



## Canadian Aerial Team 2021 – 22 Season FIS World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Guidelines *September 12, 2021*

### Introduction

Freestyle Canada needs to allocate WC quota spots to members of our national aerial team. Result placings from aerial events during the eligibility period (July 1, 2020 to January 16, 2022, inclusively) count towards the Freestyle Skiing internal Olympic ranking (including Freestyle Canada disciplines and ski cross). Understanding that one or more aerial competitions could be cancelled, it is important for our top ranked athletes to get starts earlier than later.

### Authority

In previous years, the document describing how WC spots were allocated was the \*National Aerial Team Selection and FIS World Cup Spot Allocation Criteria\* document. For the 2021/22 season, Freestyle Canada has recognized that National Team Selections are independent from Spot Allocations: we have separated these decision frameworks into two separate documents. This document describes how WC spots will be allocated for the 2021/22 season; a 2022/23 National Aerial Team Selection Criteria document will be posted by November 1, 2021. The Selection Committee structure and decision making process is described in the National Aerial Team Selection document.

### Philosophy

Own the Podium reviews Freestyle Canada's plans and the results from our athletes before making a funding recommendation to Sport Canada. The OTP recommendation is based on medal results from our athletes in the most recent Olympic Winter Games and the evidence that our athletes are trending towards medals in the subsequent Games. While Freestyle Canada's Selection Committee would love to provide opportunity to all of our skiers, the reality is that quota spots are limited and we must give priority to those athletes who have the strongest evidence of medal potential in 2022.

The December/January WC events are important because results will count towards Olympic ranking and nomination to the Canadian team. Freestyle Canada will:

- Use a "rolling 12-month HPP calculation" to rank the skiers in each gender of the High Performance Program.
- Strive to balance opportunities to improve ranking,
- Prioritize those athletes who have outright qualified for the full national team squad (1 man, 1 woman),
- Provide a transparent selection process for athletes eligible to jump in the events,
- Eligible skiers are those who are part of the HPP or Quebec Aerial team,



Pre-Selected Athletes

The following athletes will be provided the opportunity to start in all December and January WC events:

1. A/B Team

Athlete
Marion Thenault
Lewis Irving

2. Personal Spot (from NorAm)

Personal quota spot earned as 2020-21 NorAm Champion. Due to lack of clarity of how the FIS would calculate the NorAm GP winner from 2020-21, they have agreed to allow the 2019-20 male skier to also ski in the December 2021 FIS events.

Athlete
Miha Fontaine

Available WC Quota Spots for Team Canada

<b>Spots Available to Canada from the FIS for WC events</b>	10	<i>Max 6 per gender (not including personal spot)</i>
<b>Personal spot for December WC Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - earned from the 2019-20 NorAm</li> </ul>	<i>Miha Fontaine (above the max team and max/gender)</i>
<b>Additional Host Spots for Canadian WC events</b>	+2 spots for men +2 spots for women	<i>Max team size expanded to 16 plus personal spot</i>

Draft FIS WC Schedule – to January 16, 2022

Host	Scheduled Date
Ruka WC	Dec 3, 2021
China WC	Dec 11/12, 2021
<b>Christmas Break</b>	
Le Relais WC	Jan 5, 2022
Deer Valley WC	Jan 12, 2022

\*Subject to changes, cancellations, or additions



## Selection Stages

Please note: The Selection Committee bases their decision off competition results however, an athlete may be held back if that is in the best interest of their stage of development. The committee is not required to fill all available WC spots.

### **Stage 1 – Selection for December WC Event(s)**

Aerialists will be ranked by gender from eligible events from December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The Selection Committee will announce their decision on or before October 31, 2021.

### **Stage 2 – Selection for the North American WC events**

Aerialists will be ranked by gender from eligible events from January 1, 2021 through December 20, 2021 (to include December WC and EC events).

### **Stage 3 – Selection for Post Deer Valley WC events**

Canadian team participation in post Deer Valley WC events will be subject to available funds and the priorities of the program at that time. The selection committee will use the current HPP rankings based on the previous twelve months to select any skiers.

### **Stage 4 – Selection for 2022 FIS Junior World Ski Championships**

Age eligible aerialists will be ranked by gender from events from March 6, 2021 through March 6, 2022 (to include 2021-22 NorAm events).