

2018-19 FIS CONTINENTAL CUP SERIES (COC) SELECTION CRITERIA

1.0 FIS COC Series Objectives

1. FIS Objectives: To assist in athlete development for participation in the World Cup.
2. CCC Objectives: To create competitive opportunities based on results from the NorAm series and Canadian Ski Championships that provides WC starts and stimulate the transition from NorAm racing to future WC/WSC/OWG medalists.

2.0 General Information

1. Nations can apply for FIS to designate as a “FIS Continental Cup Series” domestic race events that meet specified FIS criteria. In receiving official designation for such a series, host nations gain access to additional World Cup quota, an important component in preparing Canadian athletes for future WSC and Olympic competitions.
2. For the 2018-19 season, Haywood NorAm, and Canadian Ski Championship competitions referenced in 3.0 have been designated as Canada’s FIS Continental Cup Series. All designated competitions will be FIS-sanctioned. All competitors with FIS licenses, entered in the Open classes, will be eligible for points allocated for the Series standings and aggregate winners.
3. CCC’s High Performance Director reserves the right to decide whether Canada will utilize these additional World Cup quota positions allocated by FIS in consideration of Canada’s FIS Continental Cup Series. The decision will be based on factors that include:
 - i. Ski de fond Canada Selection Criteria for 2018-19 National Ski Team (NST) Competitions Sections 1 and 2,
 - ii. World Cup scheduling (i.e. competition formats, distances and locations) and the athlete’s ability to compete in the scheduled events,
4. CCC will only consider for selection those CCC members in good standing who have a valid Canadian passport, a valid CCC license, and a valid FIS license and who meet FIS minimum eligibility standards referenced in the FIS Rules for the FIS Cross-Country World Cup WC 3.3: https://res.cloudinary.com/fis-production/image/upload/v1536925921/fis-prod/assets/Continental_Cup_Rules_Cross-Country.pdf
5. The COC series winners and current leaders will get reimbursement from CCC according to article 10.1 of the FIS WC rules. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the athlete.

3.0 Eligible Competitions in the 2018-19 Season

Date	Place	Category	Format
Period 1			
December 8-9, 2018	Sovereign Lake, Vernon BC	Haywood NorAm	Sprint F 10/15 CI
December 13-16	Callaghan Valley, Whistler BC	Haywood NorAm WJr/U23 Trials	Sprint CI; F 15/30 MSt CI
Period 2	No Events		
Period 3			
January 18-20, 2019	Bishop's University, Sherbrooke QC	Cdn World Ski Championship Trials	Sp F, 10/15 Int CI, 20/30 F MSt
February 1-3, 2019	Highlands Nordic SC, Collingwood ON	Haywood NorAm Eastern's	Sp CI, Int CI 10/10 CI, Pur 15/15 F
Period 4	No Events		
Period 5			
March 13-20, 2019	Nakkertok Ski Club	Cdn Ski Championships	CL Int 10/10; F Pur15/15; Sp F, TSp CI; CI 30/50 MSt

4.0 FIS Allocation of Additional World Cup Quotas for 2018-19 COC Series Winners and 2019-20 COC Series Leaders

FIS authorizes additional WC quota entitlements for 2018-19 for the male and female leaders of all COC Series as follows:

WC Period	Dates of eligible WC Period	Athletes Eligible for Additional Quota
WC Period 1	November 24 – December 16, 2018	Male and Female COC Series Winners from 2017-18
WC Period 2	December 29, 2018-January 6, 2019	Male and Female COC Leaders at December 26, 2018
WC Period 3	January 12 – January 27, 2019	Male and Female COC Leaders at January 9, 2019
WC Period 4	February 9 – February 17, 2019	Male and Female COC Leaders at February 6, 2019
WC Period 5	March 9 – March 24, 2019	Male and Female COC Leaders at March 6, 2019

All FIS requirements regarding additional quota for COC Series Leaders and Winners are set out in the Rules for the FIS Cross-Country Continental Cup: https://res.cloudinary.com/fis-production/image/upload/v1536925921/fis-prod/assets/Continental_Cup_Rules_Cross-Country.pdf

5.0 CCC Selection of COC Winners and Leaders

Subject to Section 2.3 and Section 4.0, CCC may select athletes to use the additional quota provided by FIS based on the following:

	Athletes Eligible for Selection	As of:	COC Series Ranking Based on:	Eligible for Selection for:
5.1	Overall male and female winners from 2017-18	End of 2017-18 season	COC Series Overall Winners from 2017-18 season	WC Period 1 November 24- December 16, 2018
5.2	Overall male and female COC Series leaders	January 9, 2019	Total of highest 3 scores in sprint and/or distance	WC Period 3 January 12 -January 27, 2019
5.3	Overall male and female COC Series leaders	February 6, 2019	Total of highest 6 scores in sprint and/or distance	WC Period 4 February 9 – February 17, 2019
5.4	Overall male and female COC Series leaders	March 6, 2019	Total of highest 8 scores in sprint and/or distance	WC Period 5 March 22-24, 2019
5.5	Overall male and female winners for 2018-19	March 19, 2017	Total of highest 10 scores in sprint and distance	WC Period 1 2019-20

Note: CCC will only offer team and travel support to COC Leaders at select WC races. COC leaders will be required to make their own travel and logistical arrangements for events outside of those supported by CCC.

6.0 Series Scoring

The scoring system outlined in Section 11.3 of the 2018-19 NorAm Technical Package will be used to determine the overall and sprint leaders throughout the COC Series:

<http://www.cccski.com/getmedia/c4c28ed8-d6dc-42fc-8100-98c81b9aa2ef/2018-19-NorAm-TP-Oct.pdf.aspx>

For ease of reference, the NorAm Technical Package outlines:

- A scoring system that assigns points as follows: 1st place= 100 points, etc.
- Ranking of pursuit race will include points based on time of day plus points for the combined time in the pursuit event. Reference the race notice to confirm final formats.
- The principles to be applied for any tie-breaking situations. Refer to the NorAm Technical Package under section 11.3

Cancellation of any race in the series will result in a review of the number of results to be considered in each period; this reassessment will be made by the Selection Committee.

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