



**2025 FIS Freestyle and Freeski World Championships  
Canadian Team Quota Allocation System**

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**1. PREAMBLE**

The 2025 FIS World Ski Championships (2025 WCh) are scheduled to take place March 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in St. Moritz Engadin, Switzerland.

Freestyle Skiing consists of 16 Olympic events. In Canada there are two National Sport Associations (NSAs) that are responsible for the various disciplines. Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) is solely responsible for the operation of the Ski Cross disciplines while the other Freestyle Skiing disciplines are operated by Freestyle Canada (FC); these two NSAs operate independently from each other.

The Freestyle Ski events that will take place during the 2025 WCh are as follows:

<b>Events</b>	<b>Responsible NSA</b>
Men's Ski Cross Women's Ski Cross Mixed Team Ski Cross	ACA
Men's Moguls Women's Moguls Men's Dual Moguls Women's Dual Moguls Men's Aerials Women's Aerials Mixed Team Aerials Men's Halfpipe Women's Halfpipe Men's Slopestyle Women's Slopestyle Men's Big Air Women's Big Air	FC

This document details how quota spots will be allocated by the FSNC to ACA and FC.

ACA and FC have established a selection committee called the World Championship Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee (FSNC). Subject to available quota places and athletes satisfying the performance standards indicated herein, the FSNC will allocate the available quota spots between the two National Ski Associations (NSAs). After the quota spots are allocated, each NSA will select their athletes to their 2025 WCh team.

The FSNC is comprised of five (5) individuals:

- Dave Ellis, High Performance Director, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)
- Christy Morrison, Manager, Team Operations, Ski Cross, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)
- Todd Allison, High Performance Director, Freestyle Canada (FC)
- Kristen Lacelle, High Performance Manager, Freestyle Canada (FC)
- David Mirota, Director Athlete Development & P/TSO Relations, Freestyle Canada (FC)



If any of the above individuals leave their position during the Selection Period (as defined in Section 5.0 below), the new individual filling the equivalent position will be named to the FSNC. The FSNC operates on a unanimous consensus basis. All matters that cannot be resolved by the members of the FSNC may be referred to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) for resolution pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

All members of the FSNC must be free of any conflict of interest and shall declare in writing any conflicts of interest, whether real or perceived, before any nomination discussions are held. The remaining members of the FSNC shall determine whether a real or perceived conflict of interest arises and shall determine, based on a simple majority, whether the individual must recuse themselves from any discussions or decisions that relate to the real or perceived conflict of interest.

If, at any time, any FSNC member becomes unavailable or ineligible to participate in nomination discussions related to the 2025 WCh (for example, due to a conflict), the remaining members of the FSNC shall appoint an appropriate replacement from the discipline of the affected individual, who does not have a conflict of interest with any athlete or other individual with an interest in the nomination decision.

Selections of athletes into quota spots as well as the selection of coaches will be based on criteria in separate documents managed by ACA and FC for their respective disciplines.

## **2.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- 2.1 The International Ski Federation (FIS) is the international governing body for Freestyle Skiing. FIS determines the overall maximum number of Freestyle Ski athletes that may participate in the Freestyle Ski Events at the 2025 WCh, establishes quotas for maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender and maximum number of athletes per discipline for Freestyle Ski athletes from each nation.
- 2.2 The FSNC is charged with the responsibility of allocating quota spots based on published selection criteria and a process that is fair and just, and that meets the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS.
- 2.3 In the case of injury or other extraordinary circumstances, after February 17th, 2025, decisions will be required in a timely manner. Decisions affecting each NSA only will be made by the respective NSA HPP leadership team; any decisions regarding both FC and ACA will be made by the FSNC.
- 2.4 Discipline specific “at event decisions” will be made by the HP Leadership of each specific NSO.

## **3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

For Canadian Freestyle Ski athletes competing in Aerials, Big Air, Dual Moguls, Halfpipe, Mixed Aerial Team, Moguls, Ski Cross, Mixed Team Ski Cross, and Slopestyle, the World Championships in the pre-Olympic season represent a significant competition within the quadrennial cycle. This event serves as a precursor to the Olympic Winter Games, acting as a test event and providing a performance benchmark. The results from the World Championships and Olympic competitions directly influence funding received from various governmental and non-governmental sources, impacting both direct athlete funding and financial support for High Performance Programs within FC and ACA.



The athletes representing Canada in the Freestyle Skiing events at the 2025 WCh are the best Freestyle Skiing athletes in the country and are among the best in the world.

