



2023 – 2024 National Mogul Team Selection Criteria

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1. Preamble

This document defines the procedures used by Freestyle Canada (FC) to select athletes to the 2023-2024:

- National Mogul Team (Groups A & B)
- NextGen Mogul Team

COVID Precision

Freestyle Canada realizes that the 2022-2023 season will again be a challenge due to the uncertainty and restrictions that could result from a resurgence of COVID. The information provided in this document will form the framework for decision making however, the Selection Committee will have the flexibility to adjust criteria if published decision processes are not possible based on the current situations.

Should there be an inadequate number of competitive opportunities ahead of select WC opportunities due to COVID restrictions, the HPP Selection Committee will look to create specific competitive opportunities for selection purposes.

If modifications are needed, affected parties will be notified as early as possible.

2. Freestyle Canada's High Performance Program Goal

To develop athletes in a safe and ethical manner, who win medals at both the Olympic Winter Games and FIS World Championships.

FC's high-performance staff will support, prepare and assist identified athletes in achieving their goals through a variety of mechanisms including:

- Gap Analysis which will identify each athlete's strengths and areas of improvement to prescribe appropriate technical, physical, and mental training programs
- Gaining competitive experience on the international stage where they can hone their tactical and psychological skills

3. National Mogul Team Structure

The National Mogul Team is composed of (up to) three groups of skiers:

- The "A" group athletes who receive priority entry into WC events and the highest level of Freestyle Canada funding support
- The "B" group athletes who receive the next priority entry into WC events and enhanced Freestyle Canada funding over NextGen athletes

AND

- The "NextGen" group of athletes for athlete development, tiering and funding purposes.

Athletes identified as National Team A & B Groups have shown evidence they are on track to win a medal at a major event within four years

Athletes identified in the NextGen Group have shown evidence they are on track to win a medal at a major event within eight years and are progressing in their skill, physical and technical performances.

4. Selection Authority and Process

The selection of athletes to participate in the FC's Mogul HPP is the responsibility of the CEO, acting on the recommendations of the HPP Mogul Selection Committee ("Selection Committee").

The Selection Committee will determine the National team size and each of its groups' sizes. *Team sizes may change depending on the year of the quadrennial, depth of the athlete pool as well as budget and funding considerations.*

- All team selections are for a one-year period only.
- The national team will usually be named by each year by May 15th.
- FC will strive to maintain gender equity.
- Athletes will be selected to compete in both Mogul and Dual Mogul events.

4.1 HPP Mogul Selection Committee ("Selection Committee")

Under the authority of the CEO, the Selection Committee is responsible for all team selections and the allocation of competitive opportunities. Team selection details are described in this document; FIS WorldCup spot allocations and selection for major events (examples: Olympic Winter Games and World Championships) will be published in separate document aligned with each event's specific timelines and selection requirements.

The Selection Committee identifies athletes who will be offered positions on the National Team and within team groups (i.e., A, B, and NextGen).

The Selection Committee consists of:

- Three voting members: the National Team Mogul Program Lead, the WC Head Technical Coach and the High Performance Director (Chair – tie breaking vote)
- Non-voting members include other national mogul program coaches, the Sport Science Sport Medicine Director, the Sport Development Director, and FC's CEO.

When relevant, the Selection Committee will seek input from content experts, such as mental training consultants, strength and conditioning trainers, medical team members or others.

A summary of the decisions of the Selection Committee meetings will be made available to affected parties on request. HPP staff will notify program athletes of the committee decisions. Delicate information will be relayed from the coach to the athlete directly (i.e.,

an athlete not being selected); summary decisions will be distributed to all affected parties.

4.2 Selection Process

Team selections are for one calendar season (May through the following April). The 2023 – 2024 National Mogul Team qualification period runs from December 1st, 2022, through April 15th, 2023, inclusively.

