



Olympic Winter Games – Beijing 2022
“Canadian Olympic Team Internal Nomination Procedures
For Freestyle Ski Events”

1. PREAMBLE

The 2022 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) are scheduled to take place February 4 - 20, 2022 in China. The Freestyle Ski events will be held in both the Zhangjiakou zone (Chongli District) and in Shougang (Beijing).

Freestyle Skiing consists of 13 Olympic events. In Canada there are two National Sport Associations (NSAs) that are responsible for the various disciplines. Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) is solely responsible for the operation of the Ski Cross disciplines while the other Freestyle Skiing disciplines are operated by Freestyle Canada (FC); these two NSAs operate independently from each other.

The Freestyle Ski events that will take place during the 2022 OWG are as follow:

Events	Responsible NSA
Men’s Ski Cross Women’s Ski Cross	ACA
Men’s Moguls Women’s Moguls Men’s Aerials Women’s Aerials Mixed Team Aerials Men’s Halfpipe Women’s Halfpipe Men’s Slopestyle Women’s Slopestyle Men’s Big Air Women’s Big Air	FC

- 1.1 ACA and FC have established a selection committee called the Olympic Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee (OFSNC). Subject to available quota places and athletes satisfying the performance standards indicated herein, the OFSNC will nominate athletes in each of the above events to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the Canadian Olympic Winter Team based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

The OFSNC is comprised of the following three (3) individuals:

- Dave Ellis, Athletic Director Ski Cross, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)
- Todd Allison, High Performance Director, Freestyle Canada (FC) (Moguls and Aerials),
- Julie Steggall, High Performance Director, Freestyle Canada (Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe)

If any of the above individuals leave their position during the Selection Period (as defined in Section 6.1 below), the new individual filling the equivalent position will be named to the OFSNC.

The OFSNC operates on a unanimous consensus basis. All matters that cannot be resolved by the members of the OFSNC may be referred to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) for resolution pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

The following document details the criteria by which athletes will be nominated to the COC by the OFSNC.

2.0 COVID-19 Situation

Both ACA and Freestyle Canada are carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots within each event for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, both ACA and FC will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. 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 Internal Nomination Procedure 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 Internal Nomination Procedure, 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, ACA and FC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

3.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 The COC is charged with the responsibility for selecting the final list of Canadian athletes who will represent Canada at the 2022 OWG.
- 3.2 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognizes the International Ski Federation (FIS) as the international governing body for Freestyle Skiing. The FIS determines the overall maximum number of Freestyle Ski athletes that may participate in the Freestyle Ski Events at the Olympic Winter Games, establishes quotas for maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender and maximum number of athletes per discipline for Freestyle Ski athletes from each National Olympic Committee (NOC).
- 3.3. The OFSNC is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the COC based on selection criteria and a process that is fair and just, and that meets the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS.
- 3.4 In the case of injury or other extraordinary circumstances, after January 24th, 2022 decisions will be required in a timely manner. Decisions affecting each NSA only will be made by the respective NSA HPP leadership team; any decisions regarding both Freestyle Canada and ACA (SX) will be made by the OFSNC.

4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

For Canadian Freestyle Ski athletes competing in Moguls, Aerials, Team Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air, the OWG is the most significant competition held every four years. Results from this competition have an impact on funding received from various governmental and non-governmental sources for direct athlete funding and financial support for High Performance Programs of FC and ACA - Ski Cross.

The athletes representing Canada in the Freestyle Skiing events at the OWG are the best Freestyle Skiing athletes in the country and are among the best in the world.

- Podium results are prioritized
- Top 8 results are valued by Sport Canada and are indicative of present or future OWG medal potential athletes
- Discipline specific quotas filled over the selection period are based on relevant discipline specific variables i.e. # of events, sport needs, variables to be on podium or in the top 8.
- Confirm podium performing athletes in through Method A (see section 9.0)
- Effective injury clause to ensure targeted athletes are in optimal state (physical, technical and mental) to return to competition and perform at the OWG.

5.0 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

5.1 FIS Eligibility

Athletes are eligible for selection by their NOC who fulfil the requirements listed below:

Aerials	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Aerials on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of an Aerials competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.
Moguls	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Moguls on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of a Moguls competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.
Ski Cross	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Ski Cross on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of a Ski Cross competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.
Freeski Halfpipe	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Halfpipe on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Halfpipe competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.
Freeski Slopestyle	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Slopestyle on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Slopestyle competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.
Freeski Big Air	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Big Air or Freeski Slopestyle on the FIS point list published on 17 January 2022 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Big Air or Freeski Slopestyle competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2021.

