



Luge Canada: Internal Nomination Process Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024

1. General

This Internal Nomination Process (INP) document contains all information needed to understand the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 (WYOG Gangwon 2024) team selection process for the sport of Luge. It is the responsibility of all Luge Canada (LC) athletes to read this document in its entirety, formulate any questions, seek out answers to those questions, and completely understand the process' ramifications well in advance of the various athlete selection opportunities, and the associated deadlines in relation to the WYOG Gangwon 2024.

The WYOG Gangwon 2024 will take place in Gangwon, South Korea from January 19th to February 1st, 2024. A competition schedule will be attached in the appendices of this document. This schedule is based on the latest draft given to us by the Gangwon Youth Olympic Organizing Committee at the time of the writing of this document. While it may or may not change, please be aware that the schedule is ultimately controlled by the FIL, the IOC and Gangwon Organizing committee, and LC must conform to any variations they may make.

This cover page will act as the acknowledgement to LC that the individual has received this document, read it in its entirety, and agrees to address all questions, clarifications, or unclear elements to LC.

Signed on this day, the _____ of _____, 2023

Athlete Name _____

Athlete Signature _____

Name of Parent / Legal Guardian _____
(if under the age of 18)

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(if under the age of 18)

Signing and submitting this document to LC is a requirement for eligibility to participate in the selection procedure of the 2024 Youth Olympic Luge Team. **This document must be signed and returned prior to September 1, 2023.**

Please direct all questions regarding this document to Luge Canada's Executive Director, Tim Farstad, email: tfarstad@luge.ca phone: (403) 202-6581



2. Introduction

a. Purpose

- i. The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of LC for determining athletes who will be selected to represent Canada at the WYOG Gangwon 2024, as members of the Canadian Youth Olympic Team.
- ii. The objective of the Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) is to outline a clear and fair process that describes how athletes are identified and selected to the team competing at the WYOG Gangwon 2024.

b. Performance Objectives

- I. The primary objective of the selection policy and procedures is to nominate athletes who have achieved the Federation International de Luge (FIL) Qualification System (QS) for the WYOG Gangwon 2024.
- II. The secondary objective is to provide and nominate a team, within LC budget restriction, that offers highest-level international competition experience opportunities for the LC high-performance program.

c. Team Size

- i. Nation specific allocated quota spots for the WYOG Gangwon 2024 will be determined by the FIL qualification process, as outlined in the FIL Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 Qualification System <https://www.fil-luge.org/en/rules/rules-artificial-track>
- ii. Subject to LC budget allowance, the maximum available quota spots in each discipline, LC may nominate up to a maximum total of 12 athletes to the WYOG Gangwon 2024 team. Maximum National Sport Federation (NSF) quota spots per discipline as follows:
 - o 2 women's singles
 - o 2 men's singles
 - o 2 men's doubles (4 athletes)
 - o 2 women's doubles (4 athletes)
- iii. The Team Relay competitors (1 woman, 1 man, 1 doubles team) are chosen from the group of already qualified athletes

3. Decision Making Authority

a. Pre-Games Decision Making Authority

- i. The authority for decisions and verification of nomination to the WYOG Gangwon 2024 team resides with LC's High-Performance Selection Committee (HPSC). The HPSC will confirm the proper processes and procedures outlined in this INP document have been followed.
- ii. High-Performance Selection Committee members are:
 - o VP Sport, Luge Canada Board Member
 - o Executive Director, Luge Canada
 - o High Performance Director and/or Manager, Luge Canada
 - o Youth Olympic Team Head Coach, Luge Canada
 - o Olympic Team Coaching Staff, Luge Canada
 - o Athlete Representative, Luge Canada Board Member

**** Luge Canada IST Staff (Sport Science, Para Medical, Team Doctor, etc) may be consulted when their experience and knowledge is required**



- iii. All LC WYOG Gangwon 2024 Team nominations are subject to the approval of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

b. On-Site Decision Making Authority

- i. During the on-site competition period onsite at the WYOG Gangwon 2024, all decision-making authority will reside with the “at Games” leadership group, composed of the WYOG Team head coach, any technical coaching staff, and team leader (if applicable). Any and all decisions must be communicated to the Executive Director & High Performance Director in writing prior to publishing and circulating.

4. International Federation (IF) Criteria

- i. In order to qualify for the WYOG Gangwon 2024, LC athletes must first achieve the Qualification Standards (QS) set forth by the FIL.
- ii. The *FIL* QS for WYOG Gangwon 2024 can be found at <https://www.fil-luge.org/en/rules/rules-artificial-track> in the event of a discrepancy, the most recent *FIL* version will prevail. In the event of changes by the *FIL* to the selection and eligibility criteria, LC is bound by these changes and will inform impacted individuals as soon as possible.
- iii. Appendix A: FIL 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games Qualification System of this document also contains the most current copy of the FIL Qualification System for WYOG Gangwon 2024.

5. Athlete Eligibility

- i. In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for Winter Youth Olympic Team selection, all LC Athletes must:
 1. Be a Canadian citizen (*this refers to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter*);
 2. Have a Canadian passport that does not expire on or before August 01, 2024;
 3. Athletes must have been born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2009;
 4. Be in compliance with all relevant IF, IOC, and WADA Anti-Doping requirements for eligibility.
 5. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee; (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than December 1, 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or legal guardian must also sign these agreements
 6. Be a member in good standing with Luge Canada, through active membership with your Provincial membership;
 7. Sign and submit, and comply to **both** Luge Canada National Team Athlete-NSO Agreement **and** Luge Canada Internal Nominations Procedure WYOG Gangwon 2024;
 8. Be selected as a member of the 2023-2024 LC National Luge Program Junior National Team;
 9. Be compliant with vaccination requirements and policies of the NSO, COC, FIL, and the host country (if applicable).

