



**2019 FIS FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
SELECTION CRITERIA**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018



## **1.0 PREAMBLE**

The 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will take place in Park City, UT and Solitude, UT from February 1 to 10, 2019.

The freestyle ski disciplines that will take place during the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships include:

- Men's & Women's Single and Dual Moguls
- Men's & Women's Aerials / Team Aerial Final
- Men's & Women's Ski-Cross
- Men's & Women's Halfpipe
- Men's & Women's Slopestyle and Big Air

Freestyle Canada (FC) will select athletes to participate in the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships in Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, Slopestyle / Big Air, based on the selection criteria outlined herein. The selection and entries for Ski Cross will be administered by Alpine Canada Alpine (ACA).

## **2.0 AUTHORITY**

The FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships are conducted under rules established by the International Ski Federation (FIS), the international federation for skiing & snowboarding.

## **3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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

- Freestyle Canada's primary objective is to win medals at the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships;
- The Freestyle Ski athletes selected to represent Canada in the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships must demonstrate the ability to win medals and/or demonstrate the potential to medal at future major events, leading to the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.



#### **4.0 KEY DATES**

FC must submit a final list of athletes to the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships Organizing Committee no later than 24 hours after the last FIS World Cup event preceding the FIS World Championships.

#### **5.0 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Selection Committee is to discuss and determine official athlete selection to 2019 World Championship Team.

The High Performance Program Director and High performance Program Manager coordinate all calculations related to the selection of the 2019 World Championship Team. These calculations are presented to the HPP Selection committee for their input and consideration.

##### MEETINGS OF THE HPP SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The HPD will chair the meetings.
- Final recommendations from the HPP Selection committee are presented to the CEO of the Freestyle Canada for review and final decision.
- TEAM PROGRESS: The committee will meet frequently through the year after training camps and major competition blocks to determine all athletes' progress.
- All members of the Selection Committee shall abstain from voting on matters that directly affect members of their immediate families.
- The Selection Committee operates on a majority vote.
- Meetings of the Selection Committee shall be open to members of the committee and invited guests only. A minimum of 4 members, including the chair, must be in attendance.
- Notes from the meeting will be kept and distributed to members of the Selection Committee.
- A summary of the decisions of Committee meetings shall be distributed to the Freestyle Canada CEO, and shall be made available to other interested parties on request.
- The HPD or HP Manager will notify athletes in writing who have been selected).
- The HPD shall circulate the results of Team Selection meeting to the committee.

##### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Committee is relative to the given discipline and will have 4 votes (in the case of a tie, the chair will have the tie breaking vote). The Selection Committee is comprised of and will vote in this order:

- National Team Head Coach
- National Team Assistant / Technical Coach
- HPP Sport Science Sport Medicine Director



- NextGen Lead Coach
- High Performance Program Director (Chair, tie breaker vote)

When applicable, the committee will seek input from:

- High Performance Program Manager
- HPP Sport Psychologist Consultant(s)
- HPP Strength and Conditioning Trainer(s)
- Other HPP Medical Team

**SELECTION DEADLINE:**

The 2019 World Championship selections will be done by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 for all disciplines.

## **6.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS**

The following selection periods have been established from which an athlete's results will be considered for establishing a ranking, so athletes may be selected to the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships Team.

**MOGULS & AERIALS (including AE Team & Duals):**

SELECTION PERIOD: December 7, 2017 to January 26, 2019 (inclusively).

ELIGIBLE EVENTS: FIS Freestyle World Cups, within the selection period (including individual qualifications of Aerial Team events, which act as final results towards the WC standings);

**SLOPESTYLE – BIG AIR**

SELECTION PERIOD: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (inclusively).

EVENTS: Tier 1 events & a win Tier 2 neutral or higher will be considered.

**HALFPIPE**

SELECTION PERIOD: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to January 31, 2019 (inclusively).

EVENTS: Tier 1 events that are valued at neutral or higher will be considered.

\*NOTE: Only athlete results identified by the FC, held during the selection period, will be considered in the selection of athletes to the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships.



