



# MOGUL NORAM QUOTA ALLOCATION POLICY

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## **1. Introduction**

Freestyle Canada receives quota spots from the International Ski Federation (FIS) NorAm Committee to distribute to Canadian mogul athletes who wish to compete on the NorAm circuit. This document will describe the process of allocating these quota spots.

Freestyle Canada holds the authority to allocate the Canadian FIS spots; this is done each year using the FIS – Continental Cup (COC) Rules and Freestyle Canada's NorAm Quota Policy. The link to the current COC Rules can be found here: [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1603172118/fis-prod/assets/document-library/fs-sb-fk-documents/CoC\\_Rules\\_SB\\_FS\\_FK\\_2020\\_21.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1603172118/fis-prod/assets/document-library/fs-sb-fk-documents/CoC_Rules_SB_FS_FK_2020_21.pdf)

## **2. Purpose of the NorAm Circuit**

Freestyle Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model ([www.ltad.freestylecanada.ski](http://www.ltad.freestylecanada.ski)) is designed to have athletes progress through key learning and experiential objectives as they develop their skills. The following NorAm competition objectives facilitate the learning of meaningful competitive skills:

- Provide international competitive opportunities targeted at athletes in the high-performance athlete development stream (Podium Pathway) who are demonstrating long-term major event podium potential within eight years. In priority order these athletes are:
  - National team members (A, B & NextGen)
  - Provincial team members
  - Club athletes, should they have the skills & are in need of this experience.
- To prepare athletes for the international competitive stage, FIS World Cup Circuit (same competition formats, exposure to different challenging courses, travelling outside Canada, etc.)
- Provide Continental Cup podium experiences (learning to perform at "Train to Compete" level)
- Provide athletes with the competitive opportunities where they can qualify to be selected into the national team program.

## **3. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Processes**

The following guidelines direct the NorAm Committee in allocating spots effectively:

- NorAm Mogul competitions target skiers in the "Learn to Compete" and "Train to Compete" LTAD stages in our system. Targeted athletes are typically NextGen team and provincial skiers however, may include skiers in the provincial development programs; it may also include National B team members who require specific skills or experiences.
- Recognize there could be Canadian skiers who are "outliers": skiers not currently ranked in the Freestyle Canada HPP ranking system. To allow targeted, non-ranked skiers to compete, Freestyle Canada retains a number of quota spots for strategic development opportunities (Smart Tracking) as deemed appropriate by the NorAm committee.

#### **4. Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee**

Spots will be allocated as per the outlined process by the Mogul NorAm Quota Allocation Committee (the "Allocation Committee"). The Committee will consist of three regular members including Freestyle Canada's:

- Mogul HPP Director
- HPAD Manager
- NextGen Lead Mogul Coach

Other HPP mogul coaches may be consulted when more information is needed.

The Allocation Committee will work and communicate with the High Performance Athlete Development Advisory Group (HPAD- PSO & NAT Team coaches) each year to discuss and update this NorAm policy. The Allocation Committee has the authority by vote to make decisions on disputes.

\*\*The HPAD Advisory Group will review this policy each spring for any changes, then again updated once quotas are received from FIS in the fall of each year.

#### **5. Athlete Eligibility**

To be eligible to ski in a NorAm mogul event, it is expected that every skier is able to safely ski and jump in a NorAm mogul course. In addition, each skier :

- Hold an active FIS license (with a FIS code number) as well as a Freestyle Canada CanFree 4 License, with appropriate insurance
- Have competed at the current year Canadian Selection event  
COVID provision – 2019 Canadian Selection event
- Athletes must:
  - be part of a HPAD program recognized by Freestyle Canada
  - have a year-round, periodized training program
  - have a Comp Dev level coach (Certified preferred, Trained status as a minimum) who works with Freestyle Canada's LTAD, GMP and skill matrix with the goal of developing high performance athletes.

#### **6. NorAm Minimum Performance Level**

All athletes entered in NorAm Moguls events must have met the Canadian NorAm Minimum Performance Level (MPL), during the previous year or current year, prior to the NorAm events in question:

##### Women:

- 1 Top 12 in a Canada Cup (because of COVID the 2019 western Canada Cup event will be available for use) or Canadian Selection in a single Moguls event;  
OR

- Top 12 at the Canadian Senior National championships in single Moguls;  
COVID provision – 2019 Canadian Championships  
OR
- Top 20 at a Nor-Am Single Moguls event.

