



## Ski Jumping Canada National Team Selection Process & Criteria 2024-2025

The following outlines the selection process for Ski jumping Canada's (SJC) National and National Development Men's and Women's Ski jumping Team for the 2024/2025 season. The criteria are designed to support SJC's vision "To inspire Canadians by winning medals, in turn inspiring young Canadians to pursue the sport of Ski Jumping." , and to foster a vibrant culture of ski jumping in Canada, promoting inclusivity and excellence that inspires all Canadians to partake in the joy of the sport and strengthens our national sporting identity.

SJC's criteria will use a combination of age requirements, physical testing and competition results to determine the eligible athletes.

## 1. National Team Selection Process and Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the selection process, candidates must fulfill the following conditions:

- Must be age eligible for World Cup Competitions, according to FIS rules; for the 2024-2025 season that means born in the year 2009 or earlier;
- Must be a member in good standing with a ski jumping club recognized by SJC;
- Must be a member in good standing with Ski Jumping Canada (where applicable);
- Must hold a valid Canadian passport;
- Must meet all the requirements of FIS and have signed the FIS Athlete Declaration;
- Must have signed the current SJC Athlete Agreement;
- Must have no positive results from anti-doping testing;
- Returning athlete:
  - Will have participated in all required SJC events in the previous season (unless they had been given written authorization to miss them);
  - Has a two (2) years cycle to 're-earn' the points required to maintain their status on the applicable team; if points are not earned, the athlete loses their status. Exceptions to this will be determined by the High Performance Athlete Committee (i.e. based on injury and other extenuating circumstances);
- Unless exempt due to injury (or other reason approved in writing by SJC), athlete must be ranked in the top 10 on the Canadian Ranking List from the previous season;
- The announcement of the National Team for 2024-2025 will be made in July 2024.

## 2. Men's Team Qualifying Standards

To be named to the National Team a male athlete must meet the criteria listed above as well as:

### National Team

- Achieve 1 World Cup Point or Summer Grand Prix Point

### National Development Team

- Achieve 1 Continental Cup point at any competition
- Achieve 1 FIS Cup point at a European FIS Cup

**Attendance:**

95% attendance at all training sessions and other activities arranged by SJC. Absences must be discussed with the coach and where appropriate approved by the High Performance Director.

**Physical Testing Results:**

Monitoring and evaluation will occur on a regular basis. Athletes must be making progress towards the individual targets set for them.

### **3. Women's Team Qualifying Standards:**

To be named to the National Team a female athlete must meet the criteria listed above as well as:

**National Team**

- Up to (as determined by the High Performance Athlete Committee) the top four athletes on the Canadian Ranking List with World Cup Points

**National Development Team**

- Achieve 1 Continental Cup point at a European ICOC competition

**Attendance:**

95% attendance at all training sessions and other activities arranged by SJC. Absences must be discussed with the coach and where appropriate approved by the High Performance Director.

**Physical Testing Results:**

Monitoring and evaluation will occur on a regular basis. Athletes must be making progress towards the individual targets set for them.

### **4. Athlete Ranking Canadian Ranking List (CRL)**

The Canadian Ranking List will be used to determine the rank of Ski Jumping athletes. The combination of the Ranking List and the Selection criteria above will be used to determine the competitive team/circuit to which the athletes will be assigned. The CRL will be updated at the end of each period.

### **5. Final Selection**

The process used to make the final selection will be:

- The Head Coach, or designate, will nominate a list of eligible athletes to the High Performance Athlete Committee.
- The High Performance Athlete Committee will confirm the nominees and ratify the team selection.

The High Performance Athlete Committee is comprised of:

- SJC HP Director Todd Stretch
- Athlete Representatives– Natasha Bodnarchuk, Mathew Soukup
- Board member- Nathaniel Mah
- SJC Coach – Janko Zwitter
- Independent Participant - Guy Bolton