



2023 FIS Freestyle World Championships

Canadian Team Quota Allocation System

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process for Freestyle Canada ("FC") and Alpine Canada Alpin ("ACA") to determine the available quota spot distribution between the two organizations for the 15 events listed in 1.3 for the 2023 FIS Freestyle World Championships Team. This World Championship will take place from February 18th to March 5th, 2023 in Bakuriani, GEO.
- 1.2 The quota spot allocation system shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 1.3 The freestyle ski disciplines that will take place in Bakuriani, GEO during the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships include 15 events:
 - Men's & Women's Ski-Cross
 - Men's & Women's Moguls
 - Men's & Women's Dual Moguls
 - Men's & Women's Halfpipe
 - Men's & Women's Slopestyle
 - Men's & Women's Big Air
 - Men's & Women's Aerials
 - Mixed Team Aerials
- 1.4 FC and ACA will allocate the available quota spots for the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships to the disciplines (see 2.8)
- 1.5 Selections of athletes into quota spots will be based on criteria in separate documents managed by ACA and FC for their respective disciplines.
- 1.6 At present the FIS has not responded to a challenge set out by FC to interpret the rules. Should FIS clarify any items, those changes will be incorporated into this document. At present, the leading question is regarding the maximum team size of 36 athletes.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "FC" means Freestyle Canada, the National Sport Organization responsible for the selection of athletes to the Mogul, Dual Moguls, Aerial, Team Aerials, Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe events.
- 2.2 "ACA" means Alpine Canada Alpin; the National Sport Organization responsible for the selection of athletes for Ski Cross events.
- 2.3 "Athlete" means an International Ski Federation ("FIS") active member that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the *Citizenship and Immigration Act* (Canada);



2.4 “Eligibility Period” refers to FIS World Cup, Olympic Winter Games or approved independent events completed between October 1, 2021, and February 4, 2023. Results from the Eligibility Period are used to allocate quota spots to the various disciplines and genders.

2.5 “Leadership Team” means the High Performance Directors from both ACA and Freestyle Canada.

2.6 “Medical Staff” means any one of the following IST members: SSSMI Lead, Lead Physician, strength and conditioning coaches, physiotherapists and mental performance consultants;

2.7 “Fit to Compete” means an assessment by the NSO Staff, in consultation with their Medical Staff, on several factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the event.

2.8 “Discipline” refers to the following:

- Managed by FC:
 - Moguls = Moguls and Dual Moguls events
 - Aerials = Aerials (includes Mixed Team Aerials)
 - Halfpipe = Halfpipe
 - Slopestyle = Slopestyle and Big Air events
- Managed by ACA:
 - Ski Cross = Ski Cross

It is recognized that there are male and female competitions in each discipline. It is also recognized that athletes selected in the Disciplines of Moguls and Slopestyle are subsequently exclusively eligible to compete in Dual Moguls and Big Air. Athletes selected in Aerials may be internally selected to compete in the Mixed Team Aerial event.

3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Canadian Freestyle Team selection to the 2023 FIS World Ski Championships, an athlete must:

- Be a member of their NSO’s 2022/2023 High Performance Program.
- Be a member in good standing with their NSO.
- Have a valid FIS license and athlete insurance.
- Be able to obtain a valid Canadian Passport (that meets the requirements of the World Championship Organizers published guidelines).
- Meet the minimum required FIS points as per the FIS Rule precisions specific to the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard WSC 2023.

4. FIS QUALIFICATION POINT ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL SKIERS

FIS has identified specific minimum FIS point level each skier needs to meet by discipline to be eligible for the World Championships.



Minimum FIS Point Requirements

Discipline	Basic Qualification Points: One competitor can be entered with the following minimum number of FIS points	Additional Qualification Points: All remaining competitors entered must have the following minimum number of FIS points
Moguls and Dual Moguls	5 points	25 points
Aerials and Team Aerials	5 points	25 points
Halfpipe	5 points	50 points
Slopestyle / Big Air: Based on the 4 th SS FIS points list	Women & Men 50 points	Women & Men 50 points
Ski Cross	50	50

* Subject to FIS rule changes

* Slopestyle and Big Air athletes need to meet the points eligibility in Slopestyle; Big Air FIS points will not be eligible.

5. TIMELINES

FIS Determines SS/BA Quotas by nation	November 17 th , 2022
FIS Preliminary Entries Due to WCh Organizing Committee	November 17 th , 2022
FIS Confirms SS/BA Quotas by nation	December 18 th , 2022
FC and ACA event quota established	February 6 th , 2023
FIS Final Entries Due to WCh Organizing Committee	February 17 th , 2023

6. ALLOCATION OF QUOTA SPOTS FOR EACH NSO: ACA AND FC

The FIS determines the maximum number of athletes that may compete at the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships for each country participating and provides “quota spots”. The Canadian team quota spots are shared between ACA and FC for the Freestyle Skiing disciplines.

