



Freestyle Canada's Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe Coaching Positions
For the 2020 Youth Olympic Games
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Position Descriptions and Selection Process

Introduction

Freestyle Canada will be selecting up to two coaches to take the Canadian Freestyle ski team to winter version of the 2020 Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, SUI for Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe Skiing. The first coach will be required to be on site for the entire time the Canadian team athletes are required to be in attendance and will act as the Canadian Freestyle Team Leader as well as a technical coach. The second individual will be there primarily as a technical coach. Both coaches will be representatives of Freestyle Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and will set an appropriate example for our athletes.

Guiding Principles

This YOG coaching opportunity is considered an enhanced experience and part of each coach's professional development; there will be no payments for these positions.

- Of primary concern to all is our athletes' safety on and off the hill
- One or two coaches will be nominated to coach SS, BA and HP athletes at the YOGs. Should we be granted the opportunity to send two coaches, preference will be given to selecting one Halfpipe and one Slopestyle/Big Air coach; should only one coach be selected he or she must be capable of coaching all three disciplines
- Priority will be given to that coach (/those coaches) who have athletes nominated to the 2020 Youth Olympic Games
 - Within this process, National program coaches will be given priority
- Preferred Freestyle Canada / NCCP Coach certification is Comp Dev trained; all selected coaches must be in good standing with Freestyle Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada's Professional Coaching Program
- It is understood that the selected coaches will not be the primary coach for all athletes selected however, they will be expected to build the relationship, talk to each athlete's primary coach and be able to coach all athletes on the team (per their specific assignment)
- Targeted deadline for coach selection is December 15th, 2019

Position Details

The COC has informed Freestyle Canada that we have the ability to nominate a maximum of two coaches for the 2020 YOGs. One of these positions will be designated the team leader; Freestyle Canada must have an accredited person on site the entire duration our athletes are required to be in attendance.



Lead Coach (NOC accreditation) - this coach:

- The Lead Coach may also serve as the Team Leader for Freestyle Canada and will make appropriate on-the-ground decisions, with the input from the Freestyle Canada HPD (Slope and Pipe)
- Term – full-Games: January 14th (TBC) through 23rd, 2020. The Lead Coach must be present on site the entire duration our athletes are required to be in attendance (Note: all athletes selected must be present for the Closing Ceremonie (TBC).)
- Housing and Meals: stay in the Olympic Village; all meals will be provided by the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG)
- Ground Transportation and Event Tickets: Will have access to sporting venues and all Games transportation systems
- Participation costs covered by the COC

Technical Coach/Support Personnel (should Freestyle Canada choose to send him/her) (NOC – A accreditation) – this coach:

- The Technical Coach will support the Lead Coach with administration while on site and will be the technical lead for their specific discipline; should the first coach be capable of coaching all three disciplines, Freestyle Canada will consider sending a HP staff member as a professional development experience
- Term - 2nd half: January 14th (TBC) through 23rd, 2020 onsite in Lausanne
- Housing: Will stay in a hotel assigned by the Canadian Olympic Committee (shared accommodations)
- Meals: Will not have meals provided by the OCOG, instead provided by Freestyle Canada (details TBD)
- Ground Transportation and Event Tickets: Will have access to all Games transportation systems but will need to purchase tickets to any non-Freestyle events (possibly including the Closing Ceremony)
- Participation costs covered by Freestyle Canada

Nomination and Selection Process

Long List:

A list of coaches was submitted to the COC/IOC by Freestyle Canada as part of the registration process; these will be the coaches considered for these positions. The process pool will be narrowed by determining availability.

Before November 1, 2019

1. National program coaches will be asked for their availability; an assessment of their discipline specific skills will be noted



2. Should national program coach(es) not be available for one or both coaching positions, the other Freestyle Canada coaches listed on the IOC long-list will be contacted for their availability; their discipline specific skills will be noted

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3. The HPP Leadership Team will review the rankings of the athletes (who will be nominated to Team Canada) and compare those to identified coaches availability
4. The HPP Leadership team will discuss the support team (coaches) make up and have discussions with their lead candidates to ensure discipline specific concerns are addressed
5. Once the HPP Leadership team has determined that both disciplines are covered and the preferred coaches are still available to participate, they will put forward their staff nominations to the COC

The COC will have the final approval of any nominated coaches.

Any questions on eligibility of nomination of coaches should be directed to Julie Steggall or Sabrina Guerin.