



Canadian Mogul Team

2021 – 22 Season FIS World Cup Spot Allocation Guidelines

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Introduction

Freestyle Canada needs to allocate World Cup (WC) quota spots to members of our national mogul team. Result placings from single mogul 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 mogul competitions could be cancelled, it is important for our top ranked athletes to get starts earlier than later. Only completed WC single Mogul events will be used for the Olympic Ranking.

Authority

In previous years, the document describing how WC spots were allocated was the *National Mogul 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 Mogul Team Selection Criteria document will be posted by November 1, 2021. The Selection Committee structure and decision making process is described in the National Mogul 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 fall WC events are important because results will count towards Olympic ranking and nomination to the Canadian team. Freestyle Canada will:

- Consider those skiers who competed on WC in the 2020-2021 season for selection to the December 2021 WC mogul events and allow opportunity for skiers who show significant improvement and are comparable with Canada's top two skiers (by gender) to be considered,
- Strive to balance opportunities to improve ranking,
- Prioritize those athletes who have outright qualified for the A or B squad (2 men, 2 women),
- Provide a transparent selection process for athletes eligible to ski in the events,



- Eligible skiers are those who skied WC in the 2020-21 season,
- Provide an opportunity for a late-rising talent to become eligible for selection.

NextGen skiers who do not ski in December WC events will be eligible to start in the Canadian WC events and if they show success there, they are able to earn starts in Deer Valley. While the starts are later in the qualifying period, if an athlete is having a breakout season, they still have the chance to be nominated to the 2022 Canadian team.

In general, calculations for HPP Ranking values will use results from identified events for the 12 months immediately preceding the entry deadline for the events; selections for the last part of the season will consider results from the current season only unless there is significant reduction in the number of events held.

In the event of a tie between two or more skiers, the skier with the highest placing from the events used in the ranking will be prioritized. If there is still a tie after all events used in the calculation are considered, the selection committee will make the final determination.

Pre-Selected Athletes

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

1. A/B Team

Based on being named outright to either the A or B team

Athlete	Reason
Mikael Kingsbury	A team
Justine Dufour-Lapointe	B team
Laurent Dumais	B team
Sofiane Gagnon	B team

2. Personal Spot (from NorAm)

Personal quota spot earned as 2019-20 NorAm Champion

Athlete	Reason
Elliot Vaillancourt	Personal Spot (NorAm)



Priority Selected Athlete

In reviewing the results from the 2020-21 season for each athlete, two skiers had more consistent results. Brenden Kelly and Kerrian Chunlaud both had two top-12 results and the best-of-two field size calculations was under 20%. The selection committee saw a clear gap between the four skiers in the men's field:

Group 1: Mikael, Laurent, Brenden and Kerrian

Group 2: Gabriel, Jordan and Elliot

Based on this, Brenden and Kerrian will also be offered spots in the December WC events. Note: Based on recovery and personal goals, there is no obligation to ski in every event offered.

Eligible Athletes Remaining for December WC Selection

Women	Men
Chloe Dufour-Lapointe	Gabriel Dufresne
Valerie Gilbert	Jordan Kober
Berkley Brown	
Maia Schwinghammer	

Late Rising NG Talent – the “Wow Skier”

The Selection Committee recognizes that NG skiers have been training since the start of the pandemic but have had only one chance to improve their HPP ranking (Apex Comp Sim): they have not had the chance to ski head-to-head against international skiers or even their WC teammates.

Freestyle Canada's coaching staff have intimate knowledge of what it takes to be a champion in the sport of Mogul skiing. Members of our staff sit on the FIS Mogul Advisory Committee to guide how our sport is run; they also consult to the Judges Advisory Committee on how the judges pick the winner. Our coaches can recognize talented skiers and see quality skiing.

Freestyle Canada's coaches have observed each skier's progression and while they have seen improvement, to date, they have not seen a breakthrough advancement that would put a NG skier into Olympic medal contention.

We remain hopeful that one of our NG skiers has stepped to the next level since we last saw them ski on snow. The coaching staff is looking forward to seeing the entire mogul team ski side-by-side at the planned camp in Austria (Sept/Oct 2021) during training or in the proposed FIS event.

Should a NG skier show exceptional progress when compared to the top two Canadian skiers in their gender, they may be considered for December WC starts (added to those already being considered).



Exceptional progress:

- will be measured using a standardized evaluation sheet
- is shown if a skier is rivaling the top two Canadians in your gender when we evaluate:
 - Jump difficulty, execution and landing percentages
 - Comparative speed
 - Turn quality and edging and
 - Body position and absorption

Over an on-snow training block (AUT)

- In the future, if skiers are training in different locations, a rising skier's performance can be evaluated by the selection committee by sharing video and using the evaluation tool.

While the focus of spot distribution for NG skiers is at the Canadian WC events, a skier who is showing medal potential for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games by the end of October 2021 could be considered for one or more December WC starts, in an exceptional case.

