



**2022 FIS Junior World Ski Championships SS/BA/HP
Canadian Team Selection Criteria**

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1. Preamble

The 2022 FIS Junior World Ski Championships for SS/BA/HP are scheduled to take place in Leysin, SUI from March 6th to 13th, 2022.

Freestyle Canada will select athletes for the 2022 FIS Junior World Ski Championships to compete in the following events based on the selection criteria outlined in this document:

- Slopestyle and Big Air (one team selected to compete in both events)
- Halfpipe

Please note that Freestyle Canada's participation in this event will require approval and endorsement from our Medical team. As we near the event, our team will do a detailed analysis of the COVID situation and the risk of travel.

2. COVID-19 Statement

Freestyle Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota and attending events in respect to selection of athletes for the High-Performance Program and qualifying events. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, FC will respect these published Selection Criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Selection Criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Criteria. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Criteria in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, FC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

3. Authority

The FIS Junior World Ski Championships are conducted under rules established by the FIS.

Freestyle Canada will be responsible for:

- Creation and management of the Canadian athlete selection criteria
- Ranking and selection of eligible Canadian athletes
- Selection of coaches
- Logistical and planning support for the team
- Management of entries.

4. Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2022 FIS Junior World Ski Championships selection criteria:

- Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to send Canadian athletes who are podium contenders.
- Selected competitors will gain a high performance international competitive experience.
- Coaches selected will also experience preparing for and executing a plan for athletes to perform at a high-performance international event.

5. Athlete General Eligibility

- Freestyle Canada member in good standing
- Have paid the FC International License Fee
- Have an active FIS number
- Must be a citizen of the country of which National Ski Association she/he has a license and prove this with a valid passport; in this case, Canada
- Age Requirements:
 - **Athletes must be born between January 1st, 2004 and December 31st, 2008.**
- Athletes will also be required to meet the discipline specific minimum skill levels as described by discipline in section 9.4.

6. Liability and Insurance

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damage or accident. All participants have to be sufficiently insured against accidents and illness by themselves or their National Federation.

As a member of Freestyle Canada, each athlete and coach have 3rd party liability insurance as part of their Freestyle Canada membership.

- Athletes who have purchased the Freestyle Canada International License will be automatically registered with SAIP insurance (as a minimum). This will cover out-of-country medical expenses.
- Coaches need to ensure they have adequate out-of-country medical insurance that does not have any COVID exclusions.

7. Disciplines/Events

The following men's and women's events are planned:

- Slopestyle
 - Big Air
 - Halfpipe
- *Skiers selected for Slopestyle will also be entered In Big Air

8. Quota

The FIS determines the number of athletes that may compete at the FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships for each country participating. Each national will be able to enter a maximum of 6 men and 6 women per event.

The FIS has established the following quotas: there is no requirement for Freestyle Canada to fill all quota spots.

9. Athlete Selection Process

9.1 Selection Committee

The voting group responsible for selecting athletes and allocating spots for the disciplines of Slopestyle and Big Air is comprised of:

- NextGen Head Coach
- NextGen Assistant Coach
- High Performance Director (tie breaking vote)

The voting group responsible for selecting athletes and allocating spots for the discipline of Halfpipe is comprised of:

- NextGen Head Coach
- NextGen Assistant Coach
- High Performance Director (tie breaking vote)

9.2 Timelines

- October 15th 2021 through February 18th, 2022 Event Eligibility Period: The selection period will include the eligible events within this timeframe.
- February 18th, 2022: Team Selection. Final entries are due no later than February 24th.

9.3 Spot Allocations

The 2 best results from the HPP ranking eligible competition for the respective SS/BA and HP HPP rankings (as of February 18th 2022) will be used for athlete selection.

Description of HPP ranking calculations for SS/BA can be find on page 17:

<https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/FC-HPP-2022-2023-Slopestyle-National-Team-Selection-Oct-21-2021.pdf>

Description of HPP ranking calculations for HP can be find on page 18:

<https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FC-HPP-2022-2023-HALFPIPE-National-Team-Selection-Nov-11-2021.pdf>

- Selections will be done on February 18th, 2022
- Athletes selected for slopestyle will also be entered to compete in big air
- Halfpipe athletes will only compete in halfpipe unless they have also been selected for the SS and BA events.
- Freestyle Canada reserves the right not to fill all quota spots

9.4 Athlete Performance Eligibility

a. Halfpipe Team

The HPP Halfpipe Selection Committee will be responsible for nominations to the Halfpipe team.