## **7.0 ELIGIBLE ATHLETES**

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL ATHLETES

- Are a member of the Freestyle Canada's High-Performance Program during the 2018/19 competition season;
- Are a member in good standing with the FC;
- Have a valid Canadian Passport
- Have the minimum FIS points as per the *FIS Rule precisions specific to the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard WSC 2019 in Park City, UT and Solitude, UT*
- Active FIS member



#### MINIMUM FIS ELIGIBILITY

##### MOGULS and DUAL MOGULS

- Basic quota : 1 competitor can be enter with a minimum of 5 FIS points.
- Additional quota: The rest of the competitors need to have a minimum of 25 FIS points.

##### AERIALS and TEAM AERIALS

- Basic quota : 1 competitor can be enter with a minimum of 5 FIS points.
- Additional quota: The rest of the competitors need to have a minimum of 25 FIS points.

##### HALFPIPE

- Basic quota : 1 competitor can be enter with a minimum of 5 FIS points.
- Additional quota: The rest of the competitors need to have a minimum of 50 FIS points.

##### BIG AIR

- Basic quota : 1 competitor can be enter with a minimum of 5 FIS points.
- Additional quota: The rest of the competitors need to have a minimum of 50 FIS points.

##### SLOPESTYLE

- Basic quota : 1 competitor can be enter with a minimum of 10 FIS points.
- Additional quota: The rest of the competitors need to have a minimum of 50 FIS points.

## **8.0 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUOTA**

The FIS has established the following quotas for Freestyle Skiing including Ski-Cross:

QUOTA:	36: Ski Cross will automatically get 8 spots + reigning World Champions
FC QUOTA:	28 spots
DISCIPLINES:	SS & BA / MO & DM / AE & TEAM AE / HP
QUOTA / DISCIPLINE:	8 per discipline
GENDER QUOTA:	max 4 per discipline, 16 total per team

\*Canada has no reigning World Champions

- a) Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender, per event;
- b) There will be one team selection for moguls and duals;
- c) There will be one team selection for aerial and aerial team event
- d) There will be one team selection for slopestyle and big air
- e) There will be one team selection for halfpipe



- f) Including Ski Cross: overall maximum team size of 36 athletes, maximum of 20 per gender, plus the reigning FIS World Champions
- g) The FC is not required to fill the quota in any of the disciplines and reserves the right to select fewer athletes for a discipline than the FIS Quota may allow.
- h) For Slopestyle & Big Air, the field size for the event will be 90 maximum, there is a possibility that Freestyle Canada could get reduced quota by January 10 2019.

## **9.0 ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Eligible freestyle ski athletes will be selected to compete in the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships by the following procedures:

### 8.1 General Information

Eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline according to gender and will have one ranking list for:

- i. Single & Dual Moguls
- ii. Aerial & Team Event
- iii. Slopestyle & Big Air
- iv. Halfpipe

### 9.2 **MOGULS**

- a) All eligible mogul athletes will be ranked on the basis of their best three (3) eligible placings within the selection period (5.0)
  - i. Maximum of one (1) dual mogul final placing is applicable towards the rankings;
  - ii. An athlete could use 3 results coming from single results.
- b) Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete's three (3) best placing. For example, if an athlete places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> in his/her three (3) best events, he or she will have a sum of 13 points;
- c) The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and so forth.
- d) In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events season will be ranked ahead. If the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken. If necessary, results from the 2017-18 FIS World cup season will be used.
- e) For the purpose of ranking eligible mogul athletes, only final placing from single mogul and dual mogul World Cup competitions will be used



- f) The number of athletes the FC can select for moguls is restricted by the quotas established by the FIS as outlined in Section 7.0 above.

### 9.3 AERIALS

- a) To be eligible to the selection, the athletes will have to meet the minimum skill level:  
**Men:** Competed on snow with at least one triple jump  
**Women:** Passed on snow, at least one time in their career, level 4.3 of the Canadian Aerial Progression Plan (LF and FF with a raw score of 25,8)
- b) All eligible aerial athletes will be ranked on the basis of their best three (3) eligible placings within the selection period (5.0);
- c) Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete's three (3) best placing. For example, if an athlete places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> in his/her three (3) best events, he or she will have a sum of 13 points;
- d) The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and so forth.
- e) In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events season will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken. If necessary, results from the 2017-18 FIS World cup season will be used.
- f) The number of athletes that FC can select for aerials is restricted by the quotas established by the FIS as outlined in Section 7.0 above.

### 9.4 SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR

The World Championship Slopestyle / Big Air ranking list (new) which will be use for the selection. This ranking list will compile the following criteria:

SELECTION PERIOD: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (inclusively).

