



**2021-2022 National Slopestyle / Big Air Team Selection**

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**2020-2021 FIS World Cup Spot Allocation Criteria**

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## 1. Preamble

This document defines the procedures used by Freestyle Canada to:

- Generate the HPP Ranking List
- Select athletes to the National Slopestyle / Big Air World Cup Program
- Select athletes to the National Slopestyle / Big Air NextGen Program
- Allocate spots to Canadian athletes for the current season in the FIS Slopestyle / Big Air FIS World Cup competitions

2020-2021 Notes:

- Freestyle Canada High Performance Athlete funding allocation procedures (normally known as A & B Team funding) will be described in a separate document and circulated to all interested parties in alignment with the government funding confirmation and timelines.
- World Championships and Olympic Winter Games selection criteria will be described in their own documents and posted on the Freestyle Canada Website once confirmed.
- Independent events have their own selection and invitation processes that Freestyle Canada is not a party to.

## 2. COVID Situation

Freestyle Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota and attending events in respect to selection of athletes for the High Performance Program and FIS events. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, FC will respect these published Selection Criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Selection Criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Criteria. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Criteria in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance

objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, FC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

### 3. Freestyle Canada’s High Performance Program Goal

Freestyle Canada’s Mission: To develop athletes in a safe and ethical manner, who win medals at the Olympic Winter Games, the FIS World Championships and X-Games.

Freestyle Canada’s high-performance staff will support, prepare and assist identified athletes in achieving their goals through a variety of mechanisms including:

- Gap Analysis which will identify each athlete’s strengths and areas of improvement to prescribe appropriate technical, physical and mental training programs
- Gaining competitive experience on the International stage where they can hone their tactical and psychological skills

Athletes identified as National World Cup Team have shown evidence, they are on track to win a medal at a major event within four years. These athletes should be able to consistently achieve podium performances at major events and on the FIS World Cup circuit.

Athletes identified in the NextGen Group have shown evidence they are on track to win a medal at a major event within eight years. NextGen athletes should be able to consistently achieve podium performances at FIS NorAm events and be in the top 2/3rds of the FIS World Cup circuit.

### 4. Definitions and Roles

Title	Acronym	Role
Freestyle Canada	FC	Governing body for Freestyle skiing in Canada
Chief Executive Officer	CEO	Top staff member of Freestyle Canada; answerable to the Board of Directors
High Performance Program	HPP	Performance stream within Freestyle Canada
High Performance Director	HPD	Leader of the HPP
High Performance Athlete Development	HPAD	Identified process for developing athletes
Gold Medal Profile	GMP	Identified skills for skiers at various levels of the LTAD
Long-Term Athlete Development	LTAD	Pathway for development of freestyle skiers from grass roots through sport for life

FIS World Cup	WC	Top FIS competition series
FIS NorAm	NorAm (or NAC)	Continental FIS competition series in North America
International Ski Federation	FIS	Governing body for Freestyle skiing internationally
NextGen		Athletes showing evidence of medal potential for the subsequent Olympic Winter Games (up to 7 years ahead)
NextGen B		Athletes put on OTP's radar to watch for the future
Sport Science Sport Medicine	SSSM	Category of performance services for medical, paramedical and applied research aimed at enhancing athlete performance
Own the Podium	OTP	Technical agency who makes recommendations to Sport Canada on the funding for all Canadian sports.
Canada Cup		National competition circuits (SS/HP/BA)
Slopestyle	SS	
Halfpipe	HP	
Big Air	BA	
Tier 1 & 2 Events		See Appendix 1 for explanation
Boosted, Neutral or Diminished Events		See Appendix 1 for explanation
Good Standing		Athletes who have signed their athlete agreements, hold an active FIS license and have made appropriate arrangements to settle any outstanding debts with FC's finance department.
Point Value		All competitions are valued based on their Tier and Rating. Point Value is a score/number pulled from a value table that reflects an athlete's placing in a specific competition. Please see Appendix 1 for full explanation.

