



Canadian Halfpipe Team 2024 World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Criteria

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Introduction

Freestyle Canada will allocate WC starts to members of our national halfpipe team for the 2023-24 FIS WC season.

Philosophy

Own the Podium (OTP) reviews Freestyle Canada's plans and the results from our athletes to make funding recommendations each year to Sport Canada. The OTP recommendation is based on medal results from our athletes in the most recent Olympic Winter Games and World Championships that show evidence that our athletes are trending towards medals in 2026 and 2030. While we would love to provide opportunity to all our skiers, each nation has a fixed number of quota spots.

Freestyle Canada will only fill quota spots for the 2024 WCs if the Halfpipe High Performance Committee feels that the competitive start for the skier at that level is in the best interest of his or her development. It is expected that athletes competing in WC events outside of Canada regularly reach finals. Canada does not have to fill all available WC spots. The number of quota spots varies event-to-event however, Freestyle Canada will work with the FIS Race Director to request additional WC Spots for each event where we have more qualified skiers than available spots.

FIS WC Schedule*

Host	Scheduled Date	Selection Deadline
Mammoth WC (HP)	February 2, 2024	
Calgary (HP * 2)	February 15, 17, 2024	February 10, 2024 *post Mammoth NorAm

**Remaining WC events, subject to change*

Eligibility

There are two criteria an athlete needs to meet to be eligible for selection to a WC:

1. Each athlete must meet the following Technical Acrobatic Skill Benchmarks:
 - Men: Both way 900s and one switch skill.
 - Women: One switch skill and both way 540.
2. Must have a minimum of 10 FIS points.



Rankings and Selections

Rankings will be calculated using Tier 1 and 2 Halfpipe events that have taken place between December 1, 2022 and present (last season and this season YTD). Each skier's score will be a total of his or her best three placing points over that time.

A and B (WCT) team skiers will be prioritized for spot selection, followed by NG team members. Open spots for Freestyle Canada hosted WC events may be filled by non-HPP athletes who have met the technical acrobatic skill benchmarks.

Any HPP skier¹ who missed the 2022-23 season due to injury may have 2021-22 results calculated using the 2022-23 factors.

WC Spot Allocations Process

Step 1: - WCT skiers

- WC A and B team skiers will be given priority entry/selection based on current ranking.

Step 2 – NG skiers:

If spots remain after Step 1, the Halfpipe High Performance Committee may consider filling them in order from the current ranking.

Step 3 – For Freestyle Canada Hosted WC Events

If spots remain after the completion of Step 1 and 2 for a Freestyle Canada hosted WC, the Halfpipe High Performance Committee may consider filling them in order from the current HP Halfpipe ranking list. In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the higher Tier 2 result will prevail. If the tie persists after this consideration, a skill assessment will be performed from observations by the Canadian High Performance Halfpipe coaches at the Copper and/or Mammoth NorAm events using the assessment process outlined in the [2024-25 National Halfpipe Team Selection Criteria](#).

Notification

HP athletes will be notified by their coach of any selection news within 24 hours of the committee decision. The Halfpipe High Performance Committee's spot allocation decision will be shared with all affected HP athletes and non-HPP coaches within 48 hours of the decision, understanding the desire for all to know as soon as possible.

¹ Injury result calculation is only available to current HPP athletes.