



2025 FIS Freestyle and Freeski World Championships Freestyle Canada Selection Criteria “Freestyle Canada Internal Team Nomination Criteria (Step 2 of 2)”

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1. Introduction

This document is the second of two documents detailing the selection process for the 2025 FIS World Ski Championships (2025 WSC):

Step 1: The [Canadian Team Quota Allocation System](#) divides the fixed number of quota spots between FC and ACA. This document provides the background for:

- The Events that will take place at the 2025 WSC
- Level of Responsibility (Quota Allocation Committee (section 3) determines the quota distribution between the two NSOs.
- Guiding Principles
- General Definitions, Eligibility and Timelines (Quota spots are allocated between ACA and FC on February 18th, 2025)
- The list generated from Step 1 will be referred to as the “**FC Discipline Quota list**”

Step 2: This document, which outlines Freestyle Canada’s (“FC”) selection criteria for assigning athletes to the Canadian Freestyle team for the 2025 WSC, based on the FC Discipline Quota list from Step 1.

- Quota spots that were allocated on February 18th, will be identified as “**Discipline Spots**” based on the FC Discipline Quota list.
- All FC athletes will be reranked onto a single list using the table in Appendix 1. This list will be called the **FC Ranking list**
- FC athletes will be selected into the Discipline Spots based on the FC Ranking list.
- If the number of available Discipline Spots is greater than the number of eligible athletes in that discipline (i.e., due to injury or a declined spot), the spots will be filled using the FC Ranking list to the next available person/open quota spot.
- Sample Scenario: Halfpipe women earn 3 spots on the FC Discipline Quota list.
 - I. The third woman halfpipe skier is injured and there are no additional eligible women halfpipe skiers.
 - II. The HP Committee will revert to the Freestyle Canada Ranking list and select the next ranked skier, provided the maximum of 4 skiers per discipline has not been reached.
 - iii. If the maximum of 4 skiers per discipline is reached, the next person on the list will be selected until all available spots are filled.

2. Key Definitions:

- **Quota Distribution Eligibility Period:** October 1, 2023, to February 17, 2025.



- **Selection Eligibility Period (specific to FC):** July 1, 2023, to March 3, 2025.
- **FC Leadership Team:** Includes FC's CEO, COO, Director of Sport Science, Sport Medicine and Innovation, High Performance (HP) Director, and HP Manager.
- **FC Discipline Quota list:** Quota spots assigned to specific FC disciplines on February 18, 2025, based on Step 1.
- **Discipline Quota:** Those quota spots identified by discipline on the FC Discipline Quota list on February 18, 2025.
- **FC Ranking List:** The specific ranking of FC athletes from this document based on Appendix 1. This list will be used to rank athletes by discipline first then to fill any unused spots based on priority rank and available spots.

3. FC Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is responsible for nominating FC athletes to the Canadian Freestyle and Freeski Team for the Championships. The Committee includes:

- **Voting members:**
 - HP Director (Chair),
 - One HP Committee Representative per discipline (Slopestyle/Big Air, Moguls/Dual Moguls, Aerials/Mixed Aerial Team and Halfpipe)
- **Consulting Members:**
 - Discipline coaches
 - HP Manager
 - FC's SSSMI Director, and
 - FC CEO
 - Additional experts as needed.

The committee will select athletes based on available quota spots and performance standards.

4. Objectives for Selected Athletes

In addition to the Step 1 objectives, FC's objectives selected athletes include:

- I. Winning medals for Canada
- II. Providing experience and international exposure to potential future medalists

5. Specific Selection Criteria by Discipline

The HP staff will rank all athletes on a single list by discipline based on Appendix 1, considering the criteria outlined in Section 4. Athletes will be selected for the available quota spots (earned in Section 1, Step 1) according to their position on this list. Selections will continue in order until all available spots for each discipline are filled for Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe and Slopestyle / Big Air.

The FC team named for the 2025 WSC will be made up of athletes who also belong to their discipline/gender team (Women's and Men's teams in Moguls/Dual Moguls, Halfpipe, Aerials, and Slopestyle/Big Air) to a maximum eight teams; gender/discipline specific teams may be used in the event of a late-athlete replacement (LAR).



As outlined in Step 1, the Selection Committee will respect:

- A maximum of four competitors per gender, per discipline,
- A maximum of 20 competitors in any one gender (including Canadian Ski Cross competitors),
- An overall maximum Team Size of 36 competitors (including Canadian Ski Cross competitors).

Plus, reigning World Champions (Men: Moguls, Dual Moguls and Halfpipe).

Eligible Competitions are identified in [Quota Allocation section 6.2](#). Eligible competitions shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cups and identified independent competitions in the Olympic Freestyle Skiing disciplines that are completed during the Selection Eligibility Period. To ranking athletes, only the placing from the Official Results listing will be considered

To be eligible for selection, all athletes must meet all eligibility requirements (identified and referenced in [Section 1 of the Quota Allocation \(step 1\)](#)), and all selections will be undertaken by discipline on or before the date indicated in each point below. The final team entry will be submitted before the end of day on March 3, 2025.