Men:

- 1 Top 16 in a Canada Cup (because of COVID the 2019 western Canada Cup event will be available for use) or Canadian Selection a single Moguls event;  
OR
- Top 16 at the Canadian Senior National championships in single Moguls;  
COVID provision – 2019 Canadian Championships  
OR
- Top 30 at a Nor-Am single moguls event.

## **7. NorAm Mogul Quota Allocation Process for Canadian Spots**

Freestyle Canada is able to allocate fifty (50) spots to Canadian athletes on or before December 22nd, 2020 (after the Canadian Selection events). These spots are split evenly between Male & Female athletes; 25 spots for men and 25 spots for women. As per the FIS Continental Cup Rules, any unused gender quota can be moved to the other gender. The allocation of spots in the mogul discipline will be for both single and dual mogul events. The event organizer will determine the maximum field size: any unused non-Canadian quota spots are available to Canada for allocation (based on eligibility and ranking).

Freestyle Canada follows a five-stage process to allocate Canadian NorAm quota spots:

1. HPP Athletes assigned first
2. The NorAm selection ranking list
3. Plus PSO discretionary spots (four)
4. Plus Wild Card spots

\*Athletes who do not meet the Canadian NorAm MPL may be entered into NorAm events after reviewing each case for Wild Card spots, using the published processes (listed in point 7.4.1).

The following describes how the NorAm spots will be allocated:

### **7.1 HPP Program Athletes**

The Allocation Committee retains the number of spots required for the Freestyle Canada HPP athletes who will ski in the event; HPP skiers are the first to be assigned spots for the event(s). The HPP ranking process and formula is described in the HPP Mogul Team Selection Criteria at the following link: <http://freestyleski.com/team/policies/>

### **7.2 NorAm Selection Rankings**

Once the HPP ranked athletes have been assigned spots, Freestyle Canada will use the "NorAm Selection Ranking" to allocate the remaining core quota spots.

The NorAm selection ranking data will include placing results from eligible NorAm, Canadian Selection, Canadian Championships and Canada Cup mogul events from the previous season plus they must include one placing result from the current season's Canadian Selection event(s).

- The sum of four best place points will be calculated for a total number of points then athletes will be ranked from largest to smallest amount of total points.
  - Each athlete must use at least one of this year's Canadian Selection results.
  - For Canadian selection purposes, any "non-Canadian" in a Canadian Selection, Canada Cup or Senior Nationals will be removed from the result sheet and all Canadians after will move up that number of placings; NorAm results will remain as published
  - Results from athletes who are eligible to use the Extenuating Circumstance provision are added to the list before the allocation of spots (see below)
- An Extenuating Circumstance provision can be applied to an athlete who missed two or more qualifying events in the previous competition season due to injury. Athletes are provided an injury clause exception will be included in the NorAm Selection Ranking list before any spots are allocated.
  - To be considered for an Extenuating Circumstance provision, a note from a recognized Freestyle Canada medical practitioner supporting the injury must be submitted to [sabrina@freestylecanada.ski](mailto:sabrina@freestylecanada.ski) by December 1st 2020
  - Freestyle Canada will identify the level of event missed and recognize the athlete's result(s) from the equivalent competition immediately before the injury. i.e. if the Eastern Canadian Series was missed, the previous season's Eastern Canadian series will be used, and so on.
  - The maximum amount of time to go back to retrieve results is 12 months from the date of injury.
  - Once the results are factored into the athletes score, they will be inserted into the NorAm Selection Ranking list; selections will be done in order of rank.

### **7.3 Spot for the hosting PSO**

Two (2) of the 25 Canadian quota spots per gender are reserved for the hosting PSO. If not used, they will return to the pool of available Canadian spots. Host nominees are in isolation of the NorAm Ranking List. Athletes selected to ski in these spots **must meet the MPL**.