5.2 Event Eligibility

- To be eligible for nomination to the COC for participation in Freestyle Ski events at the 2022 OWG, freestyle ski athletes must:
- Be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter
- Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire prior to August 4, 2022.
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Federation, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation. (<https://cces.ca/canadian-anti-doping-program>)
- Be a member of FC’s High-Performance Program in the 2021-2022 competition season (includes NextGen group athletes) or a member of the Canadian Ski Cross Team (A, B or C) during the 2021-2022 competition season;
- Be a member in good standing with the FC or ACA;
- Have Chinese Visa that is valid until August 29th, 2022
- Be born before:
 - January 1, 2006 for Ski Cross
 - January 1, 2007 for all other freestyle skiing events.
- Satisfy the medical requirements in accordance with the International Ski Federation Rules: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Competition Rules (ICR).
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Beijing 2022 / IOC Conditions of Participation Form, no later than January 19, 2022.
- Sign, submit and comply with Alpine Canada or Freestyle Canada’s 2021-2022 athlete agreement.
- Comply with all relevant FIS, COC and IOC requirements for eligibility.

6.0 KEY DATES

The 2022 Olympic Freestyle Ski Team Internal Procedures policy contains several key dates: The dates below may change depending on the final decisions of the COC, FIS and IOC.

Jul 1, 2020 - Jan 16 2022 IF Qualification period.

March 1st - April, 2021 The OFSNC submits a long list of potential athletes for nomination to the COC for the 2022 OWG. This long list may contain more athlete names than the quota established by the IOC and FIS. The athletes listed will be those most likely to be nominated to the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team on the basis of the athlete rankings.¹

January 17-18, 2022 FIS informs the NOCs & NFs of the allocated quota via the FIS OWG portal
NOC confirms use of allocated Quota with FIS via the FIS OWG portal

January 19-20, 2022 FIS to reallocate unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 12 hours

January 19-20, 2022 The OFSNC submits the final provisional list of nominated athletes for the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team to the COC. The final list will indicate the

¹ Inclusion on the long list does not guarantee that an athlete will be selected to the OWG.

names of athletes nominated to compete, and alternate athletes, in the Freestyle Skiing events at the 2022 OWG

January 24, 2022, 15:59 GMT

The final date the COC must register the Canadian Olympic Team for the 2022 OWG.

For the official 2022 FIS Olympic Quota System, please see: <http://data.fis-ski.com/special/olympic-winter-games-2022-quotasinformation.html>

7.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

7.1 The Selection Period during which an athlete's placing in eligible competitions will be considered for establishing a ranking so athletes may be nominated by the OFSNC to the COC for selection to the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team is:

FIS Event eligibility period: July 1st, 2020 to January 16th, 2022, inclusively.

7.2 Eligible competitions shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cups, FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships, and identified independent competitions in the Olympic Freestyle Skiing disciplines.

For the purpose of ranking athletes, only a final placing will be considered. The following parameters will be applied:

- i. Aerial events with a reduced degree of difficulty (see FIS International Competition Rules for Freestyle skiing; rule 3032.1.5) will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- ii. For the Mixed Team Aerial event, athletes will qualify through the Aerial event criteria and/or any additional quotas provided for the team event by FIS.
- iii. Dual Mogul events will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- iv. Ski Cross events where the quarter-final phase has not been completed will not be eligible to count. Events where final results come strictly from qualification will not be eligible.
- v. Halfpipe eligible events will only count where wall height is over 18ft.
- vi. Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air eligible events where a modified venue and/or format is used, such as X-Games and Dew Tour will be subject to assessment where the results may not be considered. The FC selection committee will advise all invested parties of the considerations when the structure of the event is known, and the committee has made a decision.
- vii. Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe Male events will only be considered if they are valued neutral or higher.
- viii. The eligible events for Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe are limited to the following list:
 - a. 2020 - 21
 - o FIS World Cups
 - o FIS World Championships,
 - o Aspen X-Games
 - o Dew Tour, if it does not conflict with FIS events.
 - b. 2021- 22
 - o FIS World Cups;
 - o Aspen X-Games, if it is held in the OWG selection period

- Dew Tour, if it is in the OWG selection period and does not conflict with a FIS event

7.3 The OFSNC will ensure the level of competitions eligible towards the selection of athletes include a competitive field and are approached in an ethical manner, and consistent with the guiding principle described in section 4.