- Podium results are prioritized
- Top 8 results are valued by Sport Canada and are indicative of present or future Olympic Winter Games medal potential athletes
- Discipline specific quotas filled over the selection period are based on relevant discipline specific variables i.e. # of events, sport needs, variables to be on podium or in the top 8.
- Confirm podium performing athletes through Method A (see Section 8.1)
- Effective injury clause to ensure targeted athletes are in optimal state (physical, technical and mental) to return to competition and perform at the 2025 WCh.

#### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 “FC” means Freestyle Canada, the National Sport Organization responsible for the selection of athletes to the Mogul, Dual Moguls, Aerial, Team Aerials, Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe events.
- 4.2 “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin, the National Sport Organization responsible for the selection of athletes for Ski Cross events.
- 4.3 “Athlete” means an International Ski Federation (“FIS”) active member that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the Citizenship and Immigration Act (Canada).
- 4.4 “Quota Distribution Eligibility Period” (“Eligibility Period”) refers to FIS World Cup, Olympic Winter Games or approved independent events completed between October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Results from this period are used to allocate quota spots to the various disciplines and genders.
- 4.5 “FSNC” means the World Championship Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee; members are from both ACA and Freestyle Canada.
- 4.6 “Medical Staff” means any one of the following IST members: SSSMI Lead, Lead Physician, strength and conditioning coaches, physiotherapists and mental performance consultants.
- 4.7 “NSA” means the National Ski Association (FIS terminology) and “NSO” means National Sport Organization (Canadian Sport terminology); these terms are interchangeable.
- 4.8 “Fit to Compete” means an assessment by the NSO Staff, in consultation with their Medical Staff, on several factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the event.
- 4.9 “Discipline” refers to the following:
- Managed by FC:
    - Moguls = Moguls and Dual Moguls events
    - Aerials = Aerials (includes Mixed Team Aerials)
    - Halfpipe = Halfpipe
    - Slopestyle = Slopestyle and Big Air events
  - Managed by ACA:
    - Ski Cross = Ski Cross (includes Mixed Team Ski Cross)

It is recognized that there are male and female competitions in each discipline. It is also recognized that athletes selected in the Disciplines of Moguls and Slopestyle are subsequently exclusively



eligible to compete in Dual Moguls and Big Air. Athletes selected in Aerials may be internally selected to compete in the Mixed Team Aerial event.

### 5.0 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Canadian Freestyle Team selection to the 2025 WCh, an athlete must:

- Be a member of their NSO’s 2024/2025 High Performance Program.
- Be a member in good standing with their NSO.
- Have a valid FIS license and athlete insurance.
- Be able to obtain a valid Canadian Passport (that meets the requirements of the 2025 WCh Organizers published guidelines).
- Meet the minimum required FIS points as per the FIS Rule precisions specific to the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard WSC 2025.

### 6.0 FIS QUALIFICATION POINT ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL SKIERS

FIS has identified specific minimum FIS point level each skier needs to meet by discipline to be eligible for the 2025 WCh.

#### Minimum FIS Point Requirements

Discipline	Basic Qualification Points: One competitor can be entered with the following minimum number of FIS points	Additional Qualification Points: All remaining competitors entered must have the following minimum number of FIS points
Moguls and Dual Moguls	5 points	25 points
Aerials and Team Aerials	5 points	25 points
Halfpipe	20 points	50 points
Slopestyle / Big Air: Based on the 10 <sup>th</sup> SS FIS points list	Women & Men 20 points	Women & Men 50 points
Ski Cross and Mixed Team Ski Cross	50	50

\* Subject to FIS rule changes

\* Slopestyle and Big Air athletes need to meet the points eligibility in Slopestyle; Big Air FIS points will not be eligible.



## 7.0 TIMELINES

Subject to change by the FIS or the 2025 WCh Organizer.

Preliminary Entries Due to WCh Organizing Committee	December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
FIS Generates a Pre-list of SS/BA Quotas by nation (based on the 9 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points list)	February 2, 2025
FC and ACA event quota distribution established	February 17, 2025
Provisional team entries due to WCh Organizing Committee	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
FIS Confirms SS/BA Quotas by nation (based on the 10 <sup>th</sup> FIS Points list)	February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Final Entries Due to WCh Organizing Committee (24 hours after the last FIS WC before the respective WCh)	*Varies dependent upon World Cup discipline calendar

## 8.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS FOR QUOTA DISTRIBUTION

- 8.1 The Eligibility Period during which an athlete’s placing in eligible competitions will be considered for establishing a ranking so athletes may earn quota spots for their NSA for the 2025 WSC is:

**Quota Distribution Eligibility Period for Freestyle Skiing Events (“Eligibility Period”): October 1, 2023, to February 17, 2025, inclusively.**

- 8.2 Eligible events shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cups and identified independent competitions in the Olympic Freestyle Skiing disciplines that are completed during the Team Qualification Period.