Available WC Quota Spots for Team Canada

Spots Available to Canada from the FIS for WC events	10	<i>Max 6 per gender (not including personal spot)</i>
Pre & Priority Selected Athletes	2 Female 4 Male (6 total)	<i>Justine, Sofiane, Mikael, Laurent, Brenden, Kerrian</i>
Personal spot	• 1 - earned from the 2019-20 NorAm	<i>Elliot Vaillancourt (above the max team and max/gender)</i>
Remaining Quota Spots for non-Canadian Events	• Maximum 4 overall per event • Max 2 for men Max 4 for women	
Additional Host Spots for Canadian WC events	+3 spots for men +3 spots for women	<i>Max team size expanded to 16 plus personal spot</i>



Draft Fall FIS Event Schedule (October/November 2021)

Host	Scheduled Date	Internal Purpose
Hintertux, AUT (2 events)*	October TBD	Identify any rising NG skiers to consider for WC
Idre Fjäll SWE (2 FIS events)**	November	To allocate Dec WC events to qualified skiers

*Used for HPP Calculations specifically for ranking towards Canadian WC event qualification

**Only used for ranking of skiers eligible for December WC starts

Draft FIS WC Schedule – to January 16, 2022

Host	Scheduled Date
Ruka WC (Moguls)	Dec 4, 2021
Idre Fjäll WC (Moguls)	Dec 11, 2021
Idre Fjäll WC (Dual Moguls)	Dec 12, 2021
Alpe d'Huez WC (Moguls)	Dec 16, 2021
Alpe d'Huez WC (Dual Moguls)	Dec 17, 2021
Christmas Break	
Mt. Tremblant WC (Moguls)	Jan 7, 2022
Mt. Tremblant WC (Moguls)	Jan 8, 2022
Deer Valley WC (Moguls)	Jan 12, 2022
Deer Valley WC (Moguls)	Jan 13, 2022

*Subject to changes, cancellations, or additions

Selection Stages

Stage 1 – Identification of rising stars

The planned fall training camp (Hintertux, AUT) will provide the chance for Freestyle Canada coaches to evaluate all skiers after the completion of their summer training. Those not already being considered for the December WCs will have the chance to be considered for December WC events, but it will take breakthrough performance improvement. Considerations will be training as well as any FIS events or comp sims that can be run.

Stage 2 – Selection for Ruka WC Mogul / Idre Fjäll WC Events

Eligible skiers for the first two WC of the year will be ranked using the results from the scheduled Idre Fjäll FIS event.

Pre and priority-selected Canadians will be encouraged to enter the FIS events for experience and to be able to experiment in a competition environment before the first WC of the year, without consequence.



The scores and placings from the Idre Fjäll FIS event will NOT be used for the HPP Rankings because the full HPP team will not be present.

The Idre Fjäll FIS events are being used to finalize rankings for the December WC starts based on the top two placings of each athlete not already pre or priority selected.

For WC ranking purposes, results from the Idre Fjäll FIS events:

- If two events are held, the sum of each athlete’s top two placings will be summed (bronze and fourth place = 7 points).
- Results outside the top-20 will not be considered for ranking priority purposes; if spots remain the selection committee will consider placings outside the top-20.
- In keeping with the philosophy of supporting potential medal performances, top-3 results will be given priority in rankings in the event of a tie or question.
- If for some reason one or more skiers are not able to participate in the December WCs (i.e. injury – return to Canada), the selection committee will fill spots based on the philosophy identified in this document; the committee may leave spots open to focus on those skiers with the highest chances of success at the OWGs

Idre Fjäll FIS Event(s):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If two FIS events are successfully held (both genders), the Eligible Athletes (and any identified Late Rising Talent skiers) who are vying for spots will be ranked as follows: • Tier 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Any skier who places top-3 in one event will be prioritized ii. In the event of a tie, it will be broken using a second result from the other FIS event, then, • Tier 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If an athlete does not have a top-3 (medal) performance in either FIS event, their top-20 placings will be summed, then, • Tier 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Skiers without top-20 placings will be ranked after tier 1 and 2 skiers. 	<p>Example from the Idre Fjäll FIS event results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skier 1 – wins the male event; the medal puts them at the top of the ranking. If there is a tie, their second top-20 result will be used for the calculation ○ Skier 2- (male) places 5th and 7th = 12 points ○ Skier 3 - (female) places 6th and 6th = 12 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skier 2 would be ranked above skier 3 as the tie would be broken with the higher individual placing. ○ Ranked to the 6th skier (more if Late Rising Talent skier(s) are identified)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If only one FIS event is successfully held (both genders) in Idre Fjäll, the six Eligible Athletes (and any identified Late Rising Talent skiers) who are vying for spots will be ranked as follows: • Tier 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Any skier who placed top-3 in the event will be prioritized, then • Tier 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Each athlete’s final placing in the FIS event, plus ii. each skier’s top single mogul result from the 2020-2021 FIS WC/WCh season, then • Tier 3 	<p>Examples from the Idre Fjäll FIS event results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tier 1 (medalists) will be considered first, Tier 2 skiers next, and so on. ○ Skier 1 – places 2nd – Tier 1 ranking with two points. ○ Skier 2 – places 20th, 20 points for ranking in Tier 2. ○ Skier 3 – places 22nd in the FIS event (Idre) and has a 10th from the 2020-21 WC – his or