The placing value of an eligible event may be capped if the OFSNC agrees that the caliber of the event was significantly lower due to top FIS ranked athletes missing from the field. Decisions to cap the value of the event will be based on the current FIS Points list (by discipline), (excluding known injured athletes and retirements). A podium placing will be limited to a 4th position value if the following are absent from any events:

- eight of the top sixteen Men or
- six of the top twelve Ladies did not participate or
- for Slopestyle and Big Air, and Halfpipe any of the current X-Games and Dew Tour medalists.

*Reasons for difference in the Men to Ladies fields:

This diminished placing value would still be eligible to count towards the rankings and athlete nomination.

The OFSNC will take all possible measures to make the decision prior to the start of the implicated competition, based on early communication with the FIS, and the relative event Organizing Committee.

8.0 QUOTA

The IOC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2022 OWG by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating in the Games.

8.1 For the 2022 OWG, the IOC has established the following Freestyle Skiing quotas for each country:

- Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender per event;
- Maximum of sixteen (16) athletes per gender;
- Overall maximum team size of thirty (30) athletes.
- In the event that only two Canadian aerial athletes are named to the Canadian team for the Games and Canada is one of the eight eligible NOCs to compete, one additional athlete can be added based on the Mixed Aerial Team Olympic Quota Allocation list by the FIS.

8.2 The FIS and IOC have also established a maximum quota of all athletes per event, less any applicable Host Quota:

Men:

- Moguls: 30
- Aerials: 25
- Ski Cross: 32
- Halfpipe: 25
- Slopestyle and Big Air (separate events): 30

Women:

- Moguls: 30
- Aerials: 25
- Ski Cross: 32
- Halfpipe: 25
- Slopestyle and Big Air (separate events): 30

8.3 Quota places per NOC according to the above number of participants per event will be allocated using the Olympic Quota Allocation List, which contains an addition of the FIS World Cup standings points per event per gender from July 1st, 2020 until January 16th, 2022 and the FIS Freestyle Skiing World Championship 2021 placing (using the same points calculation as for the World Cup).

The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per competitor from the top of the Olympic Quota Allocation List downwards until the maximum total per event in Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle per gender is reached. Once a NOC has achieved the maximum number of four (4) places its remaining competitors will no longer be counted and the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List will be allocated a place.

In the event a NOC is allocated more than the maximum of 30 quotas, it is up to the NOC to select a team of maximum 30 (Max 16 per gender) competitors across the various events, between January 19th and 24th, 2022. Following the allocation of quota places by FIS and confirmation of entries by the NOCs, a reallocation of unused quota places per event will be made by FIS to the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List in the respective event (Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle, Ski Big Air) and gender.

In the event of a discrepancy between the above summary and the actual FIS Qualification System, the Olympic Qualification Criteria as published by FIS shall prevail. The full details of the FIS Qualification System can be found at: <http://data.fis-ski.com/special/olympic-winter-games-2022-quotasinformation.html>

Further, in the event FIS makes any changes to their Olympic Qualification System, the OFSNC will be bound by those changes, and if such a change necessitates other changes to this internal nomination procedure, the OFSNC shall make those changes and inform all affected athletes and the COC at the earliest opportunity.

9.0 ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Eligible athletes from Freestyle Skiing will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games team by either of the following two methods. “Method A” will have priority over athletes nominated on the basis of the criteria set out in Section 9.2 “Method B”.

9.1 METHOD “A” Nomination Process:

- i. A limited number of eligible athletes may be automatically nominated, on a provisional basis, to the COC based on their results in Identified Method A Competitions taking place in the 2020-2021 season. The Method A Competitions shall consist of the following identified (up to a maximum of 5) competitions for each discipline:
- ii.

