

Canadian Mogul Team 2024 – 25 Season FIS World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Guidelines September 12, 2024

Introduction

Freestyle Canada will allocate World Cup (WC) starts to members of our national mogul team for the 2024 - 25 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 WCs if the selection committee feels the competitive start at that level is in the best interest of the qualified skier.

Calculations will be made using a 12 month "rolling" HP Ranking.

Up to the Val St.-Come WC (January 26, 2025), Freestyle Canada will prioritize spots for A and B team skiers and consider filling spots using a rolling 12 month HPP calculation to rank remaining eligible skiers. Should the team choose to compete in any Europa Cup events, these events will not be included in the calculations as all HPP athletes will not have access to compete.

Athletes will be required to meet minimum skill and result performance criteria to be considered for selection as described below. It is expected that athletes competing in non-Canadian WC events regularly reach finals.

Any skier who missed the 2023-24 season due to a health related circumstance may have their rankings calculated using 2022-23 results per FC's historic mogul Extraordinary Circumstance Clause; if this is done rankings will be calculated using the 2023-24 factors. The results used will include competitions completed between January 1, 2023, through December 23, 2024.



FIS Quota Spots

FIS has allocated Freestyle Canada:

- the maximum available core team size (10 skiers) with a maximum of 5 skiers per gender.
- one skier earned a personal spot (Mikael Kingsbury WC).
- Canada will earn one extra quota spot by hosting a WC event; for 2024 25, the Freestyle Canada HP Mogul Committee ("HP Committee") has designated as a spot for a male skier for 2024 25.
- Canada's functional maximum team size is 12 skiers.
- for the Canadian Hosted event(s) (Val St.-Come), Canada has three additional spots per gender above the max team size.

Available Quota Spots in Canadian and non-Canadian WC events

	Quota Men (1 pers + 5 base + 1 org) = 7 total	Quota Women (5 base)
Personal spots	Mikael	n/a
A and B team members	Elliot	Maïa
	LD*	Berkley*
	Julien	
Available (do not have to be filled)		
 Pre-Christmas and Waterville Valley 	3	3
• VSC	6	6
Deer Valley and beyond	3	3

FIS WC Schedule*

Host	Scheduled Date	Selection Phase
Ruka WC (MO)	Nov 30, 2024	1
Idre Fjäll WC (MO, DM)	Dec 6/7, 2024	
Alpe d'Huez WC (MO, DM)	Dec 13/14, 2024	
Bakuriani WC (MO, DM)	Dec 20/21, 2024	
Christmas Break		
Waterville WC (MO/DM)	Jan 24/25, 2025	2
Val StCome WC (MO, DM)	Jan 31 – Feb 1, 2025	
Deer Valley WC (MO/DM)	Feb 6 - 8, 2025	3
Beidahu WC (MO, DM)	Feb 21 – 24, 2025	4**
Almaty WC (MO/DM)	Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2025	5**
Livigno WC (MO/DM) - TBC	Mar 11 - 13, 2025	6**

^{*}Subject to changes. **may be combined with another phase.



Eligibility:

All athletes must:

- Sign the FIS Declaration stating compliance with all FIS rules of competition for the current season.
- Be in good standing with Freestyle Canada and be a member of the Mogul HPP.
- Have a minimum of 50 FIS points.

Overarching Minimum Skill Performance Levels for WC Selection Consideration:

- Starting the second last training cycle in Chile 2024, airtime and ski out ratios will be monitored for each eligible athlete.
- Statistics will be considered only for tricks that have been deemed "Competition Ready" through discussions between the coach and athlete: there is no penalty for working on a "new" trick.
- "Ski out" means skiing in control for the eight turns after landing or skiing four turns then coming to a controlled stop.
- Any skier returning from injury must be medically cleared to return to training in time to prepare adequately for the opportunity.

Minimum Skill Performance Considerations

	Men	Women
Airtime top air	1.50	1.35seconds
Airtime bottom air	1.65 1.55 seconds	
Ski out ratio (of "ready tricks")	50% or more of all attempts	

Selection Phases

Phase 1 - Pre-Christmas 2024-25 WC

Available spots may be filled off the HPP rankings (final ranking 2023-24) and based on coach evaluation of performance at training camps. Decision on whether we fill any open spots will be taken post-fall camp (Chile).