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Skiers without top-20 placings will be ranked after tier 1 and 2 skiers based on 2020/21 WC results if available, then, i. Skiers without a top 20 placing and no WC results from 2020/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> her counting score would be 15 among Tier 3 skiers. ○ Skier 4 – places 21st would have 21 points among Tier 4 skiers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no FIS events are successfully held (both genders) in Idre Fjäll, the Eligible Athletes (and any identified Late Rising Talent skiers) who are vying for spots will be ranked for Dec WC priority based on the final 2020-21 HPP Rankings. 	

- The HPP Mogul Selection Committee will award open WC Mogul and Dual Mogul spots based on the ranking.
- The skiers who are not awarded starts in Ruka will be welcome to travel to Ruka with the team; Freestyle Canada has been given approval from the FIS to receive training bibs for up to two skiers; forerunning spots are not anticipated for Canadian skiers and the results from a forerun will not be used for Olympic ranking purposes for two reasons:
 - i. the results do not appear on the official FIS results
 - ii. Judges can discuss forerunner runs to better align their scores for the competitors

Stage 3 – Selection for Alpe D’Huez WC Events

- Medal winners from Dec 2021 WC events will be prioritized for eligible WC subsequent spots in Alpe D’Huez.
- The selection committee will meet post Idre Fjäll to finalize the entries into the Alpe D’Huez events

Stage 4 – Selection for Mt. Tremblant WC events

- A and B tiered athletes will be entered into these events
- Athletes who have met a minimum of one 12th final placing in the December WC events (MO or DM) will automatically be entered into the Mt. Tremblant events (spots permitting)
- All other spots will be filled off the HPP rankings from the finalized December list.
- The Selection Committee may consider entering an athlete into one or both events depending on available spots and the ranking scores.
- HPP Ranking values will be calculated using identified events from the time period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Stage 5 – Selection for Deer Valley WC events

- A and B tiered athletes will be entered into the events
Athletes with a realistic chance of qualifying for the Games will be considered first for available quota spots. Results from DM events are not counted towards Olympic nomination but will count towards Deer Valley spot allocation.



- Other spots will be filled off the HPP rankings post Tremblant; the selection committee is not required to fill all spots
- HPP Ranking values will be calculated using identified events from the time period: January 10, 2021 through January 9, 2022.

Stage 6 – 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 ranking based solely off 2021-22 results to select any skiers. Available spots may not be filled.

Alternates Athletes

One or more alternate athlete may be identified by the Selection Committee for specific WC events; identified athletes would be provided the opportunity to compete if a selected athlete is unable to participate. Alternate athletes will usually not travel with the team and will only be offered the opportunity to be entered into the event that there is sufficient time to travel, safely train and meet the FIS rules for a replacement athlete. (i.e., if an athlete is injured in WC1, an alternate could be provided the opportunity to compete in WC2).

Canadian World Cup Forerunning Opportunities

As an event host, FIS provides the opportunity for athletes to forerun the event. It is expected that any athlete who is selected to forerun will be competitive and competent.

- The Selection Committee will generally use the current year HPP Mogul Ranking to prioritize the available forerunning opportunities (up to four per gender)
- The Selection Committee will consider not only the HPP Mogul Ranking but also, each athlete's development need and geographic factors.
- NextGen team members will usually be considered first; should additional forerunner spots be available, the athletes from the province hosting the World Cup will be next offered the opportunity in the order they appear on the HPP Mogul Ranking list.
- Limited HPP coaching support may be offered to forerunners

Exceptional Circumstances

An athlete who is progressing in their career but has a setback due to an injury, a death in the family or similar life experience could be afforded additional flexibility when it comes to HPP Mogul Rankings, WC spot allocation and other Freestyle Canada decisions; these situations are referred to as "Exceptional Circumstances". For details, please see the Exceptional Circumstance section of the 2022-23 Mogul Team Selection Guidelines available on the [Freestyle Canada website](#).

Appeal and Hearing Process

Freestyle Canada is bound by the mandate of our organization, and in some cases our



performance partners; every attempt is made to make decisions that are in line with those parameters. If an athlete feels a decision was incorrect, he or she may launch an appeal.

The purpose of an appeal is to correct any missing or incorrect information or correct any procedures that were not properly followed by the Selection Committee or HPP staff. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Policy established by the FC. Policy can be found on www.freestylecanada.ski.