



# Canadian Aerial Team

## 2024 – 25 Season FIS World Cup (WC) Spot Allocation Guidelines

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### Introduction

Freestyle Canada allocates WC quota spots to members of our national aerial team. In assigning these competitive opportunities, the High Performance Aerial Committee considers both the published criteria and each athlete's individualized development plan.

### Authority

This document outlines the process for allocating FIS World Cup competitive opportunities to athletes in the Canadian aerial program for the 2024/25 season. A separate document, the National Aerial Team Selection Protocols, details the process for selecting athletes to the 2025/26 Aerial High Performance Program.

### Philosophy

Own the Podium reviews Freestyle Canada's plans and athlete results from our athletes before making funding recommendations to Sport Canada. These recommendations are based on recent Olympic medal results and evidence that athletes are progressing toward medals in future Games. While Freestyle Canada's Aerial High Performance Committee (HP Committee) aims to support all skiers, limited quota spots require prioritizing those with the strongest evidence of medal potential for 2026.

Freestyle Canada will:

- Use a "rolling 12-month HPP calculation" to rank the skiers in each gender of the High Performance Program (exception, post North America events as there are usually enough data points to rank skiers from the current season).
- Strive to balance opportunities for each athlete to improve his or her ranking,
- Provide a transparent selection process for athletes eligible to jump in the events,
- Eligible skiers are those who are part of the Freestyle Canada HPP or Quebec Aerial team and are in good standing with the program.

### Pre-Selected Athletes

The following athletes will be provided the opportunity to start in all January WC events:

#### 1. World Cup Team

Level	Athlete
A	Marion Thenault and Emile Nadeau
B	Alex Duchaine, Lewis Irving and Miha Fontaine
C	P.O. Cote and Victor Primeau



## 2. Available WC Quota Spots for Team Canada

<b>Spots Available to Canada from the FIS for WC events</b>	10	<i>Max 5 per gender (not including personal spot)</i>
<b>WC Organizing Nation Quota spot for 2024-25 FIS WC Events</b>	+1	<i>Canada is hosting a 2024-25 World Cup event; this spot may be applied to either gender at each event.</i>
<b>Personal earned spot</b>	Emile Nadeau	NorAm Cup 2024 champion
<b>Additional Host Spots for Canadian WC events</b>	+3 spots for men +3 spots for women	
<b>Max Team for the Canadian events</b>	18 total	
<b>Max Team size for non-Canadian events</b>	12 total	

## 3. FIS WC Schedule

<b>Host</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>	<b>Planned Events</b>
Lake Placid, USA	January 18 – 19, 2025	AE, AET
Lac-Beauport, CAN	January 25 – 26, 2025	AE, AE
Deer Valley, USA	February 6 – 8, 2025	AE
Beidahu, CHN	February 21 – 24, 2025	AE, AET
Almaty, KAZ	February 28 – March 2, 2025	AE
Livigno, ITA (TBC)	March 11 – 13, 2025	AE

\*Subject to changes, cancellations, or additions

## 4. Selection Stages

The HP Committee bases its decisions on competition results; however, an athlete may be held back if it best supports their development stage. The committee is not obligated to fill all available WC spots. Freestyle Canada is not required to use all available quota spots.



Stage	Targeted events	Period Used	Selection Date	Events “dropped” from previous calculation	Notes
1	EC Ruka (Dec ’24), Jr WSC (KAZ).	December 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024	November 15, 2024	n/a	
2	2025 WCs Placid and LBP	December 10, 2023 through Dec 15, 2024	January 2, 2025	Ruka 2023	If quota spots remain available for Canadian WC events after HPP athlete selection, they may be filled with non-HPP aerialists based on the 2024 – 25 High Performance Aerial final ranking results.
3	Deer Valley WC	January 27, 2024 through Jan 26, 2025	January 27, 2025	Changchung WC 2023.	
4	China, KAZ WCs	February 10, 2024 through Feb 8, 2025	February 8, 2025	Sr. Nat’s 2023-24 and the DV WC	Canadian team participation in post North American events will depend on available funds and program priorities, including preparations for the he 2025 World Championships medal contenders. Note the Final WC may be held as a WC Final where only invited skiers are eligible to participate.
5	Livigno WC	Mar 10, 2024 through Mar 3, 2025	March 3, 2025	2024 NorAms, 2024 LBP WCs	

#### 5. Mixed Aerial Team (AET) Selections

Some events may include a Mixed Aerial Team (AET) competition with teams of two, three, or four skiers, as specified in the event invitation. The High Performance Committee aims to field a team capable of achieving the highest combined jump score to win a medal. Athletes for the AET will be selected from the Canadian aerialists attending that competition.

