



MOGUL NOR-AM QUOTA ALLOCATION POLICY

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INTRODUCTION MOGUL NOR-AM QUOTA ALLOCATION POLICY

FREESTYLE CANADA receives a quota from FIS and the Nor Am committee to distribute to Canadian Mogul athletes for the Nor AM Circuit. The purpose of this document is to describe the process of allocating these quotas. FREESTYLE CANADA holds the authority to allocate the FIS spots guided by the FIS - CoC Rules AND FREESTYLE CANADA's NOR AM Quota Policy each year. This is the link to the current COC Rules: <http://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/document-library/freestyle-skiing/index.html>

PURPOSE OF THE NOR AM CIRCUIT:

As athletes progress through the FREESTYLE CANADA Long Term Athlete Development system there are key objectives that guide the athletes to ensure meaningful competitive experiences. The following are the objective of the Nor Am competitions:

1. Provide International competitive opportunities which are targeted for athletes in the high performance athlete development (HPAD) stream who are demonstrating long term major event podium potential within 8 years.
 1. National Team members (A, B & NextGen)
 2. Provincial Team members
 3. Club athletes, should they have the skills & are in need of this experience.
2. To prepare athletes for the international competitive stage, FIS World Cup Circuit (same competition formats, exposure to different challenging courses, travelling outside Canada etc.)
3. Provide Continental Cup podium experiences (Learning to perform at "Train to Compete" level)
4. Provide athletes with the competitive opportunities to be identified or potentially selected in to the National Team Programs.

NOR AM QUOTA ALLOCATION PRINCIPLES:

The following are guidelines to direct the Nor Am Committee in allocating these spots effectively.

- Nor Ams for Moguls target the Learn to Compete and Train to Compete LTAD Stage level athletes in our system. These are normally Provincial and NextGen Team program skiers. At times this may go further into the Provincial Development programs as well as some of our National B Team members
- Recognize the possibility of Canadian outliers (skiers not currently in our HPP ranking system) thus enabling the retention of spots for strategic development opportunities (Smart Tracking) deemed appropriate by the Nor Am committee.

NOR AM QUOTA ALLOCATION COMMITTEE:

Spots will be allocated as per the outlined process by the Mogul Nor Am Quota Allocation committee:
The Committee will consist of:

- FREESTYLE CANADA HPP Director

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- NextGen Lead Coach

When needed: VP Sport or other National Team coaches

- More National Team coaches or HPP staff may be used in the absence of the above positions.

The 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 Nor Am policy. The Nor Am Quota 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.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY:

- FIS LICENCE with FIS number.
- FREESTYLE CANADA CanFree 4 License, with appropriate insurance.
- Competing at the current year Canadian Selection event.
- Athletes must be members of their PSO Team: this may or may not be the province of the athlete's residence.

NOR AM MINIMUM PERFORMANCE LEVEL:

All athletes entered in Nor-Am Moguls events must have met the Canadian Nor-Am MPL (Minimum Performance Level), during the previous year or current year, prior to the Nor-Ams in question:

Women:

- 1 Top 12 in a Canadian Series/Canadian Selection Single Moguls event;
OR
- Top 12 at Senior Nationals in Single Moguls;
OR
- Top 20 at a Nor-Am Single Moguls event.

Men:

- 1 Top 16 in a Canadian Series/Canadian Selection Single Moguls event;
OR
- Top 16 at Senior Nationals in Single Moguls;
OR
- Top 30 at a Nor-Am Single Moguls event.

MOGUL NOR-AM QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCESS

The following describes how the Nor AM spots will be allocated.

The allocation of spots in the Moguls discipline will be for both Single and Dual Moguls events.

75% of unused spots may be reallocated to the other gender which will be managed by FREESTYLE CANADA.

*Athletes who did not meet the Canadian Nor-Am MPL may be entered into Canadian Nor-Am events only on a case-by-case basis for a HOST SPOT with the WILD CARD process.

HOST SPOTS:

- 5 Host spots per gender are awarded for the Canadian Nor Ams and are allocated as part of the overall selection process, see below "Selection Process."
- 2 of these host spots will be given to the hosting Province to allocate to their athletes. These selected athletes still **need to meet the MPL**.
- WILD CARD ALLOCATION PROCESS: The other 3 host spots can be used as WILD CARDS to give an "Outlier Athlete" an opportunity to compete at this level where they would not have had a chance to compete in Nor Ams otherwise. **These spots are exempt from the MPL.**

*** DEFINITION OF OUTLIER:* a skier who is not on the HPP Ranking or Canada Cup Ranking for reasons unforeseen and show the talent and potential of a Nor AM level. Missed events, injury clause, very successful training season.