The FIS has established the following quotas for the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships:

- I. Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender, per discipline;
- II. Maximum team size of twenty (20) athletes per gender;
- III. Overall maximum team size of 36 athletes (excluding the reigning FIS World Champions);

SS/BA Nations Quotas: For the Slopestyle and Big Air events, all nations will qualify quota spots by gender through the 4th Freestyle/Freeski FIS Points List 2022/2023. To qualify SS/BA spots for Canada, men need to be ranked in the top-60 and women need to be ranked in the top-30. SS/BA Nation Quotas will be determined by November 17th, 2022, at that point FC will be notified of the number of spots for the Slopestyle and big air events; these spots will be confirmed by December 18th, 2022.

Even if spots are allocated to Canada for SS/BA by the FIS, FC may not be available to be filled due to the maximum overall team size limitation. Canadian SS/BA skiers will still need to qualify spots within the Canadian process to fit within the maximum team size of 36 athletes.



Canada will have the ability to allocate a maximum of four (4) quota spots to each Event Group, plus an additional spot for any reigning World Champions. Mikael Kingsbury won both Moguls and Dual Moguls at the 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Ski Championships and will be granted entry into both events at the 2023 Championships; he will not be counted in the gender or team size maximums.

The Eligibility Period for the calculation of results for quota spot allocation runs from October 1, 2021 through February 4th, 2023 (inclusive). The split of available Canadian quota spots between ACA and FC will be determined on February 5th, 2023. This stage determines the number of spots available, not who will be selected those spots at this point.

Eligible Canadian skiers' results will be calculated on one list using the tiered method outlined in Section 7 of this document.

FC and ACA are not required to fill all available quota spots in any one Event Group. If there are more quota spots for a selection group than eligible skiers in that group, the spot will go back to the pool and will be distributed to the next ranked discipline that hasn't yet achieved their maximum of four spots.

7. CANADIAN TEAM QUOTA SPOT ALLOCATION SYSTEM

Quota spots for Canadian athletes will be allocated by discipline.

- a. All eligible athletes will be ranked in Tiers based on their FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup, Olympic Winter Games and approved independent event placings achieved during the Eligibility Period.
- b. The Eligibility Period for the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will include events completed between October 1st, 2021 and February 4th, 2023 (inclusive).
- c. Events will be considered eligible for consideration only if:
 1. For ACA, a race is considered completed in accordance with World Cup rule 5703.2 and the race winner has a time above 40 seconds.
 2. For FC a FIS competition is considered complete in accordance:
 - i. SS/BA/HP with ICR 3609
 - ii. MO/AE with ICR 4014
- d. Tiering priority – Tiers will be prioritized numerically with Tier 1 being selected first, and so on.
- e. The following tiered system will be used to rank athletes:



Quota Spot Allocation Tiers

Section A: Sum of each athlete’s best two results are considered for Tiers 1 through 3		
Tier 1	Sum of two (2) podium results from the 2022-23 season (October 1, 2022 through February 4, 2023).	If there are more than four (4) athletes of one gender with two (2) podium placing(s), the lowest sum of the two (2) podiums will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
Tier 2	Sum of the following two results: - One (1) podium result from the 2022-23 season and - One (1) additional podium result from the Eligibility Period	
Tier 3	One of the following two results must be from the 2022-23 season. Sum of the following two results: - One (1) podium result and - One (1) top-8 placings	
Section B: Sum of each athlete’s best three results are considered for Tiers 4 through 6		
*Section B results must be in the top 2/3 of the field to be considered.		
Tier 4	Sum of the following three results: - One (1) top-8 finish from the 2022-23 season - One (1) top-8 finish from the Eligibility Period - One (1) additional result from the Eligibility Period	The sum of the placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
Tier 5	Sum of the following three results: - One (1) top-16 finish from the 2022-23 season - One (1) top-16 finish from the Eligibility Period - One (1) additional result from the Eligibility Period	
Tier 6	Sum of the following three results: - Two (2) top-2/3 finish from the 2022-23 season - One (1) top-2/3 finish from the Eligibility Period	

8. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

- 8.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Quota Spot Allocation process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the Leadership Team reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action and has the final decision-making authority.
- 8.2 The Leadership Team may exercise discretion to revise this agreement prior to the end of the Eligibility Period with any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Quota Spot Allocation Process. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Team Selection Criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording.
- 8.3 The Leadership Team may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for the qualification of a quota spot based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with Alpine Canada’s Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the ACA and FC Athlete Agreements. The NSO will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.



8.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the NSO, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

9. HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT

If an athlete is injured during the 2022-23 season and is unable to compete in 50% or more of those events, they may have up to three results from the 2021-22 season included in the calculation for the WCh quota allocation ranking. In addition, the athlete must:

- have started in at least one eligible event in the 2022-23 season.
- have their NSO's Medical Staff documentation of the injury.

Only top 2/3 results will be considered for calculations.

10. APPEALS

10.1 Any dispute in relation to the 2022-23 World Championship Quota spot distribution process must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

10.2 An Athlete who wishes to appeal the team nominations shall, within three calendar days commencing from the day following the release of the public team announcement, file an appeal with the SDRCC.

10.3 Appeals will not be accepted past this time frame.