Discipline	Five Identified Competitions	Should one or more of the identified events be cancelled, the following events will act as replacements (in order):
Aerials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships (TBC) 2. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Yaroslavl, RUS 3. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Moscow, RUS 4. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Calgary 5. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Deer Valley, USA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Almaty, KAZ 2. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Raubichi, BLR
Moguls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships (TBC) 2. 2020 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Ruka, FIN 3. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Calgary, CAN 4. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Deer Valley, USA 5. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Almaty, KAZ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Tazawako, JPN 2. 2020 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Idre Fjäll, SWE
Halfpipe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships (TBC) 2. 2021 Aspen X-Games (USA) 3. 2021 FIS World Cup, Mammoth, USA 4. 2021 FIS World Cup, Calgary 5. Dew Tour if it doesn't conflict with a FIS event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No other options
Slopestyle and Big Air (Total of 5 competitions per athlete from either discipline or a combination)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slopestyle and Big Air, 2021 Aspen X-Games (USA) 2. Slopestyle and Big Air, 2021 FIS World Ski Championships 3. Slopestyle and Big Air, 2021 FIS World Cup, Calgary 4. Slopestyle only – 2021 FIS World Cup, Silvaplana, SWI 5. Big Air only – 2021 FIS World Cup, Kreischberg, AUT 6. Slopestyle only – Dew Tour if it doesn't conflict with a FIS event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slopestyle only, Font Romeau FR, if needed and if valued neutral or more.
Ski Cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships (TBC) 2. 2020 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Val Thorens, FRA (Race #2) 3. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Idre Fjäll, SWE (Race #1 – non-sprint) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2020 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Val Thorens FRA (Race #1) 2. 2020 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Idre Fjäll (Race #2 – non-sprint) 3. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Montafon, AUT

	4. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Sunny Valley, RUS 5. 2021 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Veysonnez, SUI	
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- iii. The maximum number of eligible athletes that may be nominated to the COC through the identified **Method A Competitions** are:
 - o 3 Freestyle Skiing athletes in Moguls (maximum 2 per gender)
 - o 3 Freestyle Skiing athletes in Aerials (maximum 2 per gender)
 - o 3 Freestyle Skiing athletes in Ski Cross (maximum 2 per gender)
 - o 3 Freestyle Skiing athletes in Halfpipe (maximum 2 per gender)
 - o 3 Freestyle Skiing athletes in Slopestyle / Big Air (maximum 2 per gender)
- iv. To be provisionally nominated to the COC through Method A an eligible athlete must:
 - o Win a minimum of two (2) medals in his or her Freestyle Ski events (e.g. Aerials, Single Moguls, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, or Big Air) at the identified Method A Competitions;
- v. In the event that there are more than 3 athletes per discipline with 2 podiums all eligible athletes who have won at least two (2) medals at identified Method A Competitions will be ranked according to the following procedure:

Five (5) ranking lists will be created, one for each discipline:

- o Moguls
- o Aerials
- o Ski Cross
- o Halfpipe
- o Slopestyle

An athlete’s best three (3) placings will be used to determine a ranking.

Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete’s three (3) best placings. For example, if an athlete’s 3 best placings are 2nd, 3rd, and 10th, their sum will be 15. The athlete with the lowest aggregate total will be ranked highest.

Only placings in the top 2/3rd of field size, rounded down to the nearest whole number (excluding DNS competitors) may be used in the athlete’s ‘best three’ placings.

In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest placing from 9.1 (i) will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 2nd highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 3rd highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 4th highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 5th highest placing will be selected. (if one athlete has only done 4 events, the athlete who has done the fifth will be selected). At that point the athlete’s best placing from eligible events will be compared (then 2nd, then 3rd) until the tie is broken.

- vi. Athletes nominated through Method A must also meet a minimum performance criterion at an eligible event during the 2021/22 Competition season. He or she must:
 - Place in the Top 16 and Top 2/3rd of the field size (excluding DNS competitors) in at least one (1) WC competition in Aerials, Ski Cross or Single Moguls;
 - Place in the Top 16 and Top 2/3rd of the field size (excluding DNS competitors) in at least one (1) WC or competition or identified independent event, as described in section 7, in Halfpipe, Slopestyle or Big Air;
- vii. As set out in Section 9.1 ii., the top three (3) ranked athletes in each discipline, who meet the criteria in Method A, will be nominated before athletes are considered for nomination under Method B.
- viii. Athletes who were ranked in the top three (3) under Section 9.0 (iii), but who failed to meet the minimum performance criterion under section 9.1(v) by the date Freestyle Canada and ACA are required to submit the team list to COC will remain eligible for nomination through Method B only.
- ix. There will be no alternates identified under Method A. If an athlete selected by Method A is not able to compete or meet the minimum performance criterion, no replacement will be named under Method A.
- x. In the event that quotas are not filled by athletes (per discipline) by obtaining 2 podiums in Method A Competitions, athletes from that discipline may only be nominated by Method B. Replacement competitions will not be identified.

9.2 METHOD B NOMINATION PROCESS:

Eligible athletes who are not nominated through the procedures outlined in Method A may be nominated through the following process.

