



MOGUL NORAM QUOTA ALLOCATION POLICY

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1. Introduction

The NorAm competition series is part of the FIS Continental Cup level of competitions and serve as a place to gain international competition experience as athletes prepare for World Cup events later in their career. There are five Continental Cup series; host nations of the NorAm circuit are the USA and Canada; athletes from non-NorAm nations do have the opportunity to compete at these events.

Freestyle Canada receives quota spots from the International Ski Federation (FIS) NorAm Committee to distribute to Canadian mogul athletes who wish to compete on the NorAm circuit. This document will describe the process of allocating these quota spots.

Freestyle Canada holds the authority to allocate the Canadian FIS spots; this is done each year using the FIS – Continental Cup (COC) Rules and Freestyle Canada's NorAm Quota Policy. The link to the current COC Rules can be found here: https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1624267378/fis-prod/assets/CoC_Rules_SB_FS_FK_2021_22_clean.pdf

2. Purpose of the NorAm Circuit

Freestyle Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model is designed to have athletes progress through key learning and experiential objectives as they develop their skills. The following NorAm competition objectives facilitate the learning of meaningful competitive skills:

- Provide international competitive opportunities targeted at athletes in the high-performance athlete development stream (Podium Pathway) who are demonstrating long-term major event podium potential within eight years. In priority order these athletes are:
 - National team members (A, B & C)
 - Provincial team members
 - Club athletes, should they have the skills & require this experience at their current stage of development.
- To prepare athletes for the international competitive stage, FIS World Cup Circuit (same competition formats, exposure to different challenging courses, travelling outside Canada, etc.)

- Provide Continental Cup podium experiences (learning to perform at "Train to Compete" level)
- Provide athletes with the competitive opportunities where they can qualify to be selected into the national team program.

3. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Processes

The following guidelines direct the NorAm Committee in allocating spots fairly and effectively:

- NorAm Mogul competitions target skiers in the “Learn to Compete” and “Train to Compete” LTAD stages in our system. Targeted athletes are typically Tier C National team and provincial team skiers, however, may include skiers in the provincial development programs; it may also include Tier B National team members who require specific skills or experiences.
- Recognize there could be Canadian skiers who are “outliers”: skiers not currently ranked in the Freestyle Canada HPP ranking system. To allow targeted, non-ranked skiers to compete, Freestyle Canada retains several quota spots for strategic development opportunities (Smart Tracking) as deemed appropriate by the Allocation Committee.

4. Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee

Spots will be allocated as per the outlined process by the Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee (the “Allocation Committee”). The Committee will consist of three regular members including Freestyle Canada’s:

- Sport Development Manager
- A Freestyle Canada High Performance Program Mogul Coach
- Mogul High Performance Program Director (for tie-break)

Other HPP mogul coaches may be consulted when more information is needed.

The Allocation Committee will work and communicate with the High Performance Athlete Development Advisory Group (HPAD- PSO & NAT Team coaches) each year to discuss and update this NorAm policy. The Allocation Committee has the authority by vote to make decisions on disputes.

**The HPAD Advisory Group will review this policy each spring for any changes, then again updated once quotas are received from FIS in the fall of each year.

5. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to ski in a NorAm mogul event, it is expected that every skier can safely ski and jump in a NorAm mogul course. In addition, each skier must:

- Hold an active FIS license (with a FIS code number) as well as a Freestyle Canada License, with the appropriate insurance
- Have competed at the current year Apex Classic event
- Athletes must:
 - be part of a HPAD program recognized by Freestyle Canada
 - have a year-round, periodized training program
 - have a Comp Dev level coach (Certified preferred, Trained status as a minimum) who works with Freestyle Canada's LTAD, GMP and skill matrix with the goal of developing high performance athletes.

6. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Process for Canadian Spots

Freestyle Canada is able to allocate fifty (50) spots to Canadian athletes. These spots are split evenly between Male & Female athletes; 25 spots for men and 25 spots for women. As per the FIS Continental Cup Rules, any unused gender quota can be moved to the other gender. The allocation of spots in the mogul discipline will be for both single and dual mogul events. The event organizer will determine the maximum field size: any unused non-Canadian quota spots are available to Canada for allocation (based on eligibility and ranking).

The NorAm spots allocation will be divided in 2 allocations blocks:

- Block 1: Deer Valley and Apex NorAm. The allocations will be done on **December 30th, 2021**
- Block 2: VSC and Killington. The allocations will be done on **January 22nd, 2022**

6.1. Block 1

Freestyle Canada will follow this process to allocate Canadian NorAm quota spots for the 1st NorAm Block (Deer Valley and Apex):

1. HPP Athletes assigned first
2. 2021-22 NorAm ranking (10 athletes)
3. Wild card spots (6 athletes)
4. PSO discretionary
5. Hosting spots (2 athletes)

2021-22 Provision: Since athletes have not had the chance to compete since March 2020, Freestyle Canada will waive the requirement for a MPL for the first block of NorAm spot allocations.