### **7.4 WILD Card spot**

Three (3) of the 25 Canadian quota spots per gender are identified as *Wild Card Spots*. Wild Card entries are offered to "Outlier Athletes" to provide an opportunity to compete at this level when they would not have had a chance to compete in NorAm otherwise. **Athletes using these spots are exempt from the MPL.**

#### 7.4.1 Wild Card Application Process:

- A. Submission package must be received before the close of business **January 11, 2021** (eastern time) from a provincial representative. Submission Package includes:
- A written letter indicating the reason the nominated athlete should be considered for a Wild Card spot.
  - A video submission of two (2) top to bottom runs of the nominated athlete.
- B. Once all submissions are received, the NorAm Quota Allocation Committee will review them and make allocations based on:
- Technical level of the athlete.
  - Athlete result history from the previous two seasons and including the current year's Canadian Series events.
- C. Once the Wild Card decisions are made, coaches will be notified by Freestyle Canada.
- D. Any Wild Card spot not accepted by an athlete or otherwise going unused will be allocated first to the next highest ranked Wild Card nominee. Should there be no additional Wild Card applicants, the spots may be offered, in ranking order, to other athletes who have met the MPL on the NorAm Ranking List.

*\*\* An Outlier Athlete* is a skier who has not met the MPL for reasons unforeseen and shows the talent and potential of a NorAm level athlete. This can occur as a result of missing events, being injured or he or she may have had a very successful training season.

### **8. Unforeseen Circumstances <including COVID>**

This policy is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of unforeseen circumstances. Where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond FC's control do not allow an adequate number of qualifying competitions to take place in a fair manner, the Allocation Committee will meet to consider alternative competition results and/or extend the dates for selection. Any changes, along with the logic for the change, will be communicated to the HPAD advisory group at the earliest time after the decisions are made.

## Appendix

### Points Value Charts

Places	Women			
	Nationals	NorAm	CanSel	CanCup
1	87.13	87.13	73.12	63.93
2	86.09	86.09	71.71	62.75
3	85.07	85.07	70.32	61.6
4	84.06	84.06	68.98	60.00
5	83.07	83.07	67.67	57.67
6	82.09	82.09	66.39	55.92
7	81.12	81.12	65.14	54.21
8	80.17	80.17	63.93	54.55
9	79.24	79.24	62.75	50.93
10	78.31	78.31	61.6	49.36
11	77.4	77.4	0	47.80
12	76.5	76.5		46.30
13	75.62	75.62		44.83
14	74.74	74.74		43.39
15	73.88	73.88		42.00
16	0	73.04		40.63
17		72.2		39.30
18		71.38		33.17
19		70.56		24.53
20		69.76		17.48
21		68.98		0.00
22		68.2		
23		67.43		
24		66.68		
25		65.93		
26		65.2		
27		64.47		
28		63.76		
29		63.06		
30		59.44		
31		0		
32				
33				
34				
35				

Men				
Places	Nationals	NorAm	CanSel	CanCup
1	87,79	87,79	76,42	66,32
2	86,97	86,97	75,44	65,34
3	86,17	86,17	74,47	64,37
4	85,37	85,37	73,51	63,41
5	84,57	84,57	72,56	62,46
6	83,79	83,79	71,63	61,53
7	83,02	83,02	70,71	60,61
8	82,25	82,25	69,81	59,71
9	81,49	81,49	68,92	58,81
10	80,74	80,74	68,04	57,54
11	79,99	79,99	67,17	56,47
12	79,26	79,26	66,32	55,52
13	78,53	78,53	65,47	54,67
14	77,81	77,81	64,64	53,74
15	77,09	77,09	63,83	52,73
16	76,38	76,38	63,02	51,62
17	75,68	75,68	62,22	50,52
18	74,99	74,99	61,44	49,44
19	74,31	74,31	60,67	48,37
20	73,63	73,63	59,9	47,28
21	72,96	72,96	0	40,78
22	72,29	72,29		33,06
23	71,64	71,64		27
24	70,99	70,99		21,39
25	70,34	70,34		16,95
26	69,7	69,7		12,43
27	69,07	69,07		7,64
28	68,45	68,45		5,86
29	67,83	67,83		3,73
30	67,22	67,22		1,55
31	0	0		0