## 4. National Team Structure

Freestyle Canada has simplified selections for the 2021-2022 team into two groups: World Cup team and Next Gen team. Details are outlined in section 6.3.

Annually, Freestyle Canada will determine the team size; Freestyle Canada reserves the right to modify the team structure at any time in order to ensure quality programming to achieve the HPP Goals and Freestyle Canada's Mission. Group / Team sizes may change depending on:

- FIS Quota rule changes
- the year of the quadrennial
- depth of athlete pool
- skill level of athletes
- ranking point spreads

- major games strategy
- funding fluctuations.

The specific group to which an athlete is named depends on their performance capabilities and potential.

- “World Cup Team” athletes are targeted for Tier 1 events (major and World Cup events); as well, they have proven eligibility to receive the highest level of Freestyle Canada High Performance Athlete funding support, core program support and Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).
- “NextGen Team” athletes also targeted for, but not guaranteed, entry into Tier 1 events and may also be given priority in NorAm events if needed. NextGen Athletes could be eligible for Freestyle Canada High Performance Athlete funding and will benefit from enhanced core program funding and the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program (AAP).

NOTE: Funding terms and eligibility is defined in a separate document and circulated internally with all FC national program athletes and staff

## 5. Selection Authority and Process

The selection of athletes to participate in the Freestyle Canada’s HPP is the responsibility of the CEO, acting on the recommendations of the HPP SS/BA Selection Committee (the “Selection Committee”).

The High Performance Program Director and relative FC staff coordinate all calculations related to HPP rankings and selections and the selection criteria. These calculations are presented to the Selection Committee for their input and consideration. In addition to competition results, HPP coaches will report on each athlete’s skill level, overall progression, and commitment to training over the past 12 months.

All team selections are for a one-year period only; the national team will be named by May 15<sup>th</sup>. FC will strive to maintain gender equity in their HPP selection.

### 5.1 HPP SS/BA Selection Committee

Under the authority of the CEO, the Selection Committee is responsible for all team selections and the allocation of competitive opportunities. Team selection and FIS World Cup spot

allocation details are as described in this document; selection for major events will be published in separate document aligned with each event's specific timelines and selection requirements.

The Selection Committee shall, as its regular business:

- Select athletes to be offered positions on the National Team and within team groups.
- Allocate HPP athletes with competitive opportunities at targeted FIS events.

The Selection Committee will consist of:

- Three voting members:
  - National Team Head Coach
  - NextGen Head Coach
  - High Performance Director (Chair – tie breaking vote)
- Non-voting members:
  - Other national Slopestyle / Big Air program coaches
  - Sport Science Sport Medicine Director
  - Sport Development Manager
  - CEO

When relevant, the Selection Committee will seek input from content experts, such as the HPP Manager, mental training consultants, strength and conditioning trainers, medical team members or others.

Meetings of the Selection Committee:

- Meetings may be held for selection, informational or performance planning purposes. The committee will meet frequently through the year after training camps and major competition blocks to discuss athlete performance and progress.
- The committee will meet at pre-established timelines to discuss team selections, events selections and in some circumstances, funding decisions
- The HPD will chair meetings.
- Meetings may be held either:
  - Live:
    - i. in person,
    - ii. using technology (such as phone, web conference, etc.)
  - Non-live: using electronic means such as e-mail to share information and poll on positions.
- For live meetings: in the event one of the three voting members is not available, the Freestyle Canada CEO will appoint an equivalent replacement for that meeting.
- The committee will usually make decisions by consensus however, if a vote is necessary it will be by majority.
- Selection committee members shall abstain from voting on matters that directly affect members of their immediate families.

- Meetings of the selection committee shall be open to members of the committee, and invited guests only.

Documentation/Communication from Meetings of the Selection Committee:

- Notes from the meeting will be kept by HP staff and distributed to members of the selection committee.
- A summary of the decisions of the selection committee meetings shall be made available to interested parties on request; divisions will be notified of their availability.
- HPP staff will notify selected athletes in writing of the decisions of the meeting.

