



**JUNIOR WORLDS SELECTION CRITERIA  
SLOPESTYLE & BIG AIR**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **PREAMBLE**

The 2019 FIS Freestyle World Junior Championships will take place in Klappen, SWE from April 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Kläppen Ski Resort is Kim Boberg's famous home ski hill where Kimbo Session happens every year.

Freestyle Canada (FC) will select athletes to participate in the International Ski Federation (FIS) Freestyle Ski World Championships based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

## **PERFORMANCE REWARDS FROM THE JR WORLDS PARTICIPATION**

FIS is continuing the rule where the Jr World Champion in all Freeski Disciplines will earn themselves their own World Cup spot in the following year's circuit in the discipline they are champion in.

Freestyle Canada will automatically name the Jr World selected athletes as prospects for the 2019 / 2020 NextGen Slopestyle / Big Air Team and will be invited to upcoming camps to assess their readiness for NextGen program.

## **AUTHORITY**

The FIS Freestyle World Junior Championships are conducted under rules established by the FIS, for skiing & snowboarding.

Freestyle Canada will be responsible for:

- Selections criteria
- Selection process of athletes and coaches
- Support coaches in the planning of logistics as needed and with the Freestyle Canada travel agents.
- Submit the official FIS Entry Form

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Junior Championships selection:

1. The Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to send the best junior freestyle skiers in the country who are podium contenders.
2. Selected competitors will gain a high performance international competitive experience.
3. Coaches selected will also experience preparing for and executing a plan for athletes to perform at a high-performance international event.

## **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 she/he has a license and prove this with a valid passport.
- **Athletes born between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.**

## **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.

**DISCIPLINES:** Slopestyle and Big Air

## **QUOTA:**

The FIS determines the number of athletes that may compete at the FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships for each country participating. The FIS has established the following quotas:

- 4 male, 4 female that will compete in both, Slopestyle and Big Air
- Freestyle Canada reserves the right to not fulfill the quotas spots.

## **ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS:**

Selections will be done by March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Athletes selected will be competing in Slopestyle and Big Air.

The following process will be used to select athletes to the 2019 Jr World Championships:

- 1. Age Eligibility**
- 2. Skill benchmarks:**
  - MEN
    - AIR: Three directional doubles with solid grabs
    - RAILS: Three different directions (on or off) 3 different trick combos
  - WOMEN
    - AIR: Two directional 720's and one 900 or two directional switch 720's.
    - RAILS: Three directional way where a minimum of 270's can be done in/on or out the rail for a three rails line – no revert.
- 3. HPP Rankings** as of February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

## **COACHES:**

Freestyle Canada will select 1 – 2 coaches, depending on number of athletes attending.

Coaches will be selected based on:

- *National and PSO coaches will be considered,*
- What team the majority of athletes are chosen from i.e. if 6 athletes are chosen from the NextGen Team – the NextGen coaches will attend the event.
- Experience needed to become an improved HPAD coach
- Freestyle Canada Coach certifications

Coaches will normally be selected six weeks prior to the first day of training.

**COSTS:****TRAVEL DATES:** Travelling from Canada to Stockholm, Sweden.Departure: April 4<sup>th</sup>Return: April 14<sup>th</sup>

There is no funding available from Freestyle Canada for this opportunity. Athletes will be responsible for their own expenses as well as an even share of the coaches fees and expenses however, some PSOs may contribute to their athletes expenses.

Each athlete will be responsible for their own costs plus share the expenses for the coaches.

**INITIAL / FORECASTED BUDGET:**

Ground Transportation & Coach expenses	\$ 300.00
Entry fee:	\$ 79.20
Airfare: Montreal - Stockholm round trip	\$ 1,000.00
Bed / lift ticket / dinner: \$140 / nt	\$ 1,452.00
Breakfast & lunches:	\$ 275.00
	\$ 3,256.20

**UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance (as determined by FC) does not allow the Junior World selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, FC reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

If the criteria results in fewer athletes than the quota allows, FC reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes. <https://www.freestylecanada.ski/en/programs/hp/policies/>

**APPEALS**

Freestyle Canada's selections for the FIS Freestyle World Junior Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the CFSA Appeals Protocol.