6.1.1. HPP Program Athletes

The Allocation Committee retains the number of spots required for the Freestyle Canada HPP athletes who will ski in the event; HPP skiers are the first to be assigned spots for the event(s). The HPP ranking process and formula is described in the HPP Mogul Team Selection Criteria at the following link: https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Moguls_2022-23_TeamSelection.FR_.pdf

6.1.2. 2021-22 NorAm Ranking

The **top 10 athletes** per gender on the 2021-22 NorAm Ranking as of December 30th, 2021 will be awarded a spot for Block 1.

- The sum of the 2 places points from the 2021 Apex Classic event will be calculated for a total number of points. The athletes will then be ranked from largest to smallest amount of total points.

6.1.3. Wild Card Spot

Once the HPP ranked athletes and the top 10 athletes on the 2021-22 NorAm ranking have been assigned spots, the **next 6 spots** per gender will be allocated through the wild card allocation process.

Wild Card Application Process:

- A. The national team coaches attending the Apex Classic events will observe athletes during training and competition days.
- B. Coaches of Wild Card Applicant athletes must send their identify athletes to sabrina@freestylecanada.ski before **December 1st, 2021**
- C. Applicant athletes will be asked to perform two “top to bottom runs” during an identified training, with the NT coaching staff observers watching.
- D. Once submissions and reports from the NT Coaches are received, the NorAm Quota Allocation Committee will review the packages and make allocations based on:
 - Technical level of the athlete.
 - Athlete result from the 2021 Apex Classic
- E. Once the Wild Card decisions are made, HPAD coaches will be notified by Freestyle Canada of the allocations.
- F. Any Wild Card spot not accepted by an athlete or otherwise going unused will be allocated first to the next highest ranked Wild Card nominee. Should there be no additional Wild Card applicants, the spots will be added to the PSO discretionary spots.

6.1.4. PSO Discretionary Spots

The PSO will be asked to send the name of the athletes that they think should get a NorAm spot to sabrina@freestylecanada.ski before **December 20th 2021**. If there is more PSO athletes than available spots, the athletes with the best ranking on the 2021-22 NorAm ranking will be allocated the remaining spots.

6.1.5. Spots for the hosting PSO

Two (2) of the 25 Canadian quota spots per gender are reserved for the hosting PSO. If not used, they will return to the pool of available Canadian spots. Host nominees are in isolation of the NorAm Ranking List.

6.1.6. Extenuating Circumstances

Athletes that are not able to compete at the 2021 Apex Classic due to an injury will be invited to apply through the wild card process. Efforts should be made to include recent video of T2B runs of the athlete in the submission package.

6.2. Block 2

Freestyle Canada will follow this process to allocate Canadian NorAm quota spots for the 2nd NorAm Block (VSC and Killington):

1. HPP Athletes assigned first
2. 2021-22 NorAm ranking
3. Plus hosting spots
4. Plus Wild Card spots

For the second block, the following NorAm Minimum Performance Level will apply:

Women:

- 1 Top 12 in a 2022 Canada Cup in a single Moguls event;
OR
- 1 Top 15 at 2021 Apex Classic;
OR
- 1 Top 20 at a 2022 NorAm Single Moguls event.

Men:

- 1 Top 16 in a 2022 Canada Cup in a single Moguls event;
OR
- 1 Top 20 at 2021 Apex Classic;
OR
- Top 30 at a 2022 NorAm single Moguls event.

*Athletes who do not meet the Canadian NorAm MPL may be entered into NorAm events after reviewing each case for Wild Card spots, using the published processes.

6.2.1. HPP Program Athletes

The Allocation Committee retains the number of spots required for the Freestyle Canada HPP athletes who will ski in the event; HPP skiers are the first to be assigned spots for the event(s).

6.2.2. 2021-22 NorAm Ranking

Athletes will be allocated a NorAm spot based on their 2021-22 NorAm Ranking place.

- The sum of the 2 best place points from the eligible events will be calculated for a total number of points. The athletes will then be ranked from largest to smallest amount of total points.
 - Eligible events for the NorAm Ranking are: 2021 Apex Classic, 2022 Canada Cups and 2022 NorAm.
 - For Canadian selection purposes, any “non-Canadian” in Apex Classic and Canada Cup will be removed from the result sheet and all Canadians after will move up that number of placings; NorAm results will remain as published
 - Athletes not able to compete in the beginning of the season 2021-22 due to an injury will be invited to apply through the wild card process.

