



Canadian Halfpipe 2024-2025 World Cup Spot Allocation

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Introduction

Freestyle Canada (FC) allocates World Cup (WC) starts to eligible members of national halfpipe team into available FIS quotas based on the criteria in this document.

This document outlines the process for distribution of FIS World Cup competitive opportunities to athletes in the Canadian halfpipe program for the 2024/25 season. Information on selection to the team, Committee structure, etc., can be found on the Freestyle Canada [website](#).

Philosophy

FC works in partnership with Own the Podium to build and validate our performance plans that chart the path towards medals at the next and subsequent Olympic Winter Games. Funding from OTP and the Government of Canada is based on medal results from our athletes in the most recent Olympic Winter Games and the evidence that our athletes are trending towards medals in the subsequent Games. While Freestyle Canada's HP Committee would love to provide WC opportunities to all our skiers, available quota spots are limited, and we must give priority to those athletes who have the strongest evidence of medal potential in 2026.

Freestyle Canada will:

- Provide a transparent selection process for athletes eligible* to compete in the events,
- Use a "rolling 12-month HPP calculation" to rank the skiers in each gender of the High Performance Program,
- Strive to balance opportunities for each athlete to improve his or her ranking,

*Eligible athletes are those who are in good standing with the Freestyle Canada high performance program.

FIS WC Schedule 2024-25

Host	Scheduled Date
Cardrona, NZL	September 6 – 9, 2024
Secret Garden, CHN	December 5 – 7, 2024
Copper, USA	December 19 – 21, 2024
Aspen, USA	January 30 – February 6, 2025
Calgary, CAN	February 14 – 16, 2025

*Subject to changes, cancellations, or additions

FIS Halfpipe Quotas

Each FIS nation earns base quotas spots for World Cup events based primarily on athlete performances from the previous year. Entries into World Cups for Canadian athletes include:

- Basic Quota Spots: those available to all nations,
- Additional: based on Canadian athlete performances in the previous season,
- Personal quota spots: earned through high level performances in the previous season. For 2024-25, Brendan Mackay, Amy Fraser and Dillan Glennie earned personal quota spots,
- Additional spots may be provided by the FIS Race Director based on the FIS allocation system (found in section 2.3, [here](#)).

Canada entries in World Cup events will be limited by the imposed maximum team size. There is a maximum team size of:

- Canadian events: 15 athletes plus personal spots
- Non-Canadian Events: 10 athletes plus personal spots

There is no requirement for FC to fill all available quota spots.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection each athlete 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 Halfpipe HPP.
- Minimum of 10 FIS points

World Cup Selection Blocks

1. In advance of this criteria Cardrona
2. November 15th Secret Garden, Copper
3. January 2nd Aspen, Calgary

*This is the first time WC Spot Allocation Criteria has been instituted for Canada Halfpipe will be first used for the November 15th allocations.

FC World Cup Spot Selection Process

Athletes are selected on **HPP Rankings**, based on each athlete's best three event results over the previous 12 month period. The HP Committee is not required to fill all available FIS World Cup quota spots.

Additional factors considered are:

1. **Podium Potential:** Recent top finishes and ability to qualify for major events may be considered. Current top 12 WC results may be prioritized: top 12 results for men and top 8 results for women (to be considered, results must be in the top 2/3 of the field).
2. **Readiness:** Current fitness, health and training progress.
3. **Commitment:** Dedication to training and performance improvement. Commitment includes camp attendance, compliance and effort at camp/training, and other factors associated with excellence.

The HP Committee may also:

- Acknowledge, discuss and adjust ranking scores due to a significant competition anomaly that might have occurred and affect the ranking order.
- Consider an out of rank order selection when:
 1. there is a relatively narrow point spread in the HPP Ranking between two or more athletes,
 2. an athlete is returning from injury and there is any question about competition readiness.
 3. an athlete has had multiple WC opportunities but is not advancing towards top 12 WC results,
 4. an athlete is not attending training sessions or when present, has a poor attitude or poor training ethic,

Skill assessments may be used to compare competition readiness between two or more athletes. If used, a skill assessment will be undertaken in advance of the selection date and be based on observations at the most recent camps/competitions.

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.

Exceptional Circumstances

An athlete who is progressing in their career but has a setback due to a health related circumstance may be afforded additional flexibility for HP Rankings and WC spot allocation; these situations are referred to as "Exceptional Circumstances".

