



Pre-Qualification Standards for Pre-Season Selection Camp 2026/27 Season

Overview:

This document outlines a pre-qualification pathway for athletes to pre-qualify for the Pre-Season Selection Camp, the camp that directly precedes the start of the 2026/27 World Cup and IBU Cup season where the final rosters for at least the first World Cup and IBU Cup teams will be named. A separate criteria governs pre-qualification directly to World Cups 1-3 (found here: [hyperlink to be inserted upon publishing]). The complete qualification pathway for the 2026/27 World Cup and IBU Cup season is anticipated to be released by August 2026.

Performance Standards:

Up to 80% of the 2026/27 *combined* World Cup and IBU Cup start quota per gender, *including* any athletes that have met the Pre-qualification standard for World Cups 1-3 (found here: [hyperlink to be inserted upon publishing]), may be pre-qualified for the On-Snow Pre-Season Selection Camp for the 2026/27 Season through the following pre-qualification standards, (rounding down for all fractions). For example, if one athlete meets the WC 1-3 pre-qualification criteria, this athlete will be counted as one of the 80% group.

- 1) Eligible athletes who meet the *objective* standards of the 2026 National A or B team (found here: [hyperlink to be inserted upon publishing]) will pre-qualify. NOTE: This standard *does not* include athletes that qualify for National B team through discretionary nomination.
 - a) If the maximum allowable percentage of pre-qualified start spots is exceeded via the above standard, the following tie-breaking mechanisms will be employed in the order below:
 - i) Single best WC or OWG non-team result.
 - i) If two or more athletes have the same single best result, each athlete's second-best non-team result will be used as the tiebreaker. This tie-break process will continue until the tie is broken (e.g., third-best, fourth-best, etc.).
- 2) If team size is less than 80%, then only those athletes that have met the pre-qualification standards above will qualify.

Performance Requirements for Early Qualification:

Each Pre-Qualified Athlete must accept their National Team nomination and maintain their National Team status throughout the subsequent training season in order to maintain pre-qualification status. Failure to fulfill these terms and conditions will result in the removal of the Pre-Qualified Athlete from early qualification status at which time the Pre-Qualified Athlete would need to follow the remaining selection procedures to qualify for international teams in the upcoming season.