pts or less in SG OR Athletes with a top-15 world rank for birth year and younger in any one discipline
3. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1999:
Athletes with less than 55 pts in GS and SL OR less than 55 pts in EITHER GS or SL & 65pts or less in SG OR Athletes with a top-15 world rank for birth year and younger in any one discipline
4. Performance Targets for Birth Year 2000:
Athletes with less than 65 pts in GS and SL OR less than 65 pts in EITHER GS or SL & 75pts or less in SG. OR Athletes with a top-15 world rank for birth year and younger in any one discipline

SENIOR AGE ATHLETES

In certain situations, Senior Age athletes will be considered on a case by case basis and evaluated on performance and coach assessment.



10/ WOMEN'S SELECTION CRITERIA

FIS AGE U21 & U19 ATHLETES

Athletes qualify for selection to the OST by meeting following criteria.

1. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1997:

Athletes with less than 50 pts in GS and SL OR less than 50 pts in EITHER GS or SL AND 60 pts or less in SG. Athletes with less than 40 pts in any one discipline.

2. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1998:

Athletes with less than 55 pts in GS and SL OR less than 55 pts in EITHER GS or SL AND 55 pts or less in SG Athletes with less than 45 pts in any one discipline.

3. Performance Targets for Birth Year 1999:

Athletes with less than 65 pts in GS and SL OR less than 65 pts in EITHER GS or SL AND 65pts or less in SG Athletes with less than 50 pts in any one discipline.

4. Performance Targets for Birth Year 2000:

Athletes with less than 70 pts in GS and SL OR less than 70 pts in EITHER GS or SL AND 75 pts or less in SG Athletes with less than 60 pts in any one discipline.

SENIOR AGE ATHLETES

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11/ NOTICES

All applications, submissions, appeals and other notices shall be submitted to Mark Marshall, AOA Athletic Director, email to mmarshall@alpineontario.ca with a copy to Scott Barrett, AOA Executive Director, email to sbarrett@alpineontario.ca