1. Wild Card Ranking List created: Once all applications are submitted, the Committee will review and create a Wild Card Ranking
2. Allocation: Cases will be reviewed and coach will be notified within 24 hours. When reviewing the video the NorAm Quota Allocation Committee will look at:
 - the athletes past results going back 2 seasons & current Can Series events
 - criteria outlined in the Mogul Assessment forms
 - current December assessments if athletes attended
3. Unused Wild Card spots will be allocated as per the Wild Card Ranking list

APPLICATION FOR WILD CARDS:

- Written notice needs to be submitted to the HPAD Director by Monday January 7th (1 month before VSC NA, after a good training block)**
- with 2 top to bottom video runs, submit to FREESTYLE CANADA Wild Card Dropbox
 - https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yberf7gapg4pidw/AADdsUo_PpZu8pGhsLwXoF9Ma?dl=0
- Letter must include; athletes and rationale to be considered for Wild Card.
- The NorAm Quota Allocation Committee will be reviewing the overall package and techniques as aligned with our assessment processes

PROCESS FOR SELECTION:

FREESTYLE CANADA will follow the below steps in the described order to allocate all Nor Am Spots.

- 1) CORE QUOTA: 40 spots, allocated as of December 19th after the CDN Selection event, spots are split 50% / 50% between Male & Female. As per the FIS Continental Cup Rules, 75% of any unused gender quota can be moved to the other gender.
- 2) HPP PROGRAM ATHLETES: The FREESTYLE CANADA Nor Am Quota Allocation Committee retains the number of spots required for the FREESTYLE CANADA HPP and NextGen Team athletes.
- 3) 4 UNAMED DISCRETIONARY spots to be given to the Big 4 Provinces, 1 spot each: BC, AB, ON, QC. These spots are part of the core 40 quota.
 - FREESTYLE CANADA needs notification from the PSO if these spots will be Male or Female by December 15th (not actual names of athletes) so that the gender quotas can be allocated accordingly after Canadian Selections.
 - Athletes **do not need to meet any MPL** for these discretionary spots.
 - PSOs can change the athletes throughout the year for this spot so long as it fits with the male / female FIS NorAm quota.
- 4) WILD CARD SPOTS (only CDN NorAms):
- 5) NAME HOST & DISCRETIONARY (HOST is only at CDN NorAms)

RANKINGS USED FOR SPOT ALLOCATION:

The FREESTYLE CANADA ranking lists will be used to select athletes in the following process:

- 1) 2018 FINAL HPP RANKINGS: The 2018 final HPP Rankings will be used to allocate spots after the National Program athletes, including NextGen.
 - **HPP MPL:** Athletes must have a minimum score of **60 points from the 2018 HPP Rankings**
 - The HPP ranking process and formulae is described in the HPP Mogul Team Selection Criteria at the following link:
<http://freestyleski.com/team/policies/>
 - The HPP Injury Clause will be in effect as per the rules in the "FREESTYLE CANADA Selection Criteria_v15-16_Final.pdf" section 15: "Extraordinary Circumstances"
- 2) NORAM SELECTION RANKINGS: once all HPP ranked athletes are selected we will use the "Nor Am Selection Ranking" to allocate the remaining open spots.

NORAM SELECTION RANKING CRITERIA:

- **TIMELINES:** Ranking will include the final Canada Cup ranking from the previous year PLUS the current Canadian Selections event results, 2 total from both years, will be taken into consideration.
 - Sum of 4 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.
 - Each athlete can only use 2 CDN Selection events results; 2 from the current year or 1 from this year & one from last year.
 - For CDN Selections: foreign competitors will be taken out of the result sheet and all Canadians after will move up that number of placings.
 - Athletes must meet the MPL described in the Minimum Performance Level Section of this document
 - Injury Clause can be used for athletes who missed 2 or more Canada Cup events in the previous competition season.
 - Dr Note needs to be submitted to julie@freestylecanada.ski by December 1st.
 - We will go back to pull the results from the same type of events missed, i.e. if the Eastern Canadian Series was missed, the previous season's Eastern Canadian series will be used, and so on.
 - Injury Clause timeframe: the maximum amount of time to go back and retrieve results is 12 months from the time of injury.
 - The Canada Cup Ranking process is described in the Canada Cup Policy at the same above link.

- 3) WILD CARD SPOTS: A specific ranking will be made for Wild Card applicants. by the NorAm Quota

Allocation committee. This ranking will use the same philosophies in the Mogul assessment and skill matrix methodologies.