5.1 Moguls/Dual Moguls:

- Results from both Mogul and Dual Mogul events will count towards a single ranking.
- Selected athletes are entered into both Moguls and Dual Moguls events.
- The male and female Mogul/Dual Mogul ranking lists will be generated on February 9, 2025, after the Deer Valley World Cup events. Mogul/Dual Mogul skiers will be named in order, to the available Mogul/Dual Mogul quota spots which will be generated on February 18, 2025.

5.2 Aerials

- Results from Aerial World Cup events are used for ranking, excluding Mixed Team and Synchro Aerial event results.
- Nomination to the Mixed Aerial Team event from selected Aerial athletes will be published in January 2025.
- It is already known that only the A team female athlete will travel to CHN and KAZ this winter (due to development plans and FC funding limitations); this leaves only three WC locations for the athletes to gain three qualifying results. To allow for fair comparison between the NextGen women Aerial athletes to fill any qualified women's Aerial Discipline Spots, the FC Selection Committee will consider results from the last two World Cup events of the 2023-24 season (Deer Valley and Lac Beauport #2).
- The male and female Aerial ranking lists will be generated on March 3, 2025, after the Almaty, KAZ Cup event. Aerial athletes will be named in order, to the available Aerial quota spots that were generated on February 18, 2025.

5.3 Halfpipe:

- Results from the following Halfpipe events will be considered:
 - FIS World Cup events – top 2/3 field size
 - X-Games: top 1/2 field size (due to limited field sizes)
 - Dew Tour: top 1/2 field size (due to limited field sizes)
- Halfpipes must be a minimum of 18 feet for results to be considered.



- The male and female Halfpipe ranking lists will be generated on February 18, 2025, after the WinSport World Cup. Halfpipe athletes will be named in order, to the available Halfpipe quota spots that were generated on that same day.

5.4 Slopestyle and Big Air (SS/BA) specific team member selections:

- Selected athletes are entered into both Slopestyle and Big Air events.
- Results from both Slopestyle and Big Air events will count towards a single ranking:
 - FIS World Cup events – top 2/3 field size
 - X-Games: top 1/2 field size (due to limited field sizes)
 - Dew Tour (if applicable): top 1/2 field size (due to limited field sizes)
- The male and female Slopestyle and Big Air ranking lists will be generated on February 23, 2025, after the Stoneham, CAN World Cup events. Slopestyle and Big Air athletes will be named in order, to the available Slopestyle and Big Air quota spots that were generated on February 18, 2025.

6. TIMING AND APPROVAL

The Selection Committee will finalize selections on or before March 3, 2025, after the last World Cup of the FC Selection Eligibility Period. Nominations are subject to FC Leadership Team approval, following which athletes must meet these terms:

- No outstanding account balance with FC.
- No breaches of UCCMS or FC Safe Sport guidelines.
- Self-funding agreement for Tier 5 and 6 athletes.

The FC Leadership Team, immediately following final approval, will offer those athletes who were eligible for selection the opportunity to accept a position on FC 's 2025 WSC team, on the condition that they accept the following terms:

- The athlete's account with FC is not overdue or has not had payment plans arranged.
- The athlete is not breached any of the UCCMS or FC Safe Sport guidelines.
- For tier 5 and 6 qualified athletes, agree to self-funding their participation in the 2025 WSC.

Alternates and other eligible but non-selected athletes will be informed of their status/situation.

7. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

- 7.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the FC Leadership Team will determine an appropriate course of action and has the final decision-making authority.
- 7.2 The FC Leadership Team may exercise discretion to revise this agreement prior to the end of the Eligibility Period with any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Selection Process. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Team Selection Criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording.
- 7.3 The FC Leadership Team may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with FC's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is



available on the [FC website](#). Where appropriate, FC will advise the affected athlete of this decision.

- 7.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by FC, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

8. HEALTH INTERRUPTION OF COMPETITIVE ACTIVITY

8.1 Health-Related Circumstances Status

Athletes impacted by injury or illness during the 2024-25 season may still be considered for selection if they meet the requirements listed below. Athlete's health-related circumstances must be documented and verified by Freestyle Canada's Chief Medical Officer. The purpose of this provision is to support athletes with proven medal potential who are returning from injury and have limited starts, by providing them an opportunity to qualify for the World Championships.

