



**Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada
Selection Criteria for Competitive Teams
2025 World Championships**

Objectives

This document describes the guidelines and policies employed in the selection of the **Canadian World Championships Ski Mountaineering Team**. The system is reviewed biannually, prior to the selection of the upcoming year's World Championships Team.

These 2025 World Championships Selection Criteria will be applied during the 2024-2025 racing season, in order to determine the 2025 World Championships Team. The criteria will be released prior to the 2024-2025 season.

In addition to the criteria outlined below, it is expected that discretion will play a part in selection. Athletes interested in representing Canada at the 2025 World Championships should familiarise themselves with the following criteria and request clarification or support from the Athlete Representative if required.

With the exception of Mixed Relay and Teams pairings, the 2025 World Championships Team will be named no later than February 7th, 2025. Athletes must accept or decline their invitation(s) no later than February 10th, 2025 so that unused spots may be reallocated.

1. GOALS

The main goals of this TEAM SELECTION criteria are to:

- 1.1. Build a strong future for the sport of Ski Mountaineering in Canada;
- 1.2. Have the best and strongest Canadian athletes at ISMF World Championships;
- 1.3. Encourage athletes to train hard to be within the reach of the top athletes in international fields;
- 1.4. Encourage athletes to attend Canadian calendar races, travel to international competitions, and demonstrate dedication to the sport;
- 1.5. Provide clear and well-articulated selection criteria for our athletes;

2. ATHLETES

SMCC expects that its Athletes will contribute to the development of Ski Mountaineering in Canada, including:

- 2.1. Promoting the sport within their communities;
- 2.2. Be a member of SMCC in good standing;
- 2.3. Supporting and assisting other athletes to improve and compete successfully;
- 2.4. Representing Canada in a positive manner when attending all events;
- 2.5. Becoming actively involved in the team and group tasks relating to sponsorship, uniforms, and relationships with supporting industries;
- 2.6. Communicating issues to the Team Management;
- 2.7. Maintaining a positive and respectful approach with all team members, managers, and directors;
- 2.8. Abide by the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport as well as the Code of Conduct of SMCC.

3. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

- 3.1. For events with individual participation (Individual, Vertical, Sprint), Canada is allowed to register up to 4 Senior Men, 4 Senior Women, 3 U23 Men, 3 U23 Women, 4 U20 Men, 4 U20 Women, 4 U18 Men, and 4 U18 Women.
- 3.2. For the teams race, Canada is allowed to register up to 4 Senior Men's teams and 4 Senior Women's teams
- 3.3. For the mixed relay race, Canada is allowed to register up to 3 Mixed Relay teams.
- 3.4. The 2025 World Championships take place from March 2-9, 2025
- 3.5. Selection Events: Sprint
 - 3.5.1. 2023/24 Season events that comprise the 2023/24 Athlete Ranking.
 - 3.5.2. ISMF World Cups
 - 3.5.2.1. Courchevel, December 14, 2024
 - 3.5.2.2. Shahdag, January 11, 2025
 - 3.5.2.3. Boi Taull, February 1, 2025
 - 3.5.3. Canada Cup
 - 3.5.3.1. Castle Mountain, January 11, 2025
 - 3.5.3.2. Kimberley, February 1, 2025
- 3.6. Selection Events: Individual/Teams
 - 3.6.1. 2023/24 Season events that comprise the 2023/24 Athlete Ranking.
 - 3.6.2. ISMF World Cups
 - 3.6.2.1. Shahdag, January 13th, 2025
 - 3.6.2.2. Arinsal, January 25, 2025
 - 3.6.3. Canada Cup
 - 3.6.3.1. Castle Mountain, January 12, 2025
 - 3.6.3.2. Kimberley, February 2, 2025