## 5.2 Selection Process

Key Timelines:

- Team selections are for one calendar season (May through the following April).
- Team selections: Normally by May 15<sup>th</sup> each year
- Event eligibility for team selection period: The previous FIS competitions season July 1 – April 30 each year.
- World Cup Selection timelines, see section 7.2a for details

The National Slopestyle / Big Air Team qualification period runs from August 1st, through the last qualifying event of the competitive season, inclusively.

Within 30 days of the completion of the last ranking eligible competition of the season:

- The selection committee reviews the initial HPP SS/BA Ranking list and determines if there are any performance considerations or mistakes in the data entry; coach input regarding skill progression is incorporated into this process. Corrections will not be made after May 1<sup>st</sup> for that selection period,
- Eligible athletes are identified in rank order.
- Athletes who would qualify for Exceptional Circumstances (i.e. injury, etc.) are identified and added to the ranking as appropriate.
- The National Team is identified and nominated in the following order:
  - a. The World Cup Team”) then
  - b. The NextGen group”) then,
  - c. NextGen Prospects may be identified if identified by the HPP coaches.
- Nominated athletes will be officially notified and will have 10 days to accept or decline their position.

## 5.3 HPP Slopestyle / Big Air Rankings

The HPP Slopestyle / Big Air Ranking criteria is explained in detail in Appendix 1. The High-Performance Director and relative FC staff will coordinate all HPP Slopestyle / Big Air Rankings and calculations related to the selection of HPP teams. These rankings are presented to the

selection committee for their input and consideration. Coaches also report on each athlete's skill level and overall progression and commitment over the season.

- For an athlete to be ranked, they must normally have competed in at least three different FC eligible competitions during the current season.
- Team Selections will be based on performances from the season just completed.
- Athletes' results will be used from the selection period outline in Section 5.2 – Selection Process.

### 5.5 Major Games Selection Considerations

During an Olympic Winter Games or FIS World Championship qualification period, athletes who have a reasonable chance at selection may be given priority in the allocation of WC opportunities. Major Games selection criteria will be developed in a separate policy and posted on the Freestyle Canada website.

### 5.6 Score Anomalies

In some circumstances, there are three to four competitive, qualifying events on the same course within a short period of time, often with the same panel of judges. Circumstances such as these can skew rankings (positively or negatively). Scenarios such as these will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and may warrant out of order selections.

## 6. Selection Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the National Slopestyle / Big Air program, an athlete needs to meet both general and performance eligibility criteria.

### 6.1 General Eligibility

- An athlete must be a Freestyle Canada member in good standing;
- Have a valid Canadian passport;

### 6.2 Performance Eligibility

OTP provides funding two restricted funding envelopes of program funding to Freestyle Canada:

1. Enhanced Excellence: To support athletes who have shown evidence they are on track to medal at the upcoming Olympic Winter Games, World Championships and X-Games
2. NextGen: For the program that supports athletes who are showing evidence they are on track to medal at the subsequent Olympic Winter Games.

## 6.3 Performance Prioritization

1. World Cup Team: A combination of Competition Benchmarks, HPP Rankings and Performance Considerations all of which are outlined in section 6.3a
2. NextGen: A combination of Competition Benchmarks, HPP Rankings and Performance Consideration (all skills).

### 6.3a World Cup Team (Enhanced Excellence, training for podium within 4 years)

Athletes are eligible for this group based on the previous year's final HPP Slopestyle/Big Air Rankings and meeting the following:

HPP Rankings: (See Calculation of HPP Rankings, Appendix 1)

The sum of 3 best point values using the following combination of results:

- 1 from Slopestyle – 2 from Big Air
- 2 from Slopestyle – 1 from Big Air
- 3 from Slopestyle
- 3 Big Air (max 2 spots per gender)

Competition Benchmarks for World Cup Team:

- Any Method A qualified athletes for the 2022 OWG.
- Women: Minimum of one (1) podium AND one (1) Top 6, coming from any Tier 1
- Men: Minimum of one (1) podium AND one (1) Top 10, coming from the Tier 1 Neutral or Boosted.