Within 30 days of the completion of the last ranking eligible competition of the season (usually the Senior Canadian Championships):

- The Selection Committee reviews the initial HPP Mogul Ranking list and determines if there are any special ranking considerations or mistakes in the data entry. Corrections will not be made after May 15th for that selection period (see Appendix #1)
- Eligible athletes are identified and ranked for nominations.
- Athletes who would qualify for Exceptional Circumstances (i.e., injury, etc.) are identified and ranked appropriately.
- The Selection Committee will identify any additional athletes who have shown strong potential to be selected to the HPP. Athletes in this situation may be offered the chance to attend a skill evaluation camp. This camp will allow HP coaches to work with athletes on the cusp of making the HPP and provide them direction.
- For an athlete who is placed high enough on the HPP Mogul Rankings to be considered for selection to the HPP but is unable to attend key events or camps (i.e., Senior Canadian Championships), the HPP staff will consider other means for the coaching staff to view the athlete; this must be discussed with the FC HPD or Mogul Program Lead before the start of the Canadian Championships.
- The National Team is identified and nominated in the following order:
 - a. The A group, then
 - b. The B group, then
 - c. The NextGen group
- Nominated athlete will be officially notified, having a period of 10 days to accept or decline the offered position.

4.3 HPP Mogul Ranking

The HPP Mogul Ranking criteria is explained in detail in Appendix 1. The High Performance Director coordinates the HPP Mogul Rankings related to the selection of HPP teams. These rankings are presented to the Selection Committee for their input and consideration. HPP coaches also report on each athlete's skill level and overall progression and commitment over the season.

- For an athlete to be ranked, they must normally have competed in at least three different FC eligible competitions during the current season.
- Athletes vying to be named to the 2023-24 high performance mogul program are expected to ski at the Senior Canadian Championships or the FIS Junior World Championships.

- For HPP Mogul program selection, each athlete's results from the selection period are used (Section 4.2).

4.4 Talent Identification

Provincial level athletes who have demonstrated strong development and are trending towards NextGen group qualification may be invited to a select training opportunity or skill evaluation session that allows the national team coaching staff to work directly with the athlete to evaluate development potential. These opportunities will allow the coaches to better assess specific skills, and overall aptitude for longer term HP prospective while providing direct feedback on expectations to the athlete.

4.5 Major Games Selection Considerations

During an Olympic Winter Games or FIS World Championship qualification period, athletes who have a reasonable chance of selection to that event may be given priority in the allocation of WC opportunities. Major Games selection criteria will be developed in a separate policy and posted on the [FC website](#).

4.6 Score Anomalies

In some circumstances, there are three to four competitive, qualifying events on the same course within a short period of time, often with the same panel of judges. Circumstances such as these can skew rankings (positively or negatively). Scenarios such as these will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and may warrant out of order selections.

5. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the 2023 - 2024 National Mogul Team program, an athlete needs to meet both general and performance eligibility criteria.

5.1 General Eligibility

- An athlete must be a FC member in good standing.
- Be able to obtain a Canadian passport.
- Meet the FIS age requirement to compete at FIS World Cup level events for 2023 - 2024.

5.2 Performance Eligibility

OTP provides two restricted funding envelopes of program support to Freestyle Canada:

1. Enhanced Excellence: To support athletes who have shown evidence he or she is on track to medal at the upcoming Olympic Winter Games and
2. NextGen: For the program that supports athletes who are showing evidence they are on track to medal at the subsequent Olympic WinterGames.

To be eligible for selection to the National Mogul Team, athletes are ranked on recent historical performances; these results will be used to formulate the HPP Mogul rankings. Athletes are selected to the A and B groups based on their Mogul and Dual Mogul results. NextGen athletes are selected based on the ranking results. The following criteria outlines

the performance requirements for each level:

5.2a National Mogul Team - A Group (LTAD stage: Train to Win)

Athletes will be selected to this group based on meeting one of the following performance benchmarks:

- One World Cup podium in a mogul or dual mogul WC or WCh event during the 2022 - 2023 season,
- OR**
- Two top 5 results in mogul or dual mogul WC or WCh events during the 2022 - 2023 season.