Required Minimum Result Performance for Selection Consideration Pre-Christmas		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Canadian Mogul A or B team	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
2023-24 FIS NorAm Grand Prix final ranking (Overall MO)	3 rd or better	3 rd or better
<u>2023-24 WC Season</u>	<u>1 top 16</u>	<u>1 top 12</u>



Phase 2 – Selection for Waterville and Val St.-Come WC events

Skiers will be ranked for selection, by gender, from the HP Mogul Ranking lists as of December 24, 2024. One result (minimum) from 2024-25 must be used in the calculation of the HPP ranking for selection.

 If spots remain after the completion a first round of selections, the HP Committee may consider filling them in rank order with those HP national team skiers who met the skill performance criteria but did not meet the minimum result performance requirements.

Waterville Valley and Val St.-Come Minimum Performance

	Required Minimum Result Performance for Selection Consideration WV or VSC		
Priority		Men	Women
<u>1</u>	Canadian Mogul A or B team	Member	Member
Then 2	2024-25 WC Season	1 top 16	1 top 12
Then 3	2024 Apex ¹ Classic Placing (MO or DM)	The gold medalist from each day is prioritized	The gold medalist from each day is prioritized
Then 4	HPP Ranking	Must achieve minimum skill performance levels (above on page 3)	

¹ Apex Classic results will be calculated as a tier 2 event (NorAm level) for this selection: they will revert to tier 3 for overall HPP rankings.

Phase 3 – Selections for Post VSC WC events

Selections to Post-Canadian WC events will be dependent on available budget and program priorities. Selections will be made using the most current HP Ranking lists. The HP committee may consider multiple event selections at a single selection meeting.

If spots remain after the completion of initial selections, the HP Committee may consider filling them in rank order with those eligible HP national team skiers who met the minimum skill performance criteria but did not achieve the minimum result performance requirements.

Post-Val-St. Come WC Selections Table

	Men (1 pers + 5 base + 1 org) = 7	Women (5 base)
Personal spots	Mikael	n/a
If five or fewer starts in 2024-25 FIS	1 top 12 result to be eligible	1 top 8 result to
World Cup events*		be eligible
If more than five starts in 2024-25 FIS	2 top 12 result to be eligible	2 top 8 result to
World Cup events		be eligible

^{*}WCT A/B skiers returning from injury will be eligible for selection based on 2023-24 but must be cleared by FC medical. The HP Committee will consider the best return plan for each situation.



Selection and Decision Procedures

- 1. The HP Committee will select athletes for each opportunity and may also designate alternates.
- 2. Athletes under consideration will be informed of the decision by their coach. Selected athletes will be offered the opportunity and given the choice to accept or decline. The committee may establish a deadline for the athlete's decision.
- 3. If a selected athlete declines the offer and an alternate has been identified, the alternate may be offered the opportunity.
- 4. An opportunity may be revoked if an athlete fails to maintain good standing with Freestyle Canada.

Current Ranking

Men's Moguls 2023-24 Ranking		
Rank	Athlete	Average Ranking Score
1	Kingsbury, Mikael	101.5
2	Vaillancourt, Elliot	98.00
3	Chalifoux, Louis David	97.51
4	Viel, Julien	97.28
5	Goodison, Samuel	93.75
6	Dufresne, Gabriel	93.39
7	Cordell, Sam	89.75
8	Beaulieu, Charles	89.06
9	Tanner, Daniel	88.60
12	Dubuc, Joey	87.92
13	Carey, Cole	87.72
14	Bougie, Jean-Christophe	86.98

Wom	en's Moguls 2023-	18-Apr-24
Rank	Athlete	Average Ranking Score
1	Schwinghammer, Maia	98.47
2	Brown, Berkley	93.82
3	Desmarais-Gilbert Lauriann	90.73
4	Linton, Jessica	89.81
5	Mikkelsen, Maya	89.27
6	Koehler, Ashley	89.19
7	Clegg, Sina	87.82
8	Laroche, Florence	87.30

^{*}Retired athletes redacted