



SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR / HALFPIPE NORAM SPOT ALLOCATION CRITERIA

October 17th, 2019

1. SLOPESTYLE & HALFPIPE NORAM FIS QUOTA ALLOCATION

There are 2 types of FIS events that Freestyle Canada receives quotas for; NorAm and USSA Rev Tour. (Not all Rev Tour events are FIS NorAm events.) These events are targeted for Learn & Train to Compete athlete levels.

Each year, Freestyle Canada has the authority from FIS to allocate the NorAm quotas and entries to FIS level events.

1.1. PRINCIPLES OF ALLOCATING THE FIS QUOTAS:

The following are guidelines to direct the Working Group in allocating these spots effectively:

- Provide the Learn to Compete & the Train to Compete stage athletes within the Freestyle Canada athlete development system with these competitive opportunities. These events are a critical step in their competitive skill development.
- Provide the National Team athletes with NorAm competition starts where and when needed to support their ranking in Canada.
- Keep the policy open enough to allow Canadian outliers (skiers not currently in our programs or competitive system) to be allocated a spot, should the working group think it is aligned with Freestyle Canada's mission of winning Olympic and major event medals and this athletes profile;
- The working group is identified as the HPP Selection Committee, composed of the High Performance Director, High Performance Athlete Development Director, and National Team program coaches.

2. QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCESS

2.1. NORAM & FIS QUOTA SYSTEM:

Freestyle Canada receives 15 male and 15 female spots⁽¹⁾ for all US NorAm events. These spots are allocated as per the process outlined below. Event organizers will do what they can to allow Canada to use their unused female spots for men but this will be on a case by case basis and usually does not get determined until 3 – 6 weeks prior to the event. The HPAD Manager understands that time is of the essence and will pursue the open spots with the OC as soon as can be determined.

For Canadian NorAms, the Organizing Committee set the field size of the event. There are initial quotas for:

- Canada: 15 male & 15 female spots
- USA: 15 male & 15 female spots
- Foreign, other countries: 20 total

*Any open spots can be distributed at the hosting NSO's discretion. For Canadian NorAm, see below in "Process for Allocation" how any open host spots will be allocated.

The process for allocation described below will be applied individually to Slopestyle / Big Air and Halfpipe.

Spots for Slopestyle & Big Air will be allocated to athletes ranked in the HPP Slopestyle/Big Air rankings as described below.

Spots for Halfpipe will be allocated to the HPP Halfpipe ranked athletes as described below.

2.2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY:

- Athletes must have an active FIS License with FIS number.
- Freestyle Canada CanFree 4 License, with appropriate insurance if travelling out-of-country
- Meet the FIS age requirement, athlete needs to turn 13 between January 1 2019 & December 31 2019. See International Competition Rules (ICR), 2014.2

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1563348573/fis-prod/assets/SBFSFK_ICR.pdf

¹ Those quotas are in revision by the FIS, an addendum will be made to this document is there is a change.

2.3. TIMELINES:

HALFPIPE NORAM SPOT Allocations:

- Allocations for all Halfpipe NorAm will be done on November 1st 2019.
- If there are more athletes through the season who want to do Halfpipe NorAm, the committee will review on a case by case basis as they arise.

SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR NORAM SPORT Allocation:

- **1st BLOCK - Quota Allocation:**

- Allocations done on October 31st 2019 for the following NorAm: Mammoth, Aspen and Calgary.
- Rankings: Final 2019 HPP & Canada Cup Rankings will be used in the process.
- ASPEN OPEN Registration: Canadian athletes must use the Aspen Open on-line registration system, which opens **November 1st 2019** at noon Mountain Time.
- The Freestyle Canada will send in the list of selected athletes who will take the FIS quota of 30 athletes. The organizers will ensure these athletes have spots before other "open" registered Canadian athletes.
- One (1) Wild Card Spot allocation for these 3 events.
- Wild Card Spot notices need to be sent to sabrina@freestylecanada.ski by **October 20th 2019** and will be confirmed on the October 31st 2019 allocation deadline. Video can be shared in this dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2cho1uu0gc23z1g/AACjNDtrOlldxoohGjQELC51a?dl=0>

- **2nd BLOCK – Quota Allocation:**

- Allocation will be done on Friday **February 8th 2020** for the remaining NorAms: Woodward and Le Relais.
- 2019/2020 HPP rankings + the 2018/2019 HPP ranking events from February 9th 2019 to April 15th 2019 (results from a 12 months calendar).
- Current Canada Cup Rankings will be use if needed.
- Two (2) Wild Card Spot allocation will be available for these 2 events.
- Wild Card Spot notices need to be sent to sabrina@freestylecanada.ski by **January 15th 2020** and will be confirmed on the Feb 8th 2020 allocation deadline.

2.4.PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION:

STEP 1: HPP ATHLETES: The Freestyle Canada High Performance Program retains the number of spots required for the National Team athletes (which includes Next Gen Team);

STEP 2: ATHLETE RANKINGS: The remainder of the quota spots will be allocated to the athletes as per:

- a. HPP Rankings and then (if quotas remain);
- b. Canada Cup Rankings

STEP 3: WILD CARD SPOTS: A maximum of one (1) Wild Card per gender will be saved for allocation for the first NorAm block and a maximum of two (2) Wild Card spot per gender will be saved for allocation, by the HPP Selection Committee.

Athletes considered for a Wild Card: a skier who has missed a portion of events used in the HPP Rankings or Canada Cup Rankings for reasons unforeseen, who demonstrate a L2C/T2C skill level and would benefit competing at a Nor-Am level. Reasons such as missed events due to extra-ordinary circumstances, injuries, and significant recent skill acquisition could be considered.

- If the Wild Cards are not used by the deadline, they will be allocated as per Step 2.

STEP 4: UNUSED SPOTS: Any unused spots will be put back into the mix to be allocated as above.

NOTE: Event organizers will accommodate us as they can with unused spots, we will notify coaches when we have notice.

NOTE: PSO Coaches will have 48 hours to confirm any allocated spots.

HOST SPOTS:

For Canadian NorAm, once the registration deadline has happened, Freestyle Canada will allocate any open spots, field size established by the host organizing committee, as per the process above, these are usually last minute 1 day - 2 weeks prior to the event.

2.5.INJURY CLAUSE:

For the purpose of NorAm spot allocations, the following injury clause can be used:

- Dr's note needs to be sent to the Manager of High Performance Athlete Development, sabrina@freestylecanada.ski
 - Doctor's note can be filed as soon as an injury happens and MUST be sent at least 2 weeks prior to the allocation deadlines
- Athletes must have missed 2 consecutive events minimum, if they miss less than 2 events or 2 events that are not consecutive – injury clause is not applicable.
- Results for the injured athlete will be pulled from the previous competitive season, within 12 months only
 - When part of a season is missed (2 consecutive events or more) Results will be used from the same level of event in the same time period of the missed events. (i.e. if all 4 NorAms were missed in 2018, the 2017 season's 4 NorAm placing values will be used and entered into the current year's ranking sheet in the summary column).
 - When the full season is missed, The athletes' top 3 placing values will be taken from the previous year and entered into the current year's ranking sheet in the summary column.
- This policy does not apply to the ongoing HPP Rankings for team or World Cup selection, please see "Extraordinary Circumstances" in the HPP Selection Criteria on www.freestylecanada.ski/HighPerformance/Policies

3.FIS REV TOUR SPOTS:

The FIS Rev Tour events that are not designated **NorAm** will not be valued for the Freestyle Canada rankings. For these regular Rev Tour events, Canada only receives 5 spots total, so these are an unfair competitive opportunity given the open registration process.