



**Freestyle Canada**  
**2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**SELECTION CRITERIA**

for

Halfpipe and Slopestyle / Big Air

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **PREAMBLE**

The 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will take place in Lausanne Switzerland January 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and will include the Freestyle Skiing events of Men's and Women's:

- Ski Halfpipe
- Ski Slopestyle
- Ski Big Air
- Ski Cross

Freestyle Canada will select athletes for nomination based on the criteria outlined herein with the exception of Ski Cross. As Alpine Canada is the responsible authority for Ski Cross in Canada (ACA) and the quotas for each of the events is separate and distinct ACA will determine the selection criteria for that event under separate cover.

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## **AUTHORITY**

The winter version of the Youth Olympic Games is conducted under rules established by the International Ski Federation (FIS), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

The COC will have authority and responsibility for the selection of Team Canada for the 2020 YOG and will base their selection for Freestyle Skiing athletes on the nominations put forward by Freestyle Canada.

Freestyle Canada will be responsible for:

- Crafting and publishing the "Nomination Criteria"
- Tracking the nomination process for athletes and coaches including but not limited to;
  - tracking and publishing a list of eligible athletes and coaches;
  - tracking and publishing a selection ranking for athletes and;
  - undertaking selection for nomination of both athletes and coaches to the COC
- Submission of the official "FIS Entry Form" for YOG
- Naming a "Team Leader" for Freestyle Skiing who will be responsible for on the ground decisions at the YOG and act as the liaison for Freestyle Skiing with the broader Canadian Team.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2020 Youth Olympic Games selection:

1. Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to send "Youth" aged freestyle skiers who have podium potential at the 2020 YOG.
2. Provide an elite international level, multi-sport Games competitive experience to athletes who are potentially targeted for upcoming Olympic Winter Games.
3. Provide an elite international level, multi-sport Games competitive experience for Coaches to assist them in gaining experience preparing for and executing a plan for athletes at this level.

## **EVENTS**

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)	Mixed Discipline Event (1)
Ski Cross Ski Halfpipe Ski Slopestyle Ski Big Air	Ski Cross Ski Halfpipe Ski Slopestyle Ski Big Air	Team Ski-Snowboard Cross

- **This document only incorporates the selection of athletes for men's and women's Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle and Ski Big Air.**

## **QUOTA**

FIS has determined the initial number of quota spots assigned to each nation. Freestyle Canada's initial assignment is:

- Four (4) for Slopestyle & Big Air (2 men and 2 women)
- Zero (0) for Halfpipe (no men or women)<sup>1</sup>

\*There is a maximum of 3 athletes per gender per event

FIS will continue to assign available quota spots to nations based on their criteria (link below) until December 8, 2019. Once Freestyle Canada has been notified of their final quota allocation on or before December 8, 2019, an addendum will be made to this document and the document updated online.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) criteria will be available at <https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/general/winter-youth-olympic-games-quotas-list.html?listid=2020&sectorcode=fs&disciplinecode=SS&nationcode> and, in the event of a discrepancy, the FIS version will prevail. In the event of changes by the FIS to the selection and eligibility criteria, Freestyle Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Freestyle Canada did not participate in the 2019 FIS Junior World Halfpipe Championships therefore did not qualify for an initial quota allotment.

#### Additional Special Circumstance Quota:

- Ski Halfpipe - Up to one (1) additional athlete per gender and NOC, already entered by the NOC in Ski Slopestyle / Big Air or Ski Cross, may also participate in Ski Halfpipe subject to the athlete respecting the eligibility criteria for Ski Halfpipe; in the event of more than one athlete meets the ability to be entered in Ski Halfpipe, the highest ranked athlete on the YOG FIS points list will be chosen.
- Ski Slopestyle / Big Air – Up to on (1) additional athlete per gender and NOC, already entered by the NOC in Ski Halfpipe or Ski Cross, may also participation in Ski Slopestyle and/or Big Air subject to the athlete respecting the eligibility criteria for Ski Slopestyle and Ski Big Air; in the event of more than one athlete meets the ability to be entered in Ski Slopestyle / Big Air, the highest ranked athlete on the YOG FIS points list will be chosen.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### IOC ELIGIBILITY:

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors -

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&ved=2ahUKEwjN9su8yO7jAhWJwFQKHT35ACMQFjABegQIDRAE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fnocnsf.nl%2Fcms%2Fstreambin.aspx%3Frequestid%3D95CDFB00-C249-448B-9CCA-44BE29BB5827&usg=AOvVaw2Rsvbi1EIzhaQjba6nDy7n>), and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

### FREESTYLE CANADA – GENERAL and TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY:

- Freestyle Canada member in good standing
- Have paid the FC International License Fee
- Have an active FIS number
- Must be a citizen of the country of which National Ski Association he has a license and prove this with a valid passport.
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Lausanne 2020 Conditions of Participation form.
- For Ski Halfpipe, athletes must obtain YOG FIS points in Ski Halfpipe
- For Ski Slopestyle and Ski Big Air, athletes must obtain YOG FIS points in Ski Slopestyle. Athletes with only Ski Slopestyle YOG FIS points are eligible to start both events.

