



Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024

Freestyle Skiing Internal Nomination Procedure

Slopestyle / Halfpipe / Big Air / Dual Moguls / Team Mixed Dual Moguls

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PREAMBLE

The 2024 FIS Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will take place in Gangwon, South Korea from January 19th to February 1st 2024. Freestyle Canada is responsible to nominate athletes to represent Canada in the following freestyle skiing disciplines:

- Big Air
- Dual Moguls
- Halfpipe
- Mixed Team Dual Moguls
- Slopestyle

1. AUTHORITY

The Winter Youth Olympics are conducted under rules established by the International Ski Federation (FIS) and International Olympic Committee (IOC), as well the guiding framework of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC). This internal nomination procedure will determine the athletes provisionally nominated to the Canadian Youth Olympics Team.

Freestyle Canada will be responsible for:

- ❖ Nomination criteria
- ❖ Nomination process for athletes and coaches
- ❖ On the ground decisions will be taken by the Freestyle Skiing team leader (TL), who will be named by Freestyle Canada and work within the Canadian Olympic Committee's direction.

The 2024 YOG Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the COC based on selection criteria and a process that is deemed to be fair and just, and that meets the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS.

The 2024 YOG Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee is comprised of the following three (3) Freestyle Canada staff members:

- David Mirota, Sport Development Director
- Todd Allison, High Performance Program Director (Aerials & Moguls)
- Julie Steggall, High Performance Program Director (Slopestyle/Big Air & Halfpipe)

If any of the above individuals leave their position during the Selection period, the new individual filling the equivalent position will be named to the committee. The committee operates on a full consensus basis.

The following document details the criteria by which athletes will be nominated to the COC.

The Canadian Olympic Committee will have authority and responsibility for the final selection of Team Canada for the 2024 YOG and will base their selection for Freestyle Skiing athletes on the nominations put forward by Freestyle Canada.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2024 YOG Internal Nomination Procedure:

1. Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to send freestyle skiers who demonstrate the best medal potential
2. Nominate athletes who are on the pathway to perform at the Olympic Winter Games over the next 2 quadrennials and are ready to gain a high performance international competitive experience.
3. Coaches selected will also experience preparing for and executing a plan for athletes to perform at a high-performance international event.

4. QUOTA:

Freestyle Canada will earn quotas based on the FIS/IOC Qualification System for the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024.

Freestyle Canada will be notified of their initial allocated quota places by **December 18th 2023** and the final Sport Entries deadline will be done by the Canadian Olympic Committee by **December 21st 2023**.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) Qualification System for the Winter is available at https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1671533675/fis-prod/assets/Gangwon2024_QS_FIS_FRS_v01.2.pdf and, in the event of a discrepancy, the FIS version will prevail. In the event of changes by the FIS to the qualification system, Freestyle Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

5. ELIGIBILITY

All athletes participating in the YOG must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force. Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti- Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as with the rules of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), may participate in the YOG.

Age Eligibility:

- To be eligible to participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024, athletes must have been born between: **January 1st 2006 and December 31st 2009, inclusively.**

General Eligibility:

- Freestyle Canada member in good standing
- Have paid the FC International License Fee (FIS License)

- Have an active FIS number
- Must be a citizen of Canada and prove this with a passport valid until August 1st 2024 or later
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form by December 1st 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

FIS Eligibility:

1. Athletes must have obtained YOG FIS points in ski Halfpipe, ski Slopestyle / Big Air or Dual Moguls to start in the respective event. Athletes with only Ski Slopestyle YOG FIS points are also eligible to start in the Ski Big Air event. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023.
2. The YOG FIS Points Lists per event per gender published on **18 December 2023** on the FIS website (<https://www.fis-ski.com/>) contains only YOG age group athletes during the qualification period from 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023. For ski Slopestyle / Big Air, the YOG FIS Points List for Freeski Slopestyle will be used. The Dual Moguls YOG FIS Points contains only YOG age group athletes and include the Dual Moguls and Single Moguls competition during the qualification period from 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023. FIS will publish the latest YOG FIS Points List for information on a regular basis.