For the purpose of ranking athletes, only the placing from the Official Results listing will be considered.<sup>1</sup> The following parameters will be applied:

- i. Aerial events with a reduced degree of difficulty (see [FIS International Competition Rules](#) for Freestyle skiing; rule 4116) will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- ii. For the Mixed Team Aerial event, athletes will qualify through the Aerial event criteria and/or any additional quotas provided for the team event by FIS.
- iii. Halfpipe eligible events will only count where wall height is over 18 feet.
- iv. Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air, and Freeski Slopestyle events that use a modified venue or format, such as the X-Games and Dew Tour, will be subject to assessment, and their results may not be considered. The FC High Performance Committee will inform all stakeholders of their decision once the event structure is known and the committee has made its assessment. The decision of inclusion of results from an event will be made no later than after the first day of training at these events.
- v. A Freeski event (Slopestyle, Big Air or Halfpipe) can be determined to be of “diminished” value. A diminished value event results in a reduction of the FC internal ranking points available for the high performance rank by either 7.5% or 15% based on a variety of factors including a:
  - modified event format that allows for an easier “win”,
  - below quality venue (small hits, missing features, etc.)
  - low quality field.

The relevant internal FC High Performance committee will determine if an event is to be “diminished” in advance of the event and this decision will be communicated to all impacted individuals. Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air and Freeski Slopestyle diminished events will not be considered for ranking for the purpose of nomination to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

<sup>1</sup> Placings will include consideration of any athlete that receives a DSQ or DNF in any given competition.

- vi. The eligible events for Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air and Freeski Slopestyle are limited to the following list (unless the FC High Performance Committee determines otherwise, as specified above):
- Eligible 2023 – 24 events:
    - FIS World Cups,
    - Winter X-Games,
    - Dew Tour.
  - Eligible 2024 – 25 events held during the Eligibility Period:
    - i. FIS World Cups
    - ii. The Aspen Winter X-Games\*
    - iii. The first Dew Tour\* event on the schedule (if there is more than one event scheduled in a season).
- \* X-Games and Dew Tour events are only eligible for consideration if they do not conflict with a FIS WC event in that discipline.
- vii. Results from both Mogul and Dual Mogul FIS events held during the Team Qualification Period will be included in the calculation of Mogul skier rankings.

8.3 The FNOSC will only consider results from completed competitions (see [ICR 2021.2](#))

If an event's calibre is significantly diminished due to the absence of top FIS-ranked athletes for reasons other than injury or retirement, the FNOSC may cap the placing value of the event. These decisions will be based on the latest FIS Points List available before the event (by discipline), excluding known injured or retired athletes, and will be communicated to any impacted individuals in a timely manner.

**Criteria for Event Validity:**

- a. FIS World Cup Events
- A FIS World Cup event is valid for consideration for the purpose of quota allocation to the 2025 WSC Team if it meets the following participation requirements, based on the most recent FIS Points List prior to the event:
    - **Men:** At least **8 of the top 16** ranked athletes (in that discipline's current FIS World Cup Standings).
    - **Women:** At least **6 of the top 12** ranked athletes (in that discipline's current FIS World Cup Standings).

If these conditions are not met at eligible FIS events, the event will be deemed "**below the expected field quality**", and the following adjustments will apply:

- Any male or female podium finish will be awarded the points value of a 4th place finish (4 points) and will not count as a medal Method B tiered ranking.
- For men, any placing between 4th and 8th will have three placings added to the point value (i.e., a 4<sup>th</sup> place would be worth 7 points).
- For women, any placing between **4th and 6th** will have three placings added to the point value (i.e., a 4<sup>th</sup> place would be worth 7 points).



- b. X-Games Events. Due to the limited number of entries for X-Games and Dew tour events with no assurance that only top-ranked skiers will be invited by the organizer, the following consideration has been identified Men's and Women's results from eligible X-Games (Aspen) and Dew tour events will only be considered for ranking if they are in the top 50% of the field size.

These adjustments apply when top-ranked athletes are absent, except for reasons of injury or retirement (as described above).

The FNSC will strive to make decisions before the competition begins, coordinating with FIS and the relevant Organizing Committee to ensure transparency and fairness. Any decisions will be communicated to impacted individuals in a timely manner.

## 9.0 ALLOCATION OF QUOTA SPOTS FOR EACH NSO: ACA AND FC

The FIS determines the maximum number of athletes that may compete at the 2025 WCh for each country participating and provides "quota spots". The Canadian team quota spots are shared between ACA and FC for the Freestyle Skiing disciplines.