### AGE ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes must be born on or after **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002** and on or before **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

### FIS ELIGIBILITY:

FIS will generate points lists (YOG FIS Points List) based on points earned by age eligible athletes in the period between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019; one list for Halfpipe and one list combined for Slopestyle and Big Air. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS rules for FIS points during the YOG qualification period. The YOG FIS Points List by event

will be published on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on the FIS website (<https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/youth-olympics#7aa2a79e4c5867488054fd5a> ) \*\* IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE – this list determines the eligibility of an athlete ONLY according to the International Federation (“IF”) and does NOT serve as a ranking list for Freestyle Canada purposes.

## **ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS**

Of the athletes who meet the above listed eligibility criteria (IOC, FC, age, and FIS) Freestyle Canada will undertake the following processes to generate a “YOG HPP Ranking List” for each of:

- Halfpipe - Men
- Halfpipe – Ladies
- Slopestyle/Big Air (combined) - Men
- Slopestyle/Big Air (combined) - Ladies

The “YOG HPP Ranking Lists” for each of the four above disciplines/genders will be calculated using a combination of HPP events that fall within the YOG SELECTION PERIOD (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019) plus the 2019 Jr World Championships.

SELECTION PERIOD: Recognized/sanctioned Freestyle Canada competition results achieved during the period from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be eligible for use for ranking purposes.

### ❖ YOG HPP Ranking - Halfpipe:

- Sum of the 3 best results values from the YOG EVENT ELIGIBLE PERIOD (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019).
- In the case where no athletes have achieved points on the Halfpipe YOG HPP Ranking, but some have Halfpipe YOG FIS points, the athlete with the highest number of Halfpipe YOG FIS points will be nominated.
- In the case of a tie in the Halfpipe YOG HPP points, the athlete with the highest number of Halfpipe YOG FIS points will be nominated. If the tie persists, the nomination will go to the athlete with the best individual event placing in a qualifying event.

### ❖ YOG HPP Ranking – Slopestyle / Big Air:

*Athletes will be selected to compete in both Slopestyle & Big Air. There will NOT be an individual selection process for each of these disciplines.*

- Sum of the 3 best results values with at least one result coming from a Slopestyle event, during the YOG EVENT ELIGIBLE PERIOD (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
- In the case where no athletes have achieved points on the SS/BA YOG HPP

Ranking, but some have Slopestyle or Big Air YOG FIS points, the athlete with the highest number of Slopestyle or Big Air YOG FIS points will be nominated.

- In the case of a tie in the SS/BS YOG HPP points, the athlete with the highest number of slopestyle and big air YOG FIS points will be nominated. If the tie persists, the nomination will go to the athlete with the best individual event placing in a qualifying event.

Athletes who miss competitions during the selection period will not have other results considered; they must qualify based on the results from eligible events during the eligible Selection Period

Athletes who qualify but have sustained an injury must receive medical clearance from a Freestyle Canada approved physician 24 hours before the announced travel date.

## **ALTERNATES**

Any replacements following nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after December 16<sup>th</sup> are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy

- Alternate athletes will not travel to the Games.

All nominations will be finalized by Freestyle Canada and provided to the COC on or before December 11, 2019 (the COC team nomination deadline). The COC is responsible for the final selection of the team.

## **COACH SELECTION PROCESS**

Freestyle Canada has created a separate coach selection process. Between one and three coaches will be selected, then nominated to the COC based on:

- The coach's competency in one or more disciplines (HP and/or SS/BA)
- Freestyle Canada / NCCP Coach certification that they possess
- Experience they need to improve their HPAD coaching skills
- The coach being in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada

In addition,

- Canadian High Performance program coaches will be given priority
- Should HPP coaches be unavailable, other coaches will be considered
- Consideration will be given to coaches who are the "primary coach" for athlete(s) nominated to the team.
- Coaches will normally be selected by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- ❖ Selected coaches will not receive additional compensation for this activity; this is considered part of their current contracts. Coach expenses will be covered per COC

protocols.

### **UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance(s) (as determined by FC) does not allow the Youth Olympic Games selection criteria to be objectively applied as detailed above, FC reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

### **LIABILITY/INSURANCE**

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damage or accident. All participants have to be sufficiently insured against accidents and illness by themselves or their National Federation.

### **APPEALS**

Freestyle Canada's selections for and nominations to the Youth Olympic Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the FC Appeals Protocol.

<http://freestyleski.com/policies/>

In recognition of the short timelines required for the decision process, both parties may agree to forgo the above Freestyle Canada Appeals Protocol process and as an option adopt the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) appeal process as a time-efficient alternative process.