Performance Considerations for World Cup Team:

Results are not the only indicator of an athlete's current skill level or future potential in slopestyle & big air. The below points are some principles to help guide the selection process to provide full perspective:

The framework of the performance considerations is guided by Freestyle Canada's Gold Medal Profile Guidelines (GMP) which include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- **Competitive:** An athlete who is showing excellent tracking in their competition performances.
- **Fitness:** An athlete who shows excellent fitness characteristics (measurable in fitness assessments)
- **Technical:** An athlete who is demonstrating noticeable improvements in their technical capability as determined by the GMP and the National Coaches' assessment in training or competition.

**Rational:** in some stages of development an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.

- An athlete who has had ample opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than her or his calculated ranking and may result

in not being selected to any of the teams. Written rationale from the relative selection committee will be provided.

- When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of “out of order” selection.
- An athlete who is tracking well with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.
- Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years (i.e. Olympics, World Championships and X-Games).
- If a case presents itself, the selection committee reserves the right to select athletes to the World Cup Team based on Extraordinary Circumstance clause.

### 6.3c ‘NextGen’ Team (long term medal potential, within 8 years)

NextGen team selection uses HPP rankings as well as other components. For an athlete to be eligible for selection to this group, the committee will look at the following components: HPP Rankings, Competition Benchmarks and Performance Considerations (current skills)

**HPP Rankings:** Ranked Top 10 on the Slopestyle/Big Air HPP Rankings (excluding World Cup Team athletes). Current NextGen Team athletes who do not graduate to the World Cup Team are included in the rankings as well:

The sum of 3 best point values,

- 1 from Slopestyle – 2 from Big Air
- 2 from Slopestyle – 1 from Big Air
- 3 from Slopestyle
- 3 from Big Air (max 2 spots per gender)

AND/OR

#### **Competition Benchmarks:**

- Ranked Top 3 Men or top (1<sup>st</sup>) Woman on the Nor-Am tour, or
- Win the 2020-2021 Canada Cup title in Slopestyle or Big Air, or
- Jr World Champion

and / or

#### **NextGen Performance Considerations**

In some cases, the selection committee may not have enough technical information to understand if an athlete is ready for the National Team or the World Cup circuit. In these

cases, a skill assessment can occur throughout the season by any of our National program coaches or during a specifically scheduled HPP Training camp.

The following chart is the framework in which we will assess athletes when needed. The information in the “Skills achieved” and “Score” are examples of how components are assessed.

<b>SS / BA PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATION ASSESSMENT</b>		
<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>SKILLS ACHIEVED</b>	<b>SCORE 1-4</b>
<b>CREATIVITY</b> Variety of tricks & grabs / flow through course / style	<i>good variety / not enough speed / no style</i>	1
<b>JUMP DD</b> Rotations / flips	<i>sw dub 12, dub 10, 2 dir 10</i>	2
<b>RAIL SKILLS</b> Combinations, DD of rotations, variety of directions	<i>3 diff combos / 3 4s / 2 dir on, 2 dir off</i>	3
<b>OVERALL POTENTIAL</b> # of years in sport / T2C foundation skills / age compared to OWG cycle & current pool of athletes / attitude – commitment / Physical condition / Mental readiness	<i>great attitude / 22yrs - skills not developed to next 2 OWG cycles compared to current pool / 5 yrs in sport</i>	1
	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	7

<b>SCALE GUIDE: Relative to the World Cup Circuit and the current pool of CDN athletes for selection</b>	
Not competition ready	1
Doing in competition but not top 50% of field quality	2
Finals round quality	3
Top 5 quality	4

\* Benchmark skills are outlined in Freestyle Canada’s Gold Medal Profile Guidelines.

For the NextGen Group, the HPP committee reserves the right to nominate athletes as “prospects” (or “provisional”). These prospects will be invited to train with the NextGen team but will be required to meet specific individual benchmarks by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year to confirm their place in the group.

