



**2023-2024 MOGUL NORAM QUOTA ALLOCATION  
POLICY - FINAL**

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## **1. Introduction**

The NorAm competition series is part of the FIS Continental Cup level of competitions and serves as a place to gain international competition experience as athletes prepare for World Cup events later in their career. There are five Continental Cup series; host nations of the NorAm circuit are the USA and Canada; athletes from non-NorAm nations do have the opportunity to compete at these events.

Freestyle Canada receives quota spots from the International Ski Federation (FIS) NorAm Committee to distribute to Canadian mogul athletes who wish to compete on the NorAm circuit. This document will describe the process of allocating these quota spots.

Freestyle Canada holds the authority to allocate the Canadian FIS spots; this is done each year using the FIS – Continental Cup (COC) Rules and Freestyle Canada's NorAm Quota Policy. The link to the current COC Rules can be found here:

[https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/CoC\\_Rules\\_SB\\_FS\\_FK\\_2023\\_24\\_clean.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/CoC_Rules_SB_FS_FK_2023_24_clean.pdf)

## **2. Purpose of the NorAm Circuit**

Freestyle Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model is designed to have athletes progress through key learning and experiential objectives as they develop their skills. The following NorAm competition objectives facilitate the learning of meaningful competitive skills:

- Provide international competitive opportunities targeted at athletes in the high-performance athlete development stream (Podium Pathway) who are demonstrating long-term major event podium potential within eight years. In priority order these athletes are:
  - National team members (A, B & C)
  - Provincial team members
- To prepare athletes for the international competitive stage, FIS World Cup Circuit (same competition formats, exposure to different challenging courses, travelling outside Canada, etc.)
- Provide Continental Cup podium experiences (learning to perform at "Train to Compete" level)

- Provide athletes with competitive opportunities where they can qualify to be selected into the national team program.

### **3. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Processes**

The following guidelines direct the NorAm Quota Allocation Committee in allocating spots fairly and effectively:

- NorAm Mogul competitions target skiers in the “Learn to Compete” and “Train to Compete” LTAD stages in our system. Targeted athletes are typically Tier C National team (a.k.a. NextGen) and provincial team skiers, however, may include skiers in the provincial development programs; it may also include Tier B National team members who require specific skills or experiences.
- Recognize there could be Canadian skiers who are “outliers”: skiers not currently ranked in the Freestyle Canada HPP ranking system. To allow targeted, non-ranked skiers to compete, Freestyle Canada may retain quotas for strategic development opportunities (Smart Tracking) as deemed appropriate by the Allocation Committee.

### **4. Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee**

Spots will be allocated as per the outlined process by the Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee (the “Allocation Committee”). The Committee will consist of three regular members including Freestyle Canada’s:

- Athlete Development Director
- A Freestyle Canada High Performance Program Mogul Coach
- High Performance Program Director (for tie-break)

Other HPP mogul coaches may be consulted when more information is needed.

The Allocation Committee will work and communicate with the High-Performance Athlete Development Advisory Group each year to discuss and update this NorAm policy. The Allocation Committee has the authority by vote to make decisions on disputes.

\*\*The HPAD Advisory Group will review this policy each spring for any changes, then again updated once quotas are received from FIS in the fall of each year.

## **5. Athlete Eligibility**

To be eligible to ski in a NorAm mogul event, it is expected that every skier can safely ski and jump in a NorAm mogul course (see FIS ICR 4204 and 4304: [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634019257/fis-prod/assets/Freestyle\\_Course\\_Standards\\_Manual\\_2020-21\\_v.0.1.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634019257/fis-prod/assets/Freestyle_Course_Standards_Manual_2020-21_v.0.1.pdf)).

In addition, each skier must:

- Hold an active FIS license (with a FIS code number) as well as a Freestyle Canada License, with the appropriate insurance
- Have competed at the current year Apex Classic event
- Athletes must:
  - have a year-round, periodized training program
  - have a Comp Dev level coach (Certified preferred, Trained status as a minimum) who works with Freestyle Canada's LTAD, GMP and skill matrix with the goal of developing high performance athletes)
  - have the Minimum Performance Level (MPL):
    - have achieved at least one Top-16 result, within the top 75% of the final rankings, at a Canada Cup level event (excluding Junior National Dual Moguls) during the 2022-23 or 2023-24 seasons

## **6. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Process for Canadian Spots**

Freestyle Canada can allocate fifty (50) spots to Canadian athletes. These spots are split evenly between Male & Female athletes; 25 spots for men and 25 spots for women. As per the FIS Continental Cup Rules, any unused gender quota can be moved to the other gender to a maximum of 30 per gender. The allocation of spots in the mogul discipline will be for both, single and dual mogul events.