The FIS has established the following quotas for the 2025 WCh:

- Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender, per discipline.
- Maximum team size of twenty (20) athletes per gender.
- Overall maximum team size of 36 athletes (excluding the reigning FIS World Champions).

SS/BA Nations Quotas: For the Slopestyle and Big Air events, all nations will qualify quota spots by gender through the *10th Freestyle/Freeski FIS Points List 2024/2025*. To qualify SS/BA spots for Canada, men need to be ranked in the top 60 and women need to be ranked in the top 30. SS/BA Nation Quotas will be determined by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at that point FC will be notified of the number of spots for the slopestyle and big air events; the number of spots Canada intends to use will be confirmed to FIS by February 26, 2025.

Even if spots are allocated to Canada for SS/BA by the FIS, FC may not be available to be filled due to the maximum overall team size limitation. Canadian SS/BA skiers will still need to qualify spots within the Canadian process to fit within the maximum team size of 36 athletes.

Canada will have the ability to allocate a maximum of four (4) quota spots to each Event Group, plus an additional spot for any reigning World Champions. Mikael Kingsbury won both Moguls and Dual Moguls and Brendan Mackay won the Halfpipe event at the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Ski Championships; Mikael will be granted entry into both Moguls and Dual Moguls while Brendan will be granted entry into Halfpipe at the 2025 WSC provided that each continue to meet their individual eligibility requirements; neither will be counted in the gender or team size maximums.

The Eligibility Period for the calculation of results for quota spot allocation runs from October 1, 2023, through February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (inclusive). The split of available Canadian quota spots between ACA and FC will be determined on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This stage determines the number of spots available, not who will be selected those spots at this point.

Eligible Canadian skiers' results will be calculated on one list using the tiered method outlined in Section 9 of this document.

FC and ACA are not required to fill all available quota spots in any one Event Group. If there are more quota





spots for a selection group than eligible skiers in that group, the spot will go back to the pool and will be distributed to the next ranked discipline that hasn't yet achieved their maximum of four spots.

#### 10.0 CANADIAN TEAM QUOTA SPOT ALLOCATION SYSTEM

Quota spots for Canadian athletes will be allocated by discipline.

- a. All eligible athletes will be ranked in Tiers based on their FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup, Olympic Winter Games and approved independent event placings achieved during the Eligibility Period.
- b. The Eligibility Period for the 2025 WCh will include events completed between October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (inclusive).
- c. Events will be considered eligible for consideration only if:
  1. For ACA, a race is considered completed in accordance with World Cup rule 5703.2
  2. For FC a FIS competition is considered complete in accordance:
    - i. SS/BA/HP with ICR 3609
    - ii. MO/AE with ICR 4014
- d. Tiering priority – Tiers will be prioritized numerically with Tier 1 being selected first, and so on.
- e. The following tiered system will be used to rank athletes:



### Quota Spot Allocation Tiers

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

<b>Section A:</b> Sum of each athlete's best two results are considered for Tiers 1 through 3.		
<b>T i e r 1</b>	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.
<b>T i e r 2</b>	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	
<b>T i e r 3</b>	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	
<b>Section B:</b> Sum of each athlete's best three results are considered for Tiers 4 through 6		
<b>T i e r 4</b>	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.
<b>T i e r 5</b>	Sum of the following three results: - One (1) top 16 finish from the 2024-25 season - One (1) top 16 finish from the Eligibility Period - One (1) additional top 2/3 result from the Eligibility Period	
<b>T i e r 6</b>	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	

There is no provision to account for results of a skier while injured during the Eligibility Period. Quota spots for the World Championships are allocated to each team based on athlete performances as determined by the published tier system (Section 10). Assignment of quotas reflect competitive results achieved by active skiers during the qualification period. Quota spots are earned for the NSA; the selection process for FC or ACA (as appropriate) will address injuries during the 2024-25 season in their selection process. Results achieved prior to July 1, 2023 will not be considered.

#### 11.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

11.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Quota Spot Allocation process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the Leadership Team reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action and has the final decision-making authority.

- 11.2 The 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 Quota Spot Allocation 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.
- 11.3 The Leadership Team may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for the qualification of a quota spot based on current or past behavior of the athlete, which is inconsistent with, as appropriate, either ACA or FC's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the ACA and FC Athlete Agreements. The NSO will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- 11.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the NSO, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

## **12.0 APPEALS**

- 12.1 Any dispute in relation to the 2024-25 World Championship Quota spot distribution process must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.
- 12.2 An Athlete who wishes to appeal the team nominations shall, within three calendar days commencing from the day following the release of the public team announcement, file an appeal with the SDRCC.
- 12.3 Appeals will not be accepted past this time frame.