



## Canadian Aerial Team 2022 – 23 Season FIS World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Guidelines *September 28, 2022*

*Updated January 3, 2023*

*With the warm start to the 2023 Quebec winter, Freestyle Canada is no longer able to facilitate additional competitive jumps before the entries are due for the Le Relais WC. The Selection Committee will make the selection decisions for Le Relais based on the 2021-22 season final rankings.*

*Updated December 9, 2022*

*At time of writing in September there were Tier 2 (NorAm) competitions on the schedule, since then the calendar was finalized and non-HPP skiers will not have the chance to upgrade their HPP ranking. As a result, Freestyle Canada has added a process to allocate any available Canadian WC Host quota spots to ensure those non-HPP skiers who have made progress in their performance this summer will have the chance to be recognized.*

### 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

<b>Athlete</b>
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

<b>Spots Available to Canada from the FIS for WC events</b>	10	<i>Max 6 per gender (not including personal spot)</i>
<b>Personal spot for December WC Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - earned from the 2021-22 NorAm tour</li> </ul>	<i>Alex Duchaine (above the max team and max/gender)</i>
<b>Additional Host Spots for Canadian WC events</b>	+2 spots for men +2 spots for women	<i>Max team size expanded to 14 plus personal spot</i>

### FIS WC Schedule – to February 5, 2022

<b>Host</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>
Ruka WC	Dec 4, 2022
<b>Christmas Break</b>	
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**

HPP Aerialists will be ranked by gender from eligible events from January 1, 2022 through January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (to include December WC and EC events if applicable).

If quota spots for Canadian WC events remain available, they may be filled with non-HPP aerialists based on the 2022-23 High Performance Aerial final ranking results.

following:

- ~~During the week of January 9 to 15 a competition simulation will be held.~~
- ~~The competition will be judged by a combination of HPP coaches and available FC judges~~
- ~~The top two jump scores for each athlete can be included in the calculation of their top 5 jump scores from the past 12 months.~~
- ~~The top ranked non-HPP skiers will be considered for one or more WC start.~~

#### **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.