- 9.2.1 All eligible male and female athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle / Big Air will be ranked according to a single list;
- 9.2.2 Only placings in the top 2/3rd of the field (excluding DNS competitors), rounded down to the nearest whole number (excluding DNS competitors) are included in the rankings.
- 9.2.3 Slopestyle and Big Air athletes are able to draw their ranking score using a combination of Slopestyle and Big Air results. These ranking scores for a Slopestyle and Big Air athletes can be comprised from any of the following four combinations:
 - 1 Slopestyle and 2 Big Air results, or
 - 1 Big Air and 2 Slopestyle results, or
 - 3 Slopestyle or
 - 3 Big Air results
- 9.2.4 **Tiering** – All eligible male and female athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle / Big Air will be grouped into Tiers, as noted in the table below 9.2.7. Subject to event and gender quotas, Tier 1 athletes will be nominated first, followed by Tier 2 athletes, then Tier 3 athletes, then Tier 4 athletes, and so on.

9.2.5 Rankings

- i. Tier 1 will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete's two (2) best Top 3 placings from the 2021-22 season, prior to the end of the defined Selection Period.
- ii. All other Tiers will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete's three (3) best counting placings. For example, an athlete who places 1st, 2nd and 10th in his/her Counting Placings will have a sum of 13 points.
- iii. The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1st within that Tier and so forth.

9.2.6 Three (3) "Counting Placings" are used to determine Tiers 2 to 6 as well as Rank within that Tier.

To determine the counting placings, eligible athletes must:

- i. count a minimum of 2 placings from the 2021/22 season if 4 or more eligible competitions are staged prior to January 16, 2022; or
- ii. count a minimum of 1 placing from the 2021/22 if 3 or fewer eligible competitions are staged prior to January 16, 2022.

9.2.7 Tier Definitions:

Tier 1	From two (2) Top 3 placings during the 2021-22 season
Tier 2	From 3 Counting placings, including: 1 Top 3 placing during 2021-22 AND 1 Top 3 placing from the selection period AND 22 points or less
Tier 3	From 3 Counting placings, including: 1 top 3 placing AND 22 points or less
Tier 4	From 3 counting placings, including: 2 top 8 in the top during 2021-22
Tier 5	From 3 Counting Placings: 3 Top 16 placings
Tier 6	From 3 Counting placings: All in top 50% of field size (not including DNS competitors)
Tier 7	From 3 Counting placings Must be in top 2/3rd of field size (not including DNS competitors)

- i. In the event of a tie in rankings for Tier 1, the athlete with the highest placing (from the Top 3 placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing from his or her discipline's 2021-22 eligible events will be considered. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the best placing from the selection period will be ranked ahead (this process will continue until the tie is broken).
- ii. In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 2 to 6, the athlete with the highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 3 counting results) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the tie is not broken (from the 3 counting placings), the next best (5th, then 6th, then 7th) placing from the Selection Period will be considered until the tie is broken. Note: The next best result will be the next highest eligible placing from the selection period.
- iii. The number of athletes the OFSNC can nominate is restricted by the quotas established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 8.0. Once the quota for an event or for a gender has been met, up to two remaining athletes in that event or of that gender will be nominated as alternates.

- iv. In the event that a nominated athlete is unable to participate:
 - a. Until January 24, 2022, the next eligible athlete in the ranking, using the tiers outlined in 9.2.7, will be used.
 - b. After January 24, 2022, the next ranked athlete in that gender/discipline will be nominated using the late athlete replacement policy; the tiers in 9.2.7 will be used for the ranking.

9.3 MIXED TEAM AERIAL NOMINATIONS

Aerialists who will compete in the Mixed Team Aerial event will usually qualify to the Canadian Olympic Team based on her or his individual results as an Aerialist leading to nomination through Method A or Method B.

9.3.1 Additional Quotas

In the event that Canada is ranked in the top 8 in the world rankings for Mixed Team Aerials AND, the two athletes from one gender and one from the other do not qualify for nomination to the Canadian Team through the published Nomination Procedures, the FIS may provide one or two “above quota” spots at their discretion. These additional quota spots specific to only the Mixed Team Aerial event will not be subject to the any maximum gender stipulations.

Additional quota spots will only be used for the Mixed Team Aerial event and are not considered for entry into the men’s Aerial or women’s Aerial events.

If FIS provides Canada an additional quota spot for the Mixed Team Aerial event, Canada will nominate him or her as follows:

- Highest average total score of the athletes’ three best of their five most recent FIS level competition jumps (scores must come from inside the FIS Event eligibility period: July 1st, 2020 to January 16th, 2022, inclusively).
- A nominated athlete must meet the minimum eligibility requirements from Section 5.