6.2.3. Spot for the hosting PSO

Two (2) of the 25 Canadian quota spots per gender are reserved for the hosting PSO. If not used, they will return to the pool of available Canadian spots. Host nominees are in isolation of the NorAm Ranking List and they don't have to meet the MPL.

6.2.4. Wild Card Spot

For Block 2, three (3) of the 25 Canadian quota spots per gender are identified as *Wild Card Spots*. Wild Card entries are offered to "Outlier Athletes" to provide an opportunity to compete at this level when they would not have had a chance to compete in NorAm otherwise. Athletes that will receive a wild card don't have to meet the MPL.

Wild Card Application Process:

- A. Submission package must be send to sabrina@freestylecanada.ski before **January 16, 2022** from a provincial representative. Submission Package includes:
- A written letter indicating the reason the nominated athlete should be considered for a Wild Card spot.
 - A video submission of two (2) top to bottom runs of the nominated athlete.
- B. Once all submissions are received, the Allocation Committee will review the data and make allocations based on:
- Technical level of the athlete.
 - Athlete result history from the previous two seasons and including the current year's events.
- C. Once the Wild Card decisions are made, coaches will be notified by Freestyle Canada of the selections.
- D. Any Wild Card spot not accepted by an athlete or otherwise going unused will be allocated first to the next highest ranked Wild Card nominee. Should there be no additional Wild Card applicants, the spots may be offered, in ranking order, to other athletes who have met the MPL on the NorAm Ranking List.

*** An Outlier Athlete* is a skier who has not met the MPL for reasons unforeseen and shows the talent and potential of a NorAm level athlete. This can occur as a result of missing events, being injured or he or she may have had a very successful training season.

7. Unforeseen Circumstances <including COVID>

This policy is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of unforeseen circumstances. Where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond FC's control do not allow an adequate number of qualifying competitions to take place in a fair manner, the Allocation Committee will meet to consider

alternative competition results and/or extend the dates for selection. Any changes, along with the logic for the change, will be communicated to the HPAD advisory group at the earliest time after the decisions are made.

Appendix

Points Value Charts

	Women			
Places	Nationals	NorAm	CanSel	CanCup
1	87.13	87.13	73.12	63.93
2	86.09	86.09	71.71	62.75
3	85.07	85.07	70.32	61.6
4	84.06	84.06	68.98	60.00
5	83.07	83.07	67.67	57.67
6	82.09	82.09	66.39	55.92
7	81.12	81.12	65.14	54.21
8	80.17	80.17	63.93	54.55
9	79.24	79.24	62.75	50.93
10	78.31	78.31	61.6	49.36
11	77.4	77.4	0	47.80
12	76.5	76.5		46.30
13	75.62	75.62		44.83
14	74.74	74.74		43.39
15	73.88	73.88		42.00
16	0	73.04		40.63
17		72.2		39.30
18		71.38		33.17
19		70.56		24.53
20		69.76		17.48
21		68.98		0.00
22		68.2		
23		67.43		
24		66.68		
25		65.93		
26		65.2		
27		64.47		
28		63.76		
29		63.06		
30		59.44		
31		0		
32				
33				
34				
35				

Men				
Places	Nationals	NorAm	CanSel	CanCup
1	87,79	87,79	76,42	66,32
2	86,97	86,97	75,44	65,34
3	86,17	86,17	74,47	64,37
4	85,37	85,37	73,51	63,41
5	84,57	84,57	72,56	62,46
6	83,79	83,79	71,63	61,53
7	83,02	83,02	70,71	60,61
8	82,25	82,25	69,81	59,71
9	81,49	81,49	68,92	58,81
10	80,74	80,74	68,04	57,54
11	79,99	79,99	67,17	56,47
12	79,26	79,26	66,32	55,52
13	78,53	78,53	65,47	54,67
14	77,81	77,81	64,64	53,74
15	77,09	77,09	63,83	52,73
16	76,38	76,38	63,02	51,62
17	75,68	75,68	62,22	50,52
18	74,99	74,99	61,44	49,44
19	74,31	74,31	60,67	48,37
20	73,63	73,63	59,9	47,28
21	72,96	72,96	0	40,78
22	72,29	72,29		33,06
23	71,64	71,64		27
24	70,99	70,99		21,39
25	70,34	70,34		16,95
26	69,7	69,7		12,43
27	69,07	69,07		7,64
28	68,45	68,45		5,86
29	67,83	67,83		3,73
30	67,22	67,22		1,55
31	0	0		0