The FC generated HPP Ranking score for each athlete based on the assumption that each athlete will have four available "starts" that will provide Placing data for the ranking. If an athlete is unable to achieve four starts in which they were qualified to compete, placing results can be brought forward from the previous period to total four.

To be considered for selection to a competition, athletes must be cleared for competition by the Freestyle Canada medical team.

1. The HP Committee may use the Exceptional Circumstance clause for special cases. There is a greater probability that this clause will be used for athletes with a significant body of recent, strong results (medals or top 6 at WC, major games or X-Games). This may include the consideration of results that were attained before the current selection period, or other adjustments to meet the situation.
2. A Health Related curtailment of activity that causes an athlete to miss a block of training or a competition must be evaluated and validated by a member of the FC medical.
3. The HP Committee, with input from the FC medical team, may prevent an athlete from entering an event if the pace of the athlete's rehabilitation from injury warrants.

Other Situations

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Chief Executive Officer of FC, in consultation with the Selection Committee.

Appeal and Hearing Process

FC is committed to upholding our organizational mission and adhering to the standards set by our performance partners. We strive to make decisions that align with these guidelines. If an athlete believes a mistake was made in applying these criteria, he or she should promptly reach out to their coach or the High Performance Director (HPD). If the issue remains unresolved after this discussion, the athlete may proceed with filing an appeal through the Freestyle Canada Appeal process.

Appendix 1 – Canadian Halfpipe, Slopestyle / Big Air HP Rankings

Each athlete in the Freestyle Canada High Performance system is ranked based the point values he or she receives from results achieved in competitions. The sum of an athletes three best point values, within a 12 month rolling selection period determine an athlete’s rank value. The points available from each competition are based on the Event Tier and the Event Value.

Event Tier (see Placing Values Tier 3). Each level of competition correlates to a different Tier value. Tiers have identified values for each placing; each tier has an R value that creates a diminishing point value for each placing, from first to last place. Events are tiered based on their level:

- Tier 1: FIS World Cups, FIS World Championships, Olympic Winter Games and Identified independent events.
- Tier2: FIS NorAms and identified independent events
- Tier 3: Canada Cup and identified independent events

Event Value: Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air events can be “neutral” (standard) or “depreciated”; The points available in each competition are referred to as the “Event Value”.

- **Neutral** or Standard Value Events are those that meet the standards set out by the FIS. It is expected that all WC events meet these standards and will receive 100% of the calculation in the HP Ranking.
- **Depreciated Value Events** are those that do not meet FIS standards or can be seen as “not up to par”. Results from Depreciated Value Events provide athletes reduced HP Ranking points in each tier. Depreciated Value Events can be reduced by either 7.5% or 15% based on a variety of factors including:
 - Venue: Quality of course/pipe/transition/jump; course feature/layout/flow.
 - Event Format: # of runs within a heat/phase; counting runs – leading to the possibility for an easier win.
 - Field Caliber: presence of top skiers, number of countries, size of field, etc.
 - Weather Conditions: delays, lower level skills being performed due to limiting conditions.
- Value of events are determined by:
 - Tier 1: The Discipline HP Committee will determine the value of the Tier 1 events.
 - Tier 2 and 3: The HPAD advisory group will value the Tier 2 and 3 events.
- Event values will usually be established before the event start to ensure an unbiased determination is made of the quality and value of the event.

The HP Committee may determine that an event will not be recognized for ranking or selection purposes up to two weeks prior to the first training day if the event had depreciated greater than 15%.

Appendix 2: Skill Assessment Guide

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%
Doing in competition, top 50% of field	3	70-79%
Finals round quality	4	80-89%
Top 5 quality	5	90-100%

HALFPIPE SKILL ANALYSIS																	
NAME	Sking Stance Forward	Sking Stance Switch	Line	Amplitude	Grabs	Spins Left 360-900 (down the pipe)	Spins Right 360-900 (down the pipe)	Flare Left	Flare Right	Off Axis Left (540-1080)	Off Axis Right (540-1080)	Allyoop Left	Allyoop Right	Switch Spins Left 360-900	Switch Spins Right 360-900	Total score	Athlete rank
EXAMPLE																	

* 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 along with our Canadian high performance athlete pool skill set, the base for comparison may change to stay current with the performance needs in team selection.