The 23-24 NorAm spots allocation will be determined for the entire NorAm competition block:

Deer Valley, USA – Feb. 7-8, 2024  
Apex Mountain, CAN – Feb. 17-18, 2024  
Val St-Côme, CAN – Feb. 24-25, 2024  
Stratton Mountain, USA – March 1-2, 2024

## **6.1 Allocation process and timeline**

Freestyle Canada will follow this process to allocate Canadian NorAm quota spots by gender for all NorAm events:

1. National Team program Athletes assigned first
2. Top-10 per gender from 2022-23 HPP rankings, excluding current National Team athletes
3. The top 3 athletes per gender from the 2023 Apex Classic (not already selected in #2)
4. PSO discretionary (2 per PSO for AB, BC, ON and QC)
5. Wild card spots (remaining spots)

### **6.1.1. High Performance Program Athletes**

The Allocation Committee retains the number of spots required for the Freestyle Canada HPP athletes who will ski in the event; HPP skiers are the first to be assigned spots for the event(s). The HPP ranking process and formula is described in the HPP Mogul Team Selection Criteria on Freestyle Canada's website.

### **6.1.2. Top-10 per gender from 22-23 HPP Rankings**

Excluding current HPP athletes (national team athletes), the Top-10 athletes by gender from the 22-23 HPP Rankings will be awarded a spot for all NorAms. If an athlete declines their spot, that spot will go to the PSO they competed for in 22-23.

### **6.1.3. 2023 Apex Classic rankings**

The top 3 athletes per gender from the 2023 Apex Classic (not already selected in #2) :

- The sum of the 2 places value's (see Appendix A for placing value's). The athletes will then be ranked from the largest to smallest sum of points. In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest single place value will be ranked ahead

If the athlete doesn't take their spot it will go to the next highest ranked athlete according to the same process cited above.

### **6.1.6 PSO Discretionary Spots**

The PSO will be asked to send the name of the athletes that they think should get a NorAm spot to [julien@freestylecanada.ski](mailto:julien@freestylecanada.ski) by **December 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Each PSO has 2 discretionary spots (ideally equal gender split) for AB, BC, ON and QC.

### **6.1.5 Wild Card Spot**

Once spots have been assigned, remaining spots may be allocated through the wild card allocation process (the Noram Allocation Committee is not required to fill all spots). Wild Card spots are intended for athletes in one or more of the following situations:

1. An athlete returning from medically documented injury that has prevented them from attending the Apex Classic, training camps over the last 6 months and/or has missed more than 50% of the 2022-23 Canada Cup level events.
2. An athlete who is demonstrating a fast progression and NorAm readiness in relation to Freestyle Canada's skill matrix (Train-to-Compete stage)

#### **Wild Card Application Process:**

- A.** PSOs of Wild Card Applicant athletes must send their identified athletes to [julien@freestylecanada.ski](mailto:julien@freestylecanada.ski) before **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- B.** Applicant athletes will be asked to share video with two "top to bottom competition runs", ideally in Apex course.
- C.** Once submissions and reports from the NT Coaches are received, the NorAm Quota Allocation Committee will review the packages and make allocations based on the athlete's skill level relative to the skill matrix and expected abilities for the Learn & Train-to-Compete stages:
- D.** Once the Wild Card decisions and ranking are made, the athlete's PSO will be notified by Freestyle Canada of the allocations.

## **7. Unforeseen Circumstances <including COVID>**

This policy is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of unforeseen circumstances. Where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond FC's control do not allow an adequate number of qualifying competitions to take place in a fair manner, the Allocation Committee will meet to consider alternative competition results and/or extend the dates for selection. Any changes, along with the logic for the change, will be communicated to the HPAD advisory group at the earliest time after the decisions are made.

### **Appendix A**

#### **Apex Classic placing value for NorAm spots (6.1.3.)**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st Place	100 Points
2nd Place	80 Points
3rd Place	60 Points
4th Place	50 Points
5th Place	45 Points
6th Place	40 Points
7th Place	36 Points
8th Place	32 Points
9th Place	29 Points
10th Place	26 Points
11th Place	24 Points
12th Place	22 Points
13th Place	20 Points
14th Place	18 Points
15th Place	16 Points
16th Place	15 Points
17th Place	14 Points
18th Place	13 Points
19th Place	12 Points
20th Place	11 Points
21st Place	10 Points
22nd Place	9 Points
23rd Place	8 Points
24th Place	7 Points
25th Place	6 Points
26th Place	5 Points
27th Place	4 Points
28th Place	3 Points
29th Place	2 Points
30th Place	1 Point