EVENTS: Tier 1 events & a win Tier 2 neutral or higher will be considered.

- a) **Men:** Must have 1 top 16 result in the top 50% in a Tier 1 event during the selection period (*excluding the DNS*)  
**Women:** Must have 1 top 10 result in the top 50% in a Tier 1 event during the selection period (*excluding DNS*)  
*\* For identified invitational events such as X-Games, field size will have no restrictions.*
- b) All eligible Slopestyle and Big Air athletes will be ranked on the basis of their best three (3) eligible HPP placing values within the selection period. The sum of their 3 placing can be any combination of the following:
- 1 from Slopestyle, 2 from Big Air
  - 1 from Big Air, 2 from Slopestyle.
  - 3 from Slopestyle





- 3 from Big Air
- c) Must count minimum one (1) result from the 2018-19 season (August 2018 to January 27 2019)
- a) In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events season will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken. If necessary, results from the 2017-18 FIS World cup season will be used.
- d) The number of athletes the FC can select is restricted by the quotas established by the FIS as outlined in Section 7.0 above.

#### **9.5 HALFPIPE**

The HPP Ranking criteria will be used along with the World Championship eligible period and eligible events:

HALFPIPE SELECTION PERIOD: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to January 31, 2019 (inclusively).

EVENTS: Tier 1 events that are valued at neutral or higher will be considered.

- a) All eligible Halfpipe athletes will be ranked on the basis of their best three (3) eligible placing values within the selection period (above)
- b) Events that do not provide the same venues as the one at world championships will not be eligible for ranking.
- c) In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events season will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing from the 2018-19 eligible World Cup events will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken. If necessary, results from the 2017-18 FIS World cup season will be used.
- d) The number of athletes that FC can select is restricted by the quotas established by the FIS as outlined in Section 7.0 above.



## **10.0 EXTRA-ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

### *10.1 Injuries sustained during the Selection Period*

In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the selection period and unable to compete at eligible events, the following provisions will be made to permit that athlete to be ranked for selection to the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships.

For an eligible athlete to be considered for extra-ordinary circumstances, his or her physical injury must be medically documented by a physician, mutually agreed upon by the FC and the athlete, or his or her representative.

Furthermore, when an athlete has obtained the results to be named to the World Championship team, but has not competed in the last 2 eligible events of the selection period due to injury; the athlete must obtain a written statement from the FC medical staff stating that the athlete may be in a position to return to full training by the start of the World Championship Training period. Failure to receive the support of the medical team will result in the athlete not being named to the team. (Objective: If it is not reasonable for the athlete to expect to be able to return from injury by the start of training, they will not be named to the team).

- a) *Mogul and Aerial athletes unable to compete due to extra-ordinary circumstances within the selection period:*
  - i. An athlete who has competed in 4 or less eligible competitions during the selection period will be able to use up to 1 placing from the 2016-2017 season.
  - ii. An athlete who had 2 or more podiums in the selection period AND who has competed in 4 or less eligible competitions during the selection period will be able to use up to 2 placings from 2016-17 season.
  
- b) *Halfpipe and Slopestyle / Big Air Athletes unable to compete due to extra-ordinary circumstances within the selection period:*
  - i. An athlete who has competed 4 or less eligible competitions will be able to count one placing from the 2016-2017 season (FIS World Cups and AFP Platinum 17-18 HPP Ranking eligible events only).

### *10.2 Athlete Withdrawal after Selection Period Concludes*

- a) In the event that a selected athlete is unable to compete in the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships after the entry deadline, FC will replace that athlete with the next highest ranked eligible athlete within the respective discipline as defined herein who meets the event and gender quotas.



### **11.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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

If the nomination procedures result in fewer athletes than the quota allows, FC reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes.

### **12.0 APPEALS**

FC selections for the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the FC Appeals Protocol.



**APPENDIX 1: HPP RANKING CRITERIA - DETERMINING VALUES OF EVENTS:**

COMPONENT	DETAILS
<b>ESTABLISHING THE HPP TIER:</b>	Tiers are established by the level of event
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: Boosted: + 15 & +7.5 / Neutral / or Diminished -7.5, & -15
<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 a "R-Value" for each Tier.
	This is the rate of diminishing value for each placing and it is relative to the value and tier of the event.
<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 caliber of athletes
	# of heats in each phase
	# of runs within each heat