5.2b National Mogul Team - B Group (LTAD stage: Learn to Win)

Athletes who are ranked in the top five by gender (including A Group athletes) in the Final 2022 - 2023 HPP Mogul Ranking will be considered for selection to this group based on meeting the following:

Men¹:

- Two top 10 placings, both within the top 2/3 of the field at 2022 - 2023 FIS WorldCup or World Championship events.

Women:

- Two top eight placings, both within the top 2/3 of the field at 2022 - 2023 FIS World Cup or World Championship events.

**The Selection Committee may add athletes as discretionary spots (See: Section 9 – Special Ranking Consideration).*

5.2c National Mogul Team - NextGen Group (LTAD stage: Train to Compete & Learn to Win)

The NextGen team size will be determined after the A & B groups of athletes are selected. The selection committee will select athletes to this group by based on the 2022 - 2023 HPP Mogul Rankings.

- The Selection Committee may select athletes out of ranking order base on skills and/or injury status.
 - Skill assessment can occur throughout the season by any of our national program coaches or during the spring HPP training camp.
 - Skills will be assessed based on the framework outlined in Freestyle Canada's Gold Medal Profiles.
- The Selection Committee may decide to reduce the team size at the point where a large drop in points occurs between athletes on the ranking list.
- NextGen athletes are expected to progress to the B or A group within four years of being first named to the team. Athletes not showing appropriate progression in performance or skill level may not be offered a renewal of their position in the NextGen Group.

5.3 Probation

Selections of new athletes or promotion in the level of the team are considered provisional until the completion of the first training camp at which time the athlete's

performance and compliance will be reviewed to make sure they are a fit with the team.

6. Competitive Opportunities

FIS provides competitive opportunities to Freestyle Canada which in turn can enter athletes into competitions sanctioned by the international governing body. Separate documents will be created each season to identify how WC quota spots are distributed to HPP mogul athletes.

- FC is not required to fill all FIS World Cup (or FIS World Championship) quota spots.
- World Cup opportunities will be prioritized for National A & B group athletes.
- Spots are contingent on athlete health and performance readiness.
- Gender split may fluctuate based on points gaps, results, and development stages.
- “A group” athletes have their spots confirmed through the end of the North American WCs; the first two blocks.
- “B group” athletes have their spots confirmed through the end of the 2022 calendar year plus will be eligible for any Canadian WC(s).

7. 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 FC decisions; these situations are referred to as “Exceptional Circumstances”.

Competitions missed due to mandatory COVID isolation/quarantine protocols will be considered “Exceptional Circumstances”.

FC generates an HPP Ranking score for each athlete based on the assumption that each athlete will have six data points (or “six starts”) of data available. If an athlete is unable to achieve six starts in which they were qualified to compete, results can be brought forward from the previous season to meet up to six.

If the athlete does not have six “starts” in a season, the most recent event(s) of the same value from the previous season will be counted until a total of six starts are available for the HPP Ranking calculation (Examples: 1) Missed Canadian Championships would look back to the most recent previous season’s NorAm/ Canadian Championship level event; 2) Missed WC level start would be replaced by the last WC attended from the previous season.) If an athlete has six starts in the current season, the results from that season will be used for HPP Ranking.

An athlete cannot choose to opt out of an event and have this clause applied without meeting the requisite conditions of medical and FC approval in advance.

Within specific parameters, the Selection Committee has the flexibility to select athletes “out of order”. Please see Section 9 Special Ranking Considerations for details.

Only athletes who are members of the HPP program are eligible to use the “Exceptional

Circumstances” clause. Provincial athletes who have suffered injury may be brought into the HPP through the mechanism of an “out of order” selection should sufficient evidence be available to justify.

The Selection Committee has the discretion to use the Exceptional Circumstance clause for special cases. This is more likely for athletes with a significant body of recent WC results (medals, top 6, or top 16 at major games). This may include expanding the backwards extension of the selection period, or other adjustments to meet the special case.