## 7. FIS Event Opportunities

This section describes how Freestyle Canada allocates FIS World Cup quota spots. NorAm Quota allocation process is described in a separate document located on the Freestyle Canada website: <https://www.freestylecanada.ski/en/programs/hp/policies/>

## 7.1 FIS Quotas

Nations receive a fixed number of quotas spots for World Cups based on the following FIS criteria:

- *Basic Nation Quota: 1 woman / 1 man, per discipline*
- *Elite Nation Quota: Top 8 women / 10 men earned through the previous season's FIS Base list*
  - *An updated list will be used half-way through the year, date TBD.*
- *Additional Nation Quota: (based on last year's Final FIS rankings)*
  - *Up to 2 spots for women placed 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>*
  - *Up to 2 spots for MEN placed 11<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>*
- *Host Nation Quota: 3 women / 5 men*
- *Personal Spot WRT Finals (SS) 1 woman / 1 man\**
- *Personal Spot Continental Cups (5) 1 woman / 1 man per Continental Cup\**
- *Personal Spot World Cup Overall Winner 1 woman / 1 man per discipline\**
- ~~*Personal Spot World Jr Champion 1 Man / 1 Woman per discipline\**~~ *not for the 2020-2021 season as there was not Jr World Championship held.*
- *Additional Spots: Allocated as open spots allow with filed size caps for each discipline. Decided 38 days prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day of training.*

*"Personal spots" are only available to the individual who earned the spot. If that athlete does not participate, the spot will be returned to the "FIS additional spot" pool.*

Freestyle Canada has been allocated the following base quota up to a maximum team size of ten plus personal spots:

<b><u>FIS QUOTA 2020-2021</u></b>			
<b><u>SLOPESTYLE</u></b>		<b><u>BIG AIR</u></b>	
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MEN</b>
3	4	5	4

Canada does not have any Personal FIS Spots for the 2020-2021 Season

\* Please refer to the FIS World Cup Rules on the FIS website for all details.

## 7.2 World Cup Spot Allocation Process and Timelines

All athletes must:

- meet the FIS age eligibility to be considered for FIS event selection and
  - remain in good standing with Freestyle Canada
- a) Allocation Timelines are in accordance with the FIS World Cup Entry final deadlines:
    - a. October 20<sup>th</sup>: pre-Christmas World Cups
    - b. Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: January & February World Cups
    - c. February 10<sup>th</sup>: March World Cups
  - b) Athletes will be allocated World Cup spots based on HPP Rankings, outlined in Appendix 1, as well as Performance Benchmarks / competitive readiness determined by the following guidelines:

- Competitive: An athlete who is showing excellent tracking in their competition performances.
- Fitness: An athlete who shows excellent fitness characteristics (measurable in fitness testing)
- Technical: An athlete who is demonstrating noticeable improvements in their technical capability as determined by the GMP and the National Coaches assessment in training or competition.
- Rational: in some stages of development an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.
- An athlete who has had ample opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than her or his calculated ranking and may result in not being selected to any of the teams. Written rationale from the relative selection committee will be provided.
- When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of “out of order” selection.
- An athlete who is tracking well with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.
- Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years (i.e. Olympics, World Championships and X-Games).
- If a case presents itself, the selection committee reserves the right to select athletes to the World Cup Team based on Extraordinary Circumstance clause.

Freestyle Canada is not required to fill all available FIS World Cup quota spots. If additional spots are available and Freestyle Canada chooses to fill them, they may be allocated to eligible HPP athletes (B Group or NextGen Group) as follows based on the dates above by the Selection Committee. The following will be considered:

- Ongoing HPP Rankings and / or
- Achieving the World Cup Team Considerations as outlined in section 6.3a “in camps or competitions relative to the athlete’s signed agreement, and / or
- Potential to qualify for major events

An athlete who is not achieving their benchmarks or performance standards may have previously allocated competitive opportunities withdrawn by the Selection Committee. A decision to withdraw an opportunity, or funding for the opportunity that was previously granted, will never be taken lightly: all decisions such as these will be documented.

