



**2024 FIS Junior World Ski Championships
Selection Criteria
For Moguls and Aerials**

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1. Preamble

The 2024 FIS Junior World Ski Championships for MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET are scheduled to take place in Chiesa in Valmalenco, Italy, from March 31st -April 7th 2024

Freestyle Canada will select athletes for the 2024 FIS Junior World Ski Championships to compete in the following events based on the selection criteria outlined in this document:

- Moguls, Mixed Team Dual Moguls and Dual Moguls (one team selected to compete in all Mogul events).
- Aerials and Team Aerials (athletes selected for the aerials event are the one that will be consider for the team aerials event)

2. Authority

The FIS Junior World Ski Championships are conducted under rules established by the FIS.

Freestyle Canada will be responsible for:

- Creation and management of the Canadian athlete selection criteria
- Ranking and selection of eligible Canadian athletes
- Selection of coaches
- Logistical and planning support for the team
- Management of entries.

3. Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2024 FIS Junior World Ski Championships selection criteria:

- Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to send Canadian athletes who are podium contenders at this competition.
- Selected competitors will gain a high performance international competitive experience and help prepare potential mogul athletes for future international events.

- Coaches selected will also experience preparing for and executing a plan for athletes to perform at a high-performance international event.

4. Athlete General Eligibility

- Freestyle Canada member in good standing
- Have paid the FC International License Fee (with Freestyle Canada, this includes appropriate SAIP accident insurance)
- Have an active FIS number
- Must be a citizen of the country of which National Ski Association she/he has a license and prove this with a valid passport; in this case, Canada
- Age Requirements:
 - **Athletes must be born between January 1st, 2004 and December 31st, 2009.**
- Aerials athletes will also be required to meet the discipline specific minimum skill levels as described by discipline below.

5. Liability and Insurance

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damage or accident. All participants must be sufficiently insured against accidents and illness by themselves or their National Federation.

As a member of Freestyle Canada, each athlete and coach have 3rd party liability insurance as part of their Freestyle Canada membership.

- Athletes who have purchased the Freestyle Canada International License will be automatically registered with SAIP insurance (as a minimum). This will cover out-of-country medical expenses.
- Coaches need to ensure they have adequate out-of-country medical insurance that does not have any COVID exclusions.

6. Quota

The FIS determines the number of athletes that may compete at the FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships for each country participating.

The FIS will allow each nation to enter a maximum of four men and four women per event: there is no requirement for Freestyle Canada to fill all quota spots.

7. Athlete Selection Process

7.1 Timelines

- December 1st, 2023 through March 4th, 2024 Event Eligibility Period: The selection period will include the eligible events within this timeframe.
- The team will be selected by March 8th 2024.

7.2 Quota allocation methods for Moguls:

- The available nation quota spots will be allocated to the top ranked athletes using the HPP ranking process and using the Jr Worlds eligibility period. The ranking will be based on the athletes **3 best placings** from the eligible period. To review the HPP ranking criteria, follow this link: <https://freestylecanada.ski/programs/hpp-policies/>
 - Eligible events are those that occurred during the eligible period (see 7.1), which are part of the 2023-24 HPP ranking. These events only include FIS level events identified in the 2024-2025 National Mogul Team Selection Criteria.
- Athletes will be selected to compete in single and dual mogul events, and all athletes will be considered for the Mixed Team Dual event.
 - Mixed Team Duals: Based on an even gender split of Canadian athletes attending, FC will enter up to 2 pairs. The composition of the pairs competing in the Mixed Team Dual event will be decided by the lead coach following the single mogul event. FC's objective is to win a medal by pairing the skiers demonstrating the best chances in this particular course. If we have less athletes in one gender or the Organizing committee limits the number of teams by nations, FC will use the single mogul competition results to field the pairs competing in the mixed Team Dual event for Canada.
- Freestyle Canada reserves the right not to fill all quota spots.

7.2.1 Performance eligibility

Athletes will need to meet the following performance eligibility:

- Athletes will need to have achieved at least one (1) of the following results during the 23-24 season:
 - top 2/3 of the field at a NorAm Mogul Single event
AND/OR
 - top 20 of the field at Apex Classic,

7.3. Quota allocation for Aerials

The respective AE HPP rankings (as per the above timeline, 7.1) will be used for athlete selection.

