

# **Request for Athlete Proposals: National Winter Sports Development Association**

**A financial assistance opportunity aimed at supporting the development of internationally competitive Canadian athletes in cross-country skiing.**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## **1. OVERVIEW**

The NWSDA was established through the foresight and donation of the Disbrow family. This generous support of the NWSDA is aimed at assisting coaches, athletes and competitive racing programs in Canada with a long-term goal focus of boosting and sustaining Canada's performance level and ranking at the international level.

One of the priorities of support of the NWSDA is to enhance athletic opportunities that are currently available to developing cross-country skiers in Canada. NWSDA has made a commitment to supporting selective developing athletes who have demonstrated potential to achieve international excellence in cross-country skiing and have a clear financial need for support to reach that level of performance.

NWSDA is proud to announce that there will be a limited number of grants allotted to cross-country athletes again for the 2019-20 season. These athlete grants will be distributed and managed in partnership with Nordiq Canada (NC).

## **2. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

The NWSDA athlete grants are open to cross-country athletes who meet multiple requirements in the following eligibility priorities:

1. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of international performance at the World U23 Championships or World Cups. Note: (Athletes must be U23 for the 2019-20 season)
2. U23 athletes who have demonstrated a significant level of performance at national domestic competitions with specific emphasis on national championships and U23 trials.
3. Junior athletes with a minimum top 30 international result at the World Junior Championships.
4. Junior athletes with podium performances at the National Championships and/or WJC trials.

Additional requirements:

- Athletes must have both a NC and FIS or IPC racing license.
- Achievement of expected International Performance Benchmarks for the age of the athlete.
- Athletes must race International Trial races and National Championships.
- Previous recipients will only be considered if they meet all of the reporting requirements in the year that they received the subsidy.

\*\* Athletes receiving Sport Canada carding are normally excluded. Exceptions to these eligibility requirements may be made by NWSDA based on need and other performance factors.

### 3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful athletes will be selected based on the following criteria:

- **Meeting the eligibility guidelines.**
- Athletic achievements and demonstrated dedication to sport.

### SELECTION PROCESS

- All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee designated by Cross Country Canada.
- The Selection Committee will determine a short list of candidates.
- The Selection Committee will send the short list of candidates to the NWSDA Board for final selection and approval.
- Successful candidates will be notified by phone and/or e-mail.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible athletes must complete the NWSDA Application Form (see below) and email the electronic copy to: [nwsda@cccski.com](mailto:nwsda@cccski.com)

No Cover Letter required.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Questions:

Please contact, Stephane Barrette, [sbarrette@cccski.com](mailto:sbarrette@cccski.com) for questions or concerns.

Note: Selected recipients to be notified by mid-June.

## **2019-20 NWSDA Athlete Application**

### **A) Contact & Personal Information**

1. First and Last Name:
2. Telephone:
3. Email address:
4. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
5. Mailing Address:

### **B) Racing and Training Information**

Club or Training Centre affiliation:

Coach Name:

Coach Email address:

Training hours for 2018-19:

Projected training hours for 2019-20:

Top 3 athletic achievements for the past 2 seasons in the following events:

- a) U23-World Junior Championships:
- b) U23-World Junior Championship trials:
- c) National Championships:

Final FIS Points for 2018-19 Season (both Sprint and Distance):

CPL Points for 2018-19 Season (both Sprint and Distance):

### **D) Athletic and Academic Goals**

Ski Goals for next season:

Long Term Athletic/Ski Aspirations:

Detail your current Academic situation:

Academic plans for the 2019-20 season:

Detail how the funding will be utilized (point form):