- 5.1 To select the AET competitors, the HP Committee will use the HPP rankings based on the timeframes identified for the specific selection stage (Section 4).

For 2024 - 25 AET World Cup events, we will be fielding three athletes in a team referred to as *Canada One*:

- I. The female aerial athlete with the highest rank on the HPP Female Aerial Ranking list will be selected for the event
- II. The male aerial athlete with the highest rank on the HPP Male Aerial Ranking list will be selected for the event.
- III. The third team member will be selected based on the next highest ranking score on the HPP Rankings: Men and Women rankings will be directly compared.

The HP Committee can substitute an athlete in the event of an injury or if there is a reason the selected athlete is not able to perform; if the committee chooses this course of action, it must be documented in detail.

- 5.2 If an organizer allows more than one team per nation, the process to name the *Canada Two* team will mirror the process in Section 5.1.

#### 6. Selection and Decision Procedures

- I. The HP Committee will select athletes for each opportunity and may also designate alternates.



- II. 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.
- III. If a selected athlete declines the offer and an alternate has been identified, the alternate may be offered the opportunity.
- IV. An opportunity may be revoked if an athlete fails to maintain good standing with Freestyle Canada.

#### **7. Other Situations**

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

#### **8. 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.



Current Aerial HP Ranking as of April 30, 2024

Men's HPP Summary (TOP 5 JUMPS (no jump restriction))								
2023-24 Selection HPP Ranking								
Rank	Athlete	Team	Total	1st Best Score	2nd Best Score	3rd Best Score	4th Best Score	5th Best Score
1	Émile Nadeau	Nat Team	587.72	126.24	125.79	114.39	111.95	109.35
2	Lewis Irving	Nat Team	586.46	123.98	118.14	116.74	114.93	112.67
3	Alexandre Duchaine	Nat Team	559.84	114.81	112.39	111.37	111.05	110.22
4	Miha Fontaine	Nat Team	545.58	113.14	110.37	109.59	106.46	106.02
5	Pierre-Olivier Côté	Next Gen	529.12	111.78	108.13	104.12	102.87	102.22
6	Victor Primeau	Nat Team	502.18	104.91	99.75	99.45	99.40	98.67
7	Alec Haineault	Next Gen	491.67	102.18	98.34	97.29	96.93	96.93 injured
8	Gabriel Dion	Next Gen	474.42	96.72	96.23	95.16	93.25	93.06
9	Elliot Beaugard	QC Team	473.21	97.29	97.11	94.11	92.35	92.35
10	Anthony Noel	Next Gen	456.84	94.62	93.48	89.88	89.68	89.18
11	Elliot Primeau	QC Team	346.52	73.02	70.88	69.55	66.60	66.47
12	Louis Groleau	QC Team	284.02	60.26	58.65	56.78	54.74	53.59
13	Julien Dubois	Club NF	170.71	59.57	56.17	54.97	0.00	0.00
14	Jeremy Darveau	Club NF	162.23	55.55	54.20	52.48	0.00	0.00
15	Christophe Daigle	Club NF	160.00	62.33	55.35	42.32	0.00	0.00
16	Émile Lapointe	Club NF	154.68	52.80	52.48	49.40	0.00	0.00
17	Mathieu Chartier	Club NF	147.62	52.07	48.20	47.35	0.00	0.00
18	Louis Aumond	QC Team	141.84	75.69	66.15	0.00	0.00	0.00

Women's HPP Summary (TOP 5 JUMPS (no jump restriction))							
2023-24 Selection HPP Ranking (2000-2005)							
Rank	Athlete	Total	1st Best Score	2nd Best Score	3rd Best Score	4th Best Score	5th Best Score
1	Marion Thénault	480.08	99.05	96.93	96.58	94.11	93.41
2	Alexandra Montminy	372.97	78.88	76.69	73.93	71.92	71.55
3	Rosalie Gagnon	347.91	70.75	69.68	69.43	69.42	68.63
4	Charlie Fontaine	341.38	71.50	68.38	67.60	67.34	66.56
5	Victoria Cote	283.46	60.72	58.42	55.76	54.97	53.59
6	Sarah Faith	278.50	57.40	56.58	56.17	55.55	52.80
7	Alycia Hudon	273.78	56.78	56.78	54.32	53.00	52.90
8	Elodie Caron	271.23	55.35	54.94	54.94	53.00	53.00
9	Kylar Rathwell	269.06	54.94	54.40	54.12	52.80	52.80
10	Isa-Frederique Laurin	263.76	54.40	53.50	52.60	51.66	51.60
11	Sarina Shrestha	162.84	55.76	54.60	52.48	0.00	0.00
12	Magalie Vallee	99.26	51.66	47.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Greta Robinson	79.20	48.00	31.20	0.00	0.00	0.00