



Canadian Aerial Team

2022 – 23 Season FIS World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Guidelines

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Introduction

Freestyle Canada needs to allocate WC quota spots to members of our national aerial team. When allocating competitive opportunities, the Aerial Selection Committee will consider the published criteria as well as the development plan for each athlete.

Authority

This document outlines the process for distribution of FIS World Cup competitive opportunities to aerialists in the Canadian aerial program for the 2022/23 season. A separate document, the National Aerial Team Selection protocols, outlines the process for selecting athletes to the 2023/24 aerial High Performance Program.

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 2026.

The December/January WC events are important because results will count towards 2023 FIS World Ski Championships ranking and nomination to the Canadian World Championship 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,
- 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 and Flavie Aumond
Lewis Irving, Miha Fontaine and Emile Nadeau



2. Personal Spot (from NorAm)

Personal quota spot earned as 2021/22 NorAm Champion: Alex Duchaine.

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>
Personal spot for December WC Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - earned from the 2019-20 NorAm 	<i>Alex Duchaine (above the max team and max/gender)</i>
Additional Host Spots for Canadian WC events	+2 spots for men +2 spots for women	<i>Max team size expanded to 16 plus personal spot</i>

Draft FIS WC Schedule – to February 4, 2022

Host	Scheduled Date
Ruka WC	Dec 4, 2022
Christmas Break	
Le Relais WC x 2	Jan 21 & 22, 2023
Deer Valley WC	Feb 3, 2023

*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, 2021 through April 30, 2022. 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, 2022 through December 20, 2022 (to include December WC and EC events if applicable).

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, 2022 through March 6, 2023 (to include 2022-23 NorAm events).