A. Eligibility for Consideration

a. Scenario 1: Missing any number of events in the 2024-25 season

- Achieve at least one **Minimum Performance Level** during the 2024-25 season:
 - Top 2/3 finish at a World Cup event, OR
 - Top 1/2 finish at the X Games.
- Results from both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons will be considered, provided they fall within the **Selection Eligibility Period** (July 1, 2023 – February 17, 2025).

b. Scenario 2: Athletes who missed 50% or more of the 2023-24 season due to a health curtailment of activity

- An athlete in this situation may count their best result from the 2022-23 season as one of their results in the 2023-24 tier of the selection system. Only results achieved on or after July 1, 2022, are eligible for this consideration.
- Achieve at least one **Minimum Performance Level** during the 2024-25 season:
 - Top 2/3 finish at a World Cup event, OR
 - Top 1/2 finish at the X Games.
- Results from both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons will be considered, provided they fall within the **Selection Eligibility Period** (July 1, 2023 – February 17, 2025) plus the one addition from the 2022-23 season.

B. Medical Clearance

- The FC lead physician will evaluate the athlete's health, prognosis, and ability to return to full performance levels.
- This evaluation will guide the Selection Committee's decision. If there is no consensus, the decision will be made by majority vote.

Athletes that are impacted by health-related circumstances during the eligibility period (July 1, 2023 - Feb 18, 2025) will be ranked based on results achieved during the Team Qualification Period in accordance with Appendix 1. The only exception is identified in Section 8.1 A. b.



8.2 Tie-breaking – applicable only for Health-Related Circumstances (Section 8.1)

In circumstances when Section 8.1 applies, all counting ranking competitions will be used to break any ties (including results from health-related circumstance situations).

- I. Athletes who qualify for selection to the 2025 WSC Team will be prioritized by the tier in which they qualify (3 before 4, etc.).
 - a) In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 3 to 6, the athlete with the highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. If the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 3 counting results) will be ranked ahead. If the tie is not broken (from the 3 counting placings), the next best (5th, then 6th) placing from the Team Qualification Period will be considered until the tie is broken. Note: the next best result will be the next highest eligible placing from the Team Qualification Period.
 - b) If the tie still cannot be broken despite applying the procedures described immediately above, the athlete with the best World Cup ranking during the 2024-2025 season will prevail.
 - c) If the tie cannot be broken because the tied athletes do not have a World Cup result from the 2024-2025 season, but they do have a result from the X Games from the 2024-2025 season, the athlete with the best result at the X Games will prevail.

8.3 Late Athlete Replacement Policy

Should a selected athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the 2025 WSC decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to a health-related circumstance, that athlete may be replaced, subject to the FIS regulations, by the highest ranked alternate (or alternates) in his or her event (or events). If there are no additional eligible athletes, the open quota spot will be filled by the next person on the FC Ranking list.

9. APPEALS

Disputes will be addressed directly through SDRCC, following the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code. Appeals must be filed within two days of the public announcement.

Appendix 1: Performance Selection Tiers

Tiers guide athlete selection within quota limits. Rankings are based on results achieved between July 1, 2023, and March 3, 2025. Selections will respect Discipline Specific Selection Criteria (Section 5) as well as consider those athletes with an interruption in competitive activity due to health (Section 8).

Athletes from different genders/disciplines are ranked on a single list based on the table below.

If there's a tie, it will be resolved by evaluating each athlete's best results in a direct comparison. If there is still a tie the current 2024-25 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.

For a result to be considered, the athlete must place in the top two thirds of the World Cup field size or top half for X-Games and Dew Tour.



Athletes over quota will be considered alternates but will not travel to the event.

Results achieved before July 1, 2023, are not eligible except in the case of 8.1 A. b.

Freestyle Canada Performance Selection Tiers (for Selection):

*All results must be in the top 2/3 of the WC field to be considered, top half field for independent events.

Section A: Sum of each athlete's best two results are considered for Tiers 1 through 3.		
Tier 1	Sum of two (2) podium results from the 2024-25 season.	If there are more than four (4) athletes of one gender with two (2) podium placing(s), the lowest sum of the two (2) podiums will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2024-25 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
Tier 2	Sum of the following two results: - One (1) podium result from the 2024-25 season and - One (1) additional podium result from the Eligibility Period	
Tier 3	One of the following two results must be from the 2024-25 season. Sum of the following two results: - One (1) podium result and - One (1) top 8 placings	
Section B: Sum of each athlete's best three results are considered for Tiers 4 – 6.		
Tier 4	Sum of the following three results: - One (1) top 8 finish from the 2024-25 season - One (1) top 8 finish from the Eligibility Period - One (1) additional result from the Eligibility Period	The sum of the placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2024-25 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
Section C: Athletes selected from the following two tiers may be offered entry into the 2025 WSC as self-funded.		
Tier 5	Sum of the following three results: - Two (2) top 16 finish from the 2024-25 season - One (1) additional top 2/3 result from the Eligibility Period	
Tier 6	Sum of the following three results: - Two (2) top 2/3 finish from the 2024-25 season - One (1) top 2/3 finish from the Eligibility Period	

*Note: different from Quota Allocation Tiers