## 8. Exceptional Circumstances

An athlete who is progressing in their career but has a setback due to an injury, a death in the family or similar life experience could be afforded additional flexibility when it comes to HPP Slopestyle / Big Air Rankings, WC spot allocation and other Freestyle Canada decisions; these situations are referred to as “Exceptional Circumstances”.

If during the current season, an athlete has missed the following number of starts due to Exceptional Circumstances:	Then the athlete may use up to the following from the previous season:
Entire season	<p>Selection period will be extended backwards to a maximum of one full FIS season.</p> <p>The athlete’s top 3 placing point values will be taken from the previous year and entered the current year’s HPP Rankings to be considered for selections.</p>
Partial season missed, between 2 and 5 starts	<p>Considered events will be taken from the individual’s injured period and extended backwards to a maximum of one season. Events considered will be the same number and level of events missed.</p> <p>Example: if an athlete was injured during the period of January 5<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> in the current season and missed two Tier 1 boosted events, FC staff will go back and select the athlete’s best two Tier 1 boosted events within January 5<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> from the previous season.</p>

1. Only athletes who are members of the HPP program are eligible to use the “Exceptional Circumstances” clause. Provincial athletes who have suffered injury may be brought into the HPP through the mechanism of an “out of order” selection should sufficient evidence be available to justify.
2. The selection committee has the discretion to use the Exceptional Circumstance clause for special cases. This is more likely for athletes with a significant body of recent WC results (medals, top 6, or top 16 at major games or X-Games). This may include expanding the backwards extension of the selection period, or other adjustments to meet the special case.
3. Any injury must be evaluated and validated by a FC medical staff member. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time of the athlete's recovery.

4. The selection committee, with input from medical experts, may prevent an athlete from entering an event if the pace of the athlete's rehabilitation from injury warrants doing so.
5. It may occur that it is inappropriate for a High-Performance Program athlete, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, to participate in HPP training and competition activities for an entire program year. In such a situation, the following shall apply:
  - Any such determination shall be made collectively by the athlete, the athlete's personal physician, the Freestyle Canada HPD, and FC's Chief Medical Officer.
  - The athlete shall remain a member of the High-Performance Program and shall purchase a FC membership and an International Competitor's License which is part of their team fee.
  - The athlete shall remain eligible for HPP clothing and other supplier pool goods, shall continue to be promoted in the FC Media Guide, and shall continue to be eligible for Sport Canada carding and Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Institute Network (COPSIN) services until financial support is depleted.
  - A rehabilitation program for the athlete shall be developed jointly, by the athlete and the FC. The rehabilitation program shall be monitored by the FC and evaluated on a regular basis. The athlete's return to full HPP participation shall be, in part, dependant on satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation program.
  - The rehabilitation program may include formal HPP training and entry into competitions, as well as physiotherapy, individual training, and other rehabilitative measures. Any formal HPP training or entry into competitions shall be for rehabilitative purposes only. Evaluations or results from such training or entry into competitions shall not be used for the ranking of the athlete for HPP Team selections.
  - The athlete shall be eligible to return to full HPP participation only after the FC determines that the rehabilitation program has been successfully completed.

## 9. General

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Chief Executive Officer of FC, in consultation with the Selection Committee.

## 10. Appeal and Hearing Process

Freestyle Canada is bound by the mandate of our organization, and in some cases our performance partners; every attempt is made to make decisions that are in line with those parameters. In the event that an athlete feels a decision was incorrect, he or she may launch an appeal.

The purpose of an appeal is to correct any missing or incorrect information or correct any procedures that were not properly followed by the Selection Committee or HPP staff. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Policy established by the FC. Policy can be found on [www.freestylecanada.ski](http://www.freestylecanada.ski)

## Appendix 1 – Calculation of Slopestyle / Big Air HPP Rankings

Point Values are determined from the final placing an athlete receives in a recognized competition. All competitions are factored based on the Tier and Value – please see Appendix 2 for a sample Points Value Table.