Regardless of the athlete's ranking on the YOG FIS Points List, Freestyle Canada will use their own athlete nomination process to select FIS eligible athletes, as per the following section.

6. ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS:

6.1 SKI SLOPESTYLE / SKI BIG AIR

There will be no individual selection process for each of these disciplines; Athletes will be selected to compete in both, Slopestyle & Big Air.

- Selection Process:
- - **STEP 1:** By December 6th 2023, the top-8 ranked athletes from the HPP SS/BA Ranking list, which will include eligible events occurring between **October 1st 2022 – December 5th 2023**, will be retained for the Skill Assessment in step 2.
 - Rankings will be based on the sum of the athlete's 3 best placing values from the selection period
 - For more info on HPP rankings and eligible type of events, refer to the 2023-2024 National Team Slopestyle/ Big Air Team Selection Criteria:
<https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FC-HPP-2023-2024-Slopestyle-National-Team-Selection-Oct-6-2022-OSIC-.pdf>

- **STEP 2:** By December 10th 2023, the top 8 ranked athletes, per gender, will be asked to submit videos to the SS/BA YOG Technical group for the Skill Assessment phase.
- **STEP 3:** By December 13th 2023, the SS/BA YOG Selection Committee will finalize the skill assessment and rank the athletes by combining their Slopestyle and Big Air assessment scores.

**** For video content requirements, Skills Assessment chart and SS/BA YOG Selection Committee composition – See Appendix 1****

- **STEP 4:** By December 18th 2023, the SS/BA YOG Selection Committee will nominate the athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee, along with a ranked list of alternates.

6.2 SKI HALFPIPE:

- By December 18th 2023, the eligible athletes will be nominated to the COC based on the HPP Halfpipe Ranking list, which will include eligible events occurring between **October 1st 2022 – December 17th 2023**
 - Rankings will be based on the sum of the athlete's 3 best placing values from the selection period
 - For more info on HPP rankings and eligible type of events, refer to the 2023-2024 National Team Halfpipe Team Selection Criteria: <https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FC-HPP-2023-2024-HALFPIPE-National-Team-Selection-FINAL-UCIS.pdf>

6.3 DUAL MOGULS / MIXED TEAM DUAL MOGULS spots

There will be no individual selection process for each of these events; Athletes will be selected to compete in both, Dual moguls and Mixed Team dual moguls. If there is an uneven gender split in Dual Mogul quotas, the highest ranked athlete will be prioritized for the Mixed Team Dual Mogul event.

- Selection Process:
 - By December 18th 2023, the eligible athletes will be nominated to the COC based on the HPP Mogul Ranking list, which will include eligible events occurring between **October 1st 2022 – December 17th 2023**
 - For more info on HPP rankings and eligible type of events, refer to the 2023-2024 National Team Mogul Team Selection Criteria: <https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Moguls-2023-24-Team-Selection-EN-update-Feb-3.pdf>

- For the purpose of the YOG nomination only, Freestyle Canada will include placing values for the Top 20 places at the Apex Classic events.

7. COACH SELECTION PROCESS:

Freestyle Canada will select between one and three coaches to attend pending allocation of accreditation from the Canadian Olympic Committee. The following factors will be considered when nominating the coaches:

- National program coaches will have priority
- PSO coaches may be considered should there be PSO athletes selected, or the National program coaches are unavailable.
- Active Freestyle Canada coach license for 2023-24 season
- Freestyle Canada / NCCP Coach certifications deemed appropriate for the skill level of the athletes nominated.
- Have a passport valid until August 1st, 2024

Coaches will normally be selected six weeks prior to the first day of training. All selected coaches must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.

8. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance(s) (as determined by FC) does not allow the Youth Olympic Games internal nomination procedure to be fairly and objectively applied, FC reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

9. PERFORMANCE READINESS & INJURY

If a nominated athlete is injured prior to the Late Replacement date, a Medical assessment will be required for the injured athlete, which will then be reviewed by the FC Medical team. A recommendation will then be made to the selection committee

10. ATHLETE REMOVAL AFTER SELECTION / NOMINATION

In the situations where an athlete becomes injured, is no longer able to participate or for some reason, is no longer eligible to compete after being selected, the athlete will be withdrawn from the event.

11. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

Substitutions after the Sports Entries deadline are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the *2024 Youth Olympic Games*, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to injury, that athlete shall be

replaced, subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked Alternate (or Alternates) in his or her event (or events).

12. APPEALS

Final nominations to the COC for the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games must be appealed in accordance with the SDRCC appeals procedures. Any dispute relating to the "*Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 – Freestyle Skiing Internal Nomination*" must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC.

APPENDIX #1 – SS/BA SKILL ASSESSMENT STEP

**** For video content requirements, Skills Assessment chart and SS/BA YOG Technical Committee composition – See Appendix 1****

The skill assessment group responsible for recommending athletes and allocating spots to the 2024 YOG Freestyle skiing committee are:

- NextGen Head Coach
- NextGen Assistant Coach
- High Performance Director – Slopestyle/Big Air & Halfpipe (for tie breaking vote only)

Other people who are part of discussions and help give perspective when voting is needed are:

- National Team Head Coach
- National Team Technical Coach
- Sport Development Director

The following scale will be used to rank athletes:

SCALE GUIDE:		
Comparable to current top performers		Consistency
Not competition ready	1	0-49%
Doing in competition but not quality of top 50% of field	2	50-69%
Finals round quality	3	70-89%
Top 5 quality	4	90-100%

SCALE GUIDE: Relative to the World Cup Circuit and the current pool of CDN athletes for selection

EXAMPLE:

SLOPESTYLE SKILL ANALYSIS												
ATHLETE RANK	NAME	JUMP DD	QUALITY	JUMP DD	QUALITY	OVERALL RAILS: variety of skills, DD, creativity, variety of combinations, versatility for different features, <i>in the moment skill strategy</i>	QUALITY	CREATIVITY: line, grabs, innovation, variety, features	QUALITY	CONSISTENCY SCORE: % achieving quality full runs	FULL RUN IMPRESSION	TOTAL SCORE
1	ATHLETE 1	Lf Dub 16 Japan	4	Sw Rt 14 Mute	4	demonstrates dd that can win	3	Has stand out style, unique choice of axis's	4	4	4	23
BIG AIR SKILL ANALYSIS												
ATHLETE RANK	NAME	JUMP 1 DD	QUALITY	JUMP 2 DD	QUALITY	CREATIVITY: style, grabs, <i>in the moment skill strategy</i>	QUALITY	CONSISTENCY: Execution, % achieving quality jumps	OVERALL IMPRESSION	TOTAL SCORE		
1	ATHLETE 1	Sw Lf 18 Mute	4	Lf Trip 16 Jap	3	1 trick no one else does	4	4	4	19		

* Benchmark skills are outlined in Freestyle Canada's Gold Medal Profile (GMP) Guidelines. The GMP is used as a guideline, with the rate of skill progression in the NorAm and World Cup circuit, the base for comparison may change to stay current with the performance needs in team selection.

Video Submission requirements:

Identified athletes will be asked to input videos in a google drive by **December 10th, 2023:**

The video clips must include a minimum of:

- 2 top to bottom SS run (this can be full runs or just sections of a run with 2 features minimum)
- 3 individual jumps (Big Air)
- 3 rails
- Video should be at normal speed (no slow motion)

The skill assessment will be based on the videos provided only. The athletes selected for the skill assessment step, as well as their coach, will be contacted by the Sport Development Director, who will manage the process.