- Athletes' five best jumps from the HPP ranking from the eligibility period will be used for selecting the eligible athletes
- Athletes will be ranked using the HPP ranking process and using the Jr Worlds eligibility period. To review the HPP ranking criteria, follow this link <https://freestylecanada.ski/programs/hpp-policies/>
- Athletes selected for aerials will be eligible to compete in the team event; however, only three athletes (including both genders) will compete in the Team Aerial event. If the organizer welcomes more than one entry per nation, Canada may field additional teams.
- Freestyle Canada reserves the right not to fill all quota spots
- Three athletes will be named to the Mixed Aerial Team. FC's objective is to win a medal by fielding a team that has three jumps that lead to the highest possible three scores. The team will be composed of:
 - i. The highest ranked female Aerial athlete on the HPP Ranking list
 - ii. The highest ranked male Aerial athlete on the HPP Ranking list
 - iii. The third Aerial athlete will be selected by ranking all other selected aerial athletes on one list using their highest average total jump score of his or her three, from their five most recent WC competition jumps (scores must come from inside the Team.

7.3.1 Performance eligibility

Each athlete will need to meet the following performance eligibility:

- Each athlete will need to have the following minimum skill level to be considered for selection:
 - Women: have landed bL and bF in competition
 - Men: have landed bFF or higher DD "double" in competition
- The sum of each athlete's five best jumps from the HPP ranking during the eligibility period will be used for selecting the eligible athletes
- Athletes will be ranked using the HPP ranking process and using the Jr Worlds eligibility period. To review the HPP ranking criteria, follow this link <https://freestylecanada.ski/programs/hpp-policies/>

8. Coaches

Coaches will normally be selected once the athletes will have confirmed their spot. They will only receive expenses for this activity; they will not receive an additional contractor fee; coach expenses will be covered through athletes' contributions. Details on what expenses will be

covered must be discussed and approved before the coach accepts the role.

Freestyle Canada will offer the opportunity to one (possibly two) coach(es) to attend for each discipline MO and AE. Coaches will be offered the opportunity based on:

- Canadian registered coaches will be considered – generally, Comp Dev trained is required. Coaches must be qualified to coach the skills being performed by the athletes at the competition to be considered.
- A Freestyle Canada HPP coach will be prioritized as the lead coach for each discipline
- If most athletes selected for one discipline come from one program, the coach from that program will usually be prioritized for selection
- A Freestyle *Canada Coach* certification and an active license are required.

9. Athlete Costs

At present, there is no funding available from Freestyle Canada for this competitive opportunity. Athletes will be responsible for their own expenses as well as an even share of their discipline's coach's (es') expenses; PSOs are free to contribute towards their athletes' expenses.

Each athlete will be responsible for:

- half board price for a maximum of CHF100 per day (accommodation, breakfast, dinner)
- lift tickets
- airfare
- lunches, incidentals
- a share of the coach costs
- a share of ground travel

The coach and ground travel expense cost to the athlete expected to be around 1000\$ per athlete.

For budgeting purposes count on (per person):

- Estimated coach and ground expense fee per athlete: \$1,000
- Airfare: market dependent, subject to fluctuation and availability
- Half board: approximately \$800 CAD (100CHF/night * 6) for room, breakfast & dinner
- Food: lunches and snacks - \$100
- **Forecasted total cost: minimum \$5,500 plus incidentals per athlete**

10. Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance (as determined by FC) does not allow the FIS Junior World Ski Championships selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, FC and its selection committees reserves the right take appropriate course of action.

If the criteria result in fewer athletes than the quota allows, FC reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes.

Due to potential health and/or public safety situations, the Selection Committees, the medical team as well as the leadership team of Freestyle Canada will analyze the risk associated to the participation of our athletes to this event and will decide 30 days out of the official arrival day if they are sending a team or not.

11. Appeals

Freestyle Canada's selections for the FIS Junior World Ski Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the FC Appeals Protocol.

<https://freestylecanada.ski/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Freestyle-Canada-Appeal-Policy.pdf>