The sum of 3 best point values, within the selection period, will be calculated using one of the following combinations:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Combination of Results</b>
World Cup Team	<p>The sum of each athlete’s three best Point Values will be considered using one of the following four options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one from Slopestyle and two from Big Air</li> <li>• two from Slopestyle and one from Big Air</li> <li>• three from Slopestyle</li> <li>• three from Big Air (max 2 spots per gender for team selections)</li> </ul>
NextGen Team	<p>The sum of each athletes three best Point Values will be considered (using one of the following three options):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one from Slopestyle and two from Big Air</li> <li>• two from Slopestyle and one from Big Air</li> <li>• three from Slopestyle</li> </ul> <p>*a NG Athlete must use a combination of Slopestyle and Big Air results – they cannot only use Big Air results</p>

Eligible events and placing values are categorized in three different tiers as described below.

Identifying & Valuing the rating of events:

COMPONENT	DETAILS
<b>ESTABLISHING THE HPP TIER (based on the level of the event):</b>	
TIER 1	FIS World Cups and Major Events / Identified AFP Platinum or Gold
TIER 2	FIS NorAms and identified AFP Gold
TIER 3	Canada Cup and identified AFP Silver events
<b>VALUE OF THE TIERS</b>	Tier 1 is the highest valued events, then Tier 2. Tier 2 is valued more than Tier 3
	Each Tier can be given more detailed value: "Neutral," "Boosted" or "Diminished" based on the below guidelines
	There are 5 values within a tier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boosted: + 15 &amp; +7.5 or</li> <li>• Neutral or</li> <li>• Diminished -7.5, &amp; -15</li> </ul>
<b>PLACING VALUES</b>	The placing values are established by the Tier and then if it is Neutral, Diminished or Boosted.
	Have a diminishing value from 1st place to last place in the event.
	There is an "R-Value" for each Tier which is the rate of diminishing value for each placing and it is relative to the value and tier of the event. Please see Appendix 2.
<b>ESTABLISHING EVENT VALUES</b>	All of the below is taken into consideration when determining the value of events
COURSE DETAILS	Quality of course overall; features, layout or flow of course, quality of jumps or Pipe - wall & transition
JUDGING	Quality judging throughout the heats within the phases, accurate scores and placings at the end of the event
CALIBRE OF FIELD	SKILLS: overall level and quality of skills performed in the top 10 for Women, Top 20 for Men
	COMPETITORS: did the top skiers participate? Countries attending, Current FIS rankings are referred to
	NOTE: FIS rankings can change week to week and so establishing the value will fluctuate based on the current FIS rankings
	Injured top athletes not present will also be taken into consideration
COURSE CONDITIONS	weather delays, snow conditions, wind, maintenance of venue
FIELD SIZE	total field size without DNS, # of countries
EVENT FORMAT	was the format conducive to a quality event?
	Were the heats fairly designed: size / good distribution of calibre of athletes
	# of heats in each phase
	# of runs within each heat

**Ranking Criteria Notes:**

- Event values will be established after the event is complete to ensure accurate values are used for final rankings
- Values of events can be changed throughout the season. This would be done to ensure the events are fairly valued comparatively with all events throughout the season
- The selection committee reserves the right to determine that an event will not be recognized for ranking or selection purposes up to two weeks prior to the first training day
- Within two weeks after completion, an event will be valued and may be shifted into a different tier to accurately value the event
- Value of events are determined as follows:
  - The HPP Selection Committee will determine the value of the Tier 1 events
  - The HPAD advisory group will value the Tier 2 and 3 events.
  - These committees may decide to add eligible events with a minimum of 3-weeks' notice prior to the first competition day of that event.