Athletes will need to meet the following performance eligibility:

- Athletes will need to have the following minimum skill level to be considered for selection:
 - Women:
 - One direction 360°
 - One direction 540°
 - Both direction ally oop's
 - 2 different grabs
 - Men:
 - Both directions down the pipe 540° or flare.
 - One switch spin 540+
 - Both way ally oop 360°
 - 2 different grabs
- Athletes need to obtain at least one (1) time a result in the top 2/3 of the field at a NorAm event in the 2021-22 season.
- The sum of athletes' 2 best HPP placing values from the eligibility period will be used for selecting the eligible athletes
- Athletes will be ranked according to the sum of their 2 best HPP placing values.

b. Slopestyle/Big Air Team

The HPP Slopestyle/Big Air Selection Committee will be responsible for nominations to the Slopestyle/Big Air team.

Athletes selected for the Slopestyle event will also be entered to compete in the Big Air event.

Athletes will need to meet the following performance eligibility

- Athletes will need to have the following minimum skill level to be considered for selection:
 - Women minimum skill level: (must have but not limited to)
 - i. JUMPS:
 - All direction 540s,
 - One 720,
 - 2 different grabs in any of their jumps
 - ii. SIDE TAKE OFF:
 - 540 with a grab

- iii. RAILS / FEATURES: 2 different combinations achieved on urban competition rails including:
 - One direction 270 on,
 - Four directions 270 off,
 - One 450 off,
 - 3 directions swap,
 - Men minimum skill level: (must have but not limited to)
 - i. JUMPS:
 - Singles: 1080 in four directions,
 - Doubles: 1080 in all four directions, & 1260 in three different directions,
 - 4 different grabs
 - ii. SIDE TAKE OFF:
 - Double off axis flip
 - iii. RAILS / FEATURES:
 - 450 three different directions on & off
 - 360 switch up,
 - Front 630 out
- Have finished at least one (1) time on the top 2/3 of the field at a NorAm Slopestyle event in the 2021-22 season.
 - The sum of athletes' 2 best HPP placing values from the eligibility period will be used for selecting the eligible athletes
 - Athletes will be ranked according to the sum of their 2 best HPP placing values

10. Coaches

Freestyle Canada will offer the opportunity to one (possibly two) coaches to attend for each discipline SS/BA & HP. Coaches will be offered the opportunity based on:

- Canadian registered coaches will be considered – generally, Comp Dev trained is required. Coaches must be qualified to coach the skills being performed by the athletes at the competition to be considered.
- If the majority of athletes selected for one discipline come from one program, the coach from that program will usually be prioritized selection (i.e. if 6 athletes are chosen from the NextGen Team – a NextGen coach will be prioritized).
- Experience needed to become an improved HPAD coach

- Freestyle *Canada Coach* certification

Coaches will normally be selected at the same time as the athletes. They will only receive expenses for this activity; they will not receive contractor fee; coach expenses will be covered through athletes' contributions. Details on what expenses will be covered must be discussed and approved before the coach accepts the role.

11. Athlete Costs

At present, there is no funding available from Freestyle Canada for this competitive opportunity. Athletes will be responsible for their own expenses as well as an even share of their discipline's coach's (es') expenses; PSOs are free to contribute towards their athletes' expenses.

Each athlete will be responsible for:

- half board price for a maximum of CHF100 per day (accommodation, breakfast, dinner)*
- participation fees CHF40 per competition day (including lift ticket)
- lift ticket CHF30 per training day
- airfare
- lunches, incidentals
- a share of the coach costs
- a share of ground travel

*subject to clarification in the official invitation

The coach and ground travel expense cost to the athlete expected to be around 1000\$ per athlete.

For budgeting purposes count on (per person):

- Estimated coach and ground expense fee per athlete: \$1,000
- Airfare: market dependent, subject to fluctuation and availability
- Half board: approximately \$800 CAD (100CHF/night * 6) for room, breakfast & dinner
- Food: lunches and snacks - \$100
- **Forecasted total cost: minimum \$5,500 plus incidentals per athlete**

12. Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance (as determined by FC) do not allow the FIS Junior World Ski Championships selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, FC and its selection committees reserves the right take appropriate course of action.

If the criteria result in fewer athletes than the quota allows, FC reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes.

Due to the current COVID situation, the Selection Committees along with the medical team of Freestyle Canada will analyze the risk associated to the participation of our athletes to this event and will decide 30 days out of the official arrival day if they are sending a team or not.

13. Appeals

Freestyle Canada's selections for the FIS Junior World Ski Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the FC Appeals Protocol.

https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Appeal_PolicyJan_2021_EN.pdf