Any injury must be evaluated and validated by a FC medical staff member. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time of the athlete's recovery.

An athlete vying for a spot in the high performance mogul program who is not capable of competing in the National Championships due to injury or other Exceptional Circumstances, must request permission, in writing from the HPD; the HPD may require documentation.

The selection committee, with input from medical experts, may prevent an athlete from entering an event if the pace of the athlete’s rehabilitation from injury warrants doing so.

8. Injured Athlete Carryover from Previous Season

It may occur that it is inappropriate for a High-Performance Program athlete, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, to participate in HPP training and competition activities for an entire program year. In such a situation, the following shall apply:

- Any such determination shall be made collectively by the athlete, the athlete’s personal physician, the FC HPD, and FC’s Chief Physician.
- The athlete shall remain a member of the High-Performance Program and shall purchase a FC membership and an International Competitor’s License.
- The athlete shall remain eligible for any available HPP clothing and other supplier pool goods, shall continue to be promoted through FC Media activities, and shall continue to be eligible for Sport Canada carding and Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Institute Network (COPSIN) services.
- A rehabilitation program for the athlete shall be developed jointly, by the athlete and the FC. The rehabilitation program shall be monitored by the FC and evaluated on a regular basis. The athlete’s return to full HPP participation shall be, in part, dependent on satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation program.
 - The rehabilitation program may include formal HPP training and entry into competitions, as well as physiotherapy, individual training, and other rehabilitative measures.
 - Any formal HPP training or entry into competitions shall be for rehabilitative purposes only. Evaluations or results from such training or entry into competitions shall not be used for the ranking of the athlete for HPP Team selections.
 - The athlete shall be eligible to return to full HPP participation only after the FC determines that the rehabilitation program has been successfully

completed.

9. Special Ranking Considerations

The selection committee may in some cases choose to select athletes out of the initial ranking order. In such case, the selection committee must record in detail the reasons for its decision. These reasons must support the program goals outlined at the beginning of this document.

Special ranking considerations include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- An athlete who is showing excellent results and increasing her or his performance results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measurable in testing) and / or technical capability; may be moved higher than her or his calculated ranking. This is more likely to happen early in an athlete's career. Rational: in some stages of development an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.
- An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than her or his calculated ranking.
- When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of "out of order" selection.
- An athlete with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.

10. General

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Chief Executive Officer of FC, in consultation with the Selection Committee.

11. Appeal and Hearing Process

FC 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 an error was made in the application of this criteria, they should immediately contact their HPP Director. If the situation is not resolved through this discussion an athlete may file an appeal through the regular Freestyle Canada process ([Appeal Policy](#)).

Appendix 1: HPP Mogul Ranking Process

Preamble

For an athlete to be ranked, they must normally:

- Be a FC member in good standing.
- Have competed in the Canadian National or the Junior World Championships in the current season.
- Have competed in at least three different qualifying competitions during current season, unless injured.

And unless an approved absence is documented:

- Have competed in the Canadian National Championships or the FIS Junior World Ski Championships in the current season.

Score and Placing values from different levels of competition are included using a factoring system developed through partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute Network Data Analytics Team.

Eligible Competitions:

Only competitions which are recognized as part of the current year’s HPP will be considered when calculating the HPP Mogul Ranking. These competitions include three tiers:

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
FIS World Championships	FIS NorAms	Apex Classic Events
Olympic Winter Games	Senior Canadian Championships	
FIS World Cups	FIS Junior World Championships	

*U.S. Selections will be used internally for VSC WC Spot allocation, however, will not be used for HPP ranking purposes.

Ranking Process

HPP Mogul Ranking Scores are comprised of Score and Placing Values. Each athlete’s Ranking Score is created from the sum of two numbers:

- the average of each athlete’s best three *Score Values* (worth 40%) and
- the average of each athlete’s best three *Placing Values* (worth 60%)

Scores and placings are converted to values based on the formulas outlined below.