Appendix 3 – Placing Value Charts

Samples (Truncated for readability, partial chart shown to give concept of placing values)

Women

Tier 1: WC and Similar						Tier 2: FIS NORAM, Gold AFP, etc					Tier 3: Canada Cup, Silver AFP, etc					
Slide Value		Event Value				Slide Value		Event Value			Slide Value		Event Value			
+15		1000				+15		776			+15		575			
+7.5		968				+7.5		726			+7.5		538			
Bench		900				Bench		675			Bench		500			
-7.5		833				-7.5		624			-7.5		463			
-15		765				-15		574			-15		425			
R Value		0.025				R Value		0.025			R Value		0.025			
+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	Contest Placing	
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points		
1000	968	900	833	765	776	726	675	624	574	575	538	500	463	425	1	
975	943	878	812	746	757	707	658	609	559	561	524	488	451	414	2	
951	920	856	791	727	738	690	642	594	545	547	511	475	440	404	3	
927	897	834	772	709	719	673	626	579	532	533	498	463	429	394	4	
904	874	813	752	691	701	656	610	564	518	520	486	452	418	384	5	
881	852	793	734	674	684	639	595	550	506	507	474	441	408	374	6	
859	831	773	715	657	667	623	580	536	493	494	462	430	397	365	7	
838	810	754	697	641	650	608	565	523	481	482	450	419	387	356	8	
817	790	735	680	625	634	593	551	510	469	470	439	408	378	347	9	
796	770	717	663	609	618	578	537	497	457	458	428	398	368	338	10	
776	751	699	646	594	603	563	524	485	445	446	417	388	359	330	11	
757	732	681	630	579	588	549	511	473	434	435	407	378	350	322	12	
738	714	664	614	565	573	536	498	461	423	424	397	369	341	314	13	
720	696	648	599	550	559	522	486	449	413	414	387	360	333	306	14	
702	679	631	584	537	545	509	474	438	403	403	377	351	324	298	15	
684	662	616	569	523	531	496	462	427	392	393	368	342	316	291	16	
667	645	600	555	510	518	484	450	416	383	383	358	333	308	283	17	
650	629	585	541	497	505	472	439	406	373	374	350	325	301	276	18	
634	613	571	528	485	492	460	428	396	364	365	341	317	293	269	19	
618	598	556	515	473	480	449	417	386	355	355	332	309	286	263	20	

Men

Tier 1: WC and Similar						Tier 2: FIS NORAM, Gold AFP, etc					Tier 3: Canada Cup, Silver AFP, etc					
Slide Value		Event Value				Slide Value		Event Value			Slide Value		Event Value			
+15		1000				+15		776			+15		575			
+7.5		968				+7.5		726			+7.5		538			
Bench		900				Bench		675			Bench		500			
-7.5		833				-7.5		624			-7.5		463			
-15		765				-15		574			-15		425			
R Value		0.015				R Value		0.030			R Value		0.030			
+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	test Plac	
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1000	968	900	833	765	776	726	675	624	574	575	538	500	463	425	1	
985	953	887	820	754	753	704	655	606	557	558	521	485	449	412	2	
970	939	873	808	742	730	683	635	587	540	541	506	470	435	400	3	
956	925	860	796	731	708	662	616	570	524	525	491	456	422	388	4	
941	911	847	784	720	687	642	598	553	508	509	476	443	409	376	5	
927	897	834	772	709	667	623	580	536	493	494	462	429	397	365	6	
913	884	822	760	699	647	604	562	520	478	479	448	416	385	354	7	
900	870	810	749	688	627	586	545	504	464	465	434	404	374	343	8	
886	857	798	738	678	608	569	529	489	450	451	421	392	362	333	9	
873	844	786	727	668	590	552	513	475	436	437	409	380	352	323	10	
860	832	774	716	658	572	535	498	460	423	424	396	369	341	313	11	
847	819	762	705	648	555	519	483	447	410	411	384	358	331	304	12	
834	807	751	694	638	539	503	468	433	398	399	373	347	321	295	13	
822	795	739	684	629	522	488	454	420	386	387	362	337	311	286	14	
809	783	728	674	619	507	474	441	408	375	375	351	326	302	277	15	
797	771	717	664	610	492	460	427	395	363	364	340	317	293	269	16	
785	760	707	654	601	477	446	415	384	352	353	330	307	284	261	17	
773	748	696	644	592	463	432	402	372	342	343	320	298	276	253	18	
762	737	686	634	583	449	419	390	361	332	332	311	289	267	246	19	
750	726	675	625	574	435	407	378	350	322	322	301	280	259	238	20	