6. National Sport Organization (NSO) Athlete Selection Criteria & Process

- i. In order to qualify for the WYOG Gangwon 2024, LC athletes must first achieve the Qualification Standards (QS) set forth by the FIL.



- ii. In addition to this qualification process all athletes that qualify for the WYOG Gangwon 2024 must have been selected to the LC National Luge Program Junior National or Junior Development team for the 2023-2024 season.
- iii. If more than 1 athlete/team qualifies per discipline and team nominations must be limited due to LC budget constraints, the 2023-2024 FIL ranking through to the December 10, 2023 deadline will be used to nominate the higher ranked athlete per discipline. NSO Athlete ranking will use the following:
 1. Any World Cup/Nations Cup points achieved will be ranked first;
 2. followed by Junior World Cup points;
 3. followed by Youth World Cup points.
- iv. In the event that two or more athletes/teams qualify for NSF quota spots per discipline, and LC budget is not restricted, the top 2 athletes based on the aforementioned FIL ranking, will be nominated for the WYOG Gangwon 2024.
- v. NSO Ranking Tiebreaker System:
 1. If a tie exists, the first level tiebreaker is determined by the athlete/team with the greatest number of FIL WC/JWC/YWC (in this order) points achieved only where they earned their highest single ranking.
 2. If required, the second level tiebreaker will be determined by total FIL WC/JWC/YWC (in this order) points achieved through the YOWG Season qualification period; the highest points over this time will be ranked highest.

a. Pre-Selection

- i. Not applicable.

b. Key Nomination & Selection Dates

- i. Qualification & Nomination Timeline

A. FIL Gangwon 2024 qualification period	October 1 2023 - Dec 10 2023
B. LC Team Nomination	December 11, 2023
C. COC Team Nomination Deadline	December 18, 2023
D. LC Team Announcement Date	TBD
- ii. In addition, see Appendix A: FIL QS WYOG Gangwon 2024 - *Section G: Qualification Timeline*

c. Team Announcement Date

- i. LC is working closely with NSO and COC Communications Team to jointly determine the Team Announcement date.

d. Team Relay

- i. If more than one athlete/team per discipline is participating the following process will select the team relay participants:
 1. Team Relay Event Selection:
 - i. The athletes competing in the team event will be selected by LC Olympic Coaching staff with verification by a minimum of 2 active members of the High-Performance Selection Committee during the WYOG Gangwon 2024. The deadline for registration of the relay team occurs the day before the team relay competition by 17:00 local time, or at most, 10 minutes following completion of the last competitive run of the day, whichever comes later (FIL IRO 3.6.7.2). The final team members will be selected by the High-Performance Selection Committee based on the following considerations:
 1. Individual result at WYOG Gangwon 2024

2. Previous team relay experience / performance
3. Consistent start and sliding performance
4. Athlete health

e. Alternate Athletes

- i. Not applicable, no alternate athletes will be named.

7. Removal of an Athlete

- i. The LC HPSC may, at any time, and at their discretion, remove an athlete from the Canadian Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete has been found to have violated LC's Code of Conduct. LC will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision to remove them from the Canadian Team.

8. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

a. Amendments

- i. In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of LC that prevents the HPSC from fairly implementing these INP as written, the HPSC shall have discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, considering factors and circumstances that they deem relevant. In this event, all reasons and findings will be documented by the HPSC in writing, with all documents to be published and circulated to all stakeholders.
- ii. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all stakeholders and affected parties. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these INP unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. In the event of a change to this document, LC shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.
- iii. In the event that the selection criteria is modified, LC will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

b. Cancelled or Postponed Events

- i. Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled or replaced, LC shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.

c. Event Participation

- i. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or any unforeseen event, LC may be required, in the best interests of athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety, to not travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the Gangwon 2024 Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned. Any such decisions will be made in consultation with relevant experts, including medical and public health safety experts, and will be communicated to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

In such circumstances, LC will determine if alternate events may be attended as a substitute for the event that LC has decided not to participate in and, if so, will modify this INP accordingly, and inform all impacted individuals as soon as possible.



When making decisions regarding LC’s travel to and participation in events for safety reasons, LC will endeavour to minimize any impact of such decisions on WYOG qualification, obtaining WYOG quota spots and domestic nomination to the Gangwon 2024 Team. However, depending on the circumstances, athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety may be prioritized based on the advice of medical and public health safety experts.

9. Appeals

- i. In the case of an appeal, please refer to LC Appeals Policy document, found attached in Appendix D: Luge Canada Appeals Policy and at www.luge.ca > <https://luge.ca/files/CLA%20APPEALS%20POLICY%202015.pdf>
- ii. To be noted, the LC Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will manage the appeals process.
- iii. Please note the appeal deadline is December 16, 2023, 5 days after the LC nomination deadline.

10. Timelines Summary

Date	Event
Jan 19 2023	INP Publishing Deadline
Apr 17 2023	Long list deadline
Apr 26 2023	Bridge launch to long list
Aug 28 2023	Accreditation information deadline
Sep 9-17 2023	Pre-delegation registration meeting with Sport Services
Oct 1 2023	FIL Youth World Cup Qualification Period begins
Dec 1 2023	Registration requirements due date
Dec 10 2023	FIL Youth World Cup Qualification Period closes
Dec 12 2023	FIL to inform NOC/NFs of their allocated quota places
Dec 17 2023	LC Team Nominations submitted to COC
Dec 18 2023	COC Team Nomination Deadline
Jan 5 2024	Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP) is in effect
TBD	LC Team Announcement
Jan 19 2024	Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024

11. Contact

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