- 3.7. Selection Events: Vertical
 - 3.7.1. 2023/24 Season events that comprise the 2023/24 Athlete Ranking
 - 3.7.2. ISMF World Cup
 - 3.7.2.1. Courchevel, December 15, 2024
 - 3.7.2.2. Shahdag, January 12, 2025
 - 3.7.3. Canada Cup
 - 3.7.3.1. Castle Mountain, January 10, 2025
 - 3.7.3.2. Kimberley, January 31, 2025
- 3.8. Selection Events: Mixed Relay
 - 3.8.1. Because of the importance of the performance in the Mixed Relay with regards to Olympic Qualification, selection of the Mixed Relay teams will be determined by the 2025 Mixed Relay Selection Policy.
 - 3.8.2. The selection events for the mixed relay are the following ISMF World Cups
 - 3.8.2.1. Arinsal, January 26, 2025
 - 3.8.2.2. Boi Taull, February 2, 2025
 - 3.8.2.3. Bormio, February 23, 2025
- 3.9. Mixed Relay Selection
 - 3.9.1. The top male and female athletes from the Canadian Mixed Relay Athlete Ranking (MRAR) taking into account the best 2 out of 3 results will be paired together. The world cups that will be used for these results will be Andorra, Boi Taull and Bormio.
 - 3.9.2. The next male and female athletes on the MRAR taking into account the best 2 out of 3 results will be paired together.
 - 3.9.3. The third pairing will be selected based on a discretionary decision considering MRAR and ISMF World Cup Sprint results Courchevel, Shahdag, Boi Taull and Bormio World Cups in 2024.
- 3.10. Sprint Selection
 - 3.10.1. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athlete on the 2024/25 ISMF World Cup Sprint Ranking
 - 3.10.2. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athlete from the 2023/2024 SMCC Sprint ranking.
 - 3.10.3. Two (2) quota spots will be given by discretionary selection based on performance during the selection period from December 1, 2024-February 24, 2024 at ISMF World cups and/or SMCC Canada cups.
 - 3.10.4. If one of the athletes above has already been selected by the first criteria, the next ranked Canadian athlete on the ISMF World Cup Sprint Ranking will be selected.
 - 3.10.5. If both of the athletes in have already been selected , the 3rd ranked Canadian athlete on the ISMF World Cup Sprint Ranking and the 3rd ranked athlete on the SMCC Canada Cup Sprint Ranking will be selected.
 - 3.10.6. Should an athlete decline their spot or not be in good standing with the SMCC, their spot will be awarded to the next ranked athlete under the criteria which they earned their spot.
- 3.11. Individual Selection

- 3.11.1. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athlete on the 2024/25 ISMF World Cup Individual Ranking
- 3.11.2. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athlete from the 2023/2024 SMCC Individual ranking.
- 3.11.3. Two (2) quota spots will be given by discretionary selection based on performance during the selection period from December 1, 2024-February 24, 2024 at ISMF World cups and/or SMCC Canada cups.
- 3.11.4. If one of the athletes above has already been selected by the above criteria, the next Canadian athlete on the 2024/25 ISMF World Cup Individual ranking will be selected.
- 3.11.5. Should an athlete decline their spot or not be in good standing with the SMCC, their spot will be awarded to the next ranked athlete under the criteria which they earned their spot.
- 3.12. Vertical Selection
 - 3.12.1. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athletes on the 2024/25 ISMF World Cup Vertical Ranking
 - 3.12.2. One (1) quota spot will be given to the top Canadian athlete from the 2023/2024 SMCC Vertical ranking.
 - 3.12.3. Two (2) quota spots will be given by discretionary selection based on performance during the selection period from December 1, 2024-February 24, 2024 at ISMF World cups and/or SMCC Canada cups.
 - 3.12.4. If one of the athletes above has already been selected by the above criteria, the next Canadian athlete on the ISMF World Cup Vertical ranking will be selected.
 - 3.12.5. Should an athlete decline their spot or not be in good standing with the SMCC, their spot will be awarded to the next ranked athlete under the criteria which they earned their spot.
- 3.13. Teams Race Selection
 - 3.13.1. Four (4) quota spots will be given to athletes selected for the individual.
 - 3.13.2. The remaining 4 spots will be given out based on a discretionary selection based on ISMF World Cup Individual races and SMCC Canada Cup Individual races.
 - 3.13.3. Pairings will be decided by discretion.
- 3.14. Discretion
 - 3.14.1. Prior to team spots being awarded, all placements are subject to review by the Skimo Canada World Cup Selection Committee. The Committee will endeavour to maintain the team composition outlined above, however final team composition is subject to discretion.