Establishing the Score Values:

- Each round of competition generates a judge’s score for an athlete (i.e., Q1, F1, etc.); these scores are used to determine Score Values.
- The athlete’s score from each round of competition is eligible for ranking, however, only the best Score Value from a competition is used for that event’s contribution to the HPP Mogul Ranking.
- Each Score Value is calculated from the sum of their score in that round divided by

- the winning score from that round multiplied by the Competition Score Factor
- (WC example, your score divided by the winning score multiplied by 100; if you won a run, your score value for that competition would be 100).
- When a Mogul competition includes a Q2 (format), the winning score from Q1 will stand for Q2 calculations (to a maximum of 100%).
 - Score data from the past ten years of mogul competitions have been used to create the following Competition Scoring factors used for calculations.

Competition Score Factors

MO and DM*	Tier 1: FIS World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games	Tier 2: NorAm / Senior Canadian Championships / Junior World Championships	Tier 3: Apex Classic Events, Identified FIS events.
Men	100	87.79	76.42
Women	100	88.19	73.12

*** DM Score factors are used when seeding is based on a single qualifying run.**

Establishing the Place Values:

- Only the final placing for each event will be considered for Place Value calculations.
- Placing data from the past ten years of mogul competitions have been used to create the Competition Placing Factors used for calculations (see Appendix 1).
- Results from foreign competitors participating in Canadian Championships and Apex Classic events will be removed from the results for HPP Mogul Ranking purposes.
- Place Values will be calculated for athlete results within the following placings:

Placing Available for use by competition

	Moguls		Dual Moguls	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Tier 1	25	20	16	16
Tier 2	25	20	12	8
Tier 3	10	10	8	8

Overall HPP Mogul Ranking Score Formula:

Each athlete's

- best three Score Values from the season are averaged and multiplied by 40%,
- best three Place Values from the season are averaged and multiplied by 60%.
Placings may come from any combination of Moguls or Dual Moguls.

These two numbers are summed to create the athlete's HPP Mogul Ranking score.

Appendix 1: 2020 - 2021 Placing Points Tables

Men's Competition Placing Factor Table (Nov 2022)			
TIER	1A	2A	3A
Place	World Cup	Noram/Sr CanChamp	FIS
1	100	87.79	76.42
2	99.47	87.64	75.44
3	98.94	87.48	74.47
4	98.42	87.33	73.51
5	97.90	87.18	72.56
6	97.38	87.03	71.63
7	96.87	86.87	70.71
8	96.36	86.72	69.81
9	95.85	86.57	68.92
10	95.35	86.42	68.04
11	94.85	86.27	67.17
12	94.35	86.12	66.32
13	93.86	85.97	65.47
14	93.37	85.82	64.64
15	92.88	85.67	63.83
16	92.39	85.52	63.02
17	91.91	85.38	62.22
18	91.43	85.23	61.44
19	90.96	85.08	60.67
20	90.49	84.93	59.9
21	90.02	84.79	
22	89.55	84.64	
23	89.09	84.49	
24	88.63	84.35	
25	88.17	84.20	

Women's Competition Placing Factor Table (Nov 2022)			
TIER	1A	2A	3A
Place	World Cup	Noram/Sr CanChamp	CanSeln
1	100	88.19	73.12
2	99.16	87.95	71.71
3	98.32	87.71	70.32
4	97.49	87.46	68.98
5	96.68	87.22	67.67
6	95.87	86.98	66.39
7	95.07	86.74	65.14
8	94.28	86.50	63.93
9	93.49	86.27	62.75
10	92.72	86.03	61.6
11	91.95	85.79	60.47
12	91.20	85.56	59.38
13	90.45	85.32	58.32
14	89.70	85.09	57.28
15	88.97	84.86	49.86
16	88.24	84.62	43.48
17	87.52	84.39	38.39
18	86.81	84.16	34.31
19	86.11	83.93	31.05
20	85.41	83.70	28.44