## Appendix 2 – Placing Value Charts

Samples (Truncated for readability, partial chart shown to give concept of placing values)

### Women

Tier 1: WC and Similar					Tier 2: FIS NORAM, Gold AFP, etc					Tier 3: Canada Cup, Silver AFP, etc					
ADJUSTMENT		EVENT VALUE			ADJUSTMENT		EVENT VALUE			ADJUSTMENT		EVENT VALUE			
+15		1000			+15		776			+15		575			
+7.5		968			+7.5		726			+7.5		538			
	Bench	900				Bench	675				Bench	500			
-7.5		833			-7.5		624			-7.5		463			
-15		765			-15		574			-15		425			
R Value		0.020			R Value		0.020			R Value		0.020			
+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	test Place
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	
1000	968	900	833	765	776	726	675	624	574	575	538	500	463	425	1
980	948	882	816	750	761	711	662	612	562	564	527	490	453	417	2
960	929	864	800	735	746	697	648	600	551	552	516	480	444	408	3
941	911	847	784	720	731	683	635	588	540	541	506	471	435	400	4
922	892	830	768	706	716	669	623	576	529	530	496	461	427	392	5
904	875	814	753	691	702	656	610	564	519	520	486	452	418	384	6
886	857	797	737	678	688	643	598	553	508	509	476	443	410	376	7
868	840	781	723	664	674	630	586	542	498	499	467	434	402	369	8
851	823	766	708	651	660	617	574	531	488	489	457	425	393	362	9
834	807	750	694	638	647	605	563	521	478	479	448	417	386	354	10
817	791	735	680	625	634	593	552	510	469	470	439	409	378	347	11
801	775	721	667	613	622	581	540	500	459	460	430	400	370	340	12
785	759	706	653	600	609	569	530	490	450	451	422	392	363	334	13
769	744	692	640	588	597	558	519	480	441	442	413	385	356	327	14
754	729	678	627	577	585	547	509	471	432	433	405	377	349	320	15
739	715	665	615	565	573	536	499	461	424	425	397	369	342	314	16
724	700	651	603	554	562	525	489	452	415	416	389	362	335	308	17
709	686	638	591	543	551	515	479	443	407	408	381	355	328	301	18
695	673	626	579	532	540	504	469	434	399	400	374	348	322	295	19
681	659	613	567	521	529	494	460	425	391	392	366	341	315	290	20

### Men

Tier 1: WC and Similar					Tier 2: FIS NORAM, Gold AFP, etc					Tier 3: Canada Cup, Silver AFP, etc					
Slide Value		Event Value			Slide Value		Event Value			Slide Value		Event Value			
+15		1000			+15		776			+15		575			
+7.5		968			+7.5		726			+7.5		538			
	Bench	900				Bench	675				Bench	500			
-7.5		833			-7.5		624			-7.5		463			
-15		765			-15		574			-15		425			
R Value		0.010			R Value		0.015			R Value		0.025			
+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	+15	+7.5	Bench	-7.5	-15	Contest Placing
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	
1000	968	900	833	765	776	726	675	624	574	575	538	500	463	425	1
990	958	891	824	757	765	715	665	615	565	561	524	488	451	414	2
980	948	882	816	750	753	704	655	606	557	547	511	475	440	404	3
970	939	873	808	742	742	693	645	597	548	533	498	463	429	394	4
961	929	865	800	735	731	683	635	588	540	520	486	452	418	384	5
951	920	856	792	728	720	673	626	579	532	507	474	441	408	374	6
941	911	847	784	720	709	663	616	570	524	494	462	430	397	365	7
932	902	839	776	713	698	653	607	562	516	482	450	419	387	356	8
923	893	830	768	706	688	643	598	553	508	470	439	408	378	347	9
914	884	822	761	699	678	633	589	545	501	458	428	398	368	338	10
904	875	814	753	692	667	624	580	537	493	446	417	388	359	330	11
895	866	806	745	685	657	614	572	529	486	435	407	378	350	322	12
886	858	798	738	678	647	605	563	521	479	424	397	369	341	314	13
878	849	790	731	671	638	596	555	513	471	414	387	360	333	306	14
869	841	782	723	665	628	587	546	505	464	403	377	351	324	298	15
860	832	774	716	658	619	578	538	498	457	393	368	342	316	291	16
851	824	766	709	651	610	570	530	490	451	383	358	333	308	283	17
843	816	759	702	645	600	561	522	483	444	374	350	325	301	276	18
835	807	751	695	638	591	553	514	476	437	365	341	317	293	269	19
826	799	744	688	632	582	545	507	469	431	355	332	309	286	263	20