9.3.2 Mixed Team Composition

Only three athletes will be named to the Mixed Aerial Team. FC’s objective is to win a medal by fielding a team that has three landed jumps that lead to the highest possible three scores. The team will be composed of:

- i. The highest ranked female Aerial athlete on the World Championship Ranking list
- ii. The highest ranked male Aerial athlete on the World Championship Ranking list
- iii. Based on qualifying to the Canadian Olympic Team through Method A or Method B, the third team member will be selected in the following order:
 - a. If only two aerial athletes qualify the above quota athletes are selected to the Mixed Aerial Team based on the criteria in 9.3.1.
 - b. If there are only three aerial athletes (representing two genders) nominated the top two from one gender and one from the other will be selected.
 - c. If there are four or more aerial athletes nominated to the Canadian Olympic Team through Method A or Method B, the next best jumper(s) will be ranked then selected based on their ability to maximize the score in the Mixed Team Aerial Event. This will be done by ranking the remaining aerial athletes on one list using their highest average total jump score of the his or her three of their five most recent WC competition jumps (scores must come from inside the FIS Event eligibility period: July 1st, 2020 to January 16th, 2022, inclusively).

10.0 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

10.1 Injuries sustained during the Selection Period

In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the Selection Period and is unable to compete for a significant amount of time during that period, the following accommodations will be made to permit that athlete to be ranked for nomination to the COC for the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

For an eligible athlete to be considered for extraordinary circumstance consideration, his or her physical injury must be medically documented by the athlete's physician and approved by the applicable Lead physician of FC or ACA Medical Lead.

- I. Injuries related to the 2021/22 competition season: (an athlete is only permitted to use the same number of results that they have missed in the 2021/22 season)
 - a. When there are 4 or more eligible competitions during the 2021/22 competition season and an athlete misses 50% or more of the eligible competitions due to medically documented health-related reasons, he or she will be permitted to use up to 3 placings from the 2020/21 competition season for the purpose of ranking for nomination.
 - b. When there are 3 or fewer eligible competitions during the 2021/22 season and an athlete misses 50% or more of the eligible competitions due to medically documented health-related reasons:
 - i. For Method "A" (9.1) - He or she will be required to participate in at least one (1) competition during the 2021-22 season and place in the top 50% of the field (rather than meet the performance criteria set out in 9.1v)
 - ii. For Method "B" (9.2) He or she will be permitted to use up to 3 placings from the 2020/21 competition season for the purpose of determining ranking and placement in Tiers. In this situation, eligible athletes must participate in at least one (1) competition during the 2021/22 competition season and place in the top 50% of the field in at least one (1) eligible competition in his or her event.

If an athlete has obtained a ranking which would make him or her eligible to be nominated, but has missed one (1) or more events during the 2021-2022 competition season due to injury; the athlete must obtain and submit a written statement from their physician as to the nature of the injury and prognosis for recovery. The written statement submitted must be independently verified by the applicable FC or ACA Lead Physician. The Lead Physician will detail the current state of the injury, prognosis for return to full training intensity, and the expectations as to whether the athlete will be able to return to performance levels achieved prior to their injury for the start of the Olympic discipline's training period. Following the Lead Physician's decision, the OFSNC will then determine if the athlete will be nominated. If the members of the OFSNC do not achieve a consensus, a vote among the 3 members will take place to obtain a decision.

- II. Injuries which prohibit athletes from competing in 2020-21 competition season (only for athletes with Top 3 result in 2019-20)
 - a. In the event that an athlete, due to medically documented healthy-related injury, is unable to compete in 75% or more of the eligible competitions during the 2020-21 competition season, this athlete will be considered for nomination under the following circumstances:

- i. The athlete must return to competition and participate in eligible competitions during the 2021/22 competition season;
- ii. The athlete's ranking will be determined by his or her three (3) best placings from eligible competitions during the Selection Period;
- iii. The athlete must count a minimum of two (2) placings from the 2021/22 competition season but will be permitted to take up to one (1) placing from the 2019/20 competition season, only if that placing is top 3. Athletes who have not placed in the top 3 in 2019-20 may not use results from that season.

10.2 Late Athlete Replacement Policy

Substitutions after the Sports Entries deadline are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to injury, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked Alternate (or Alternates) in his or her event (or events) (see 9.2.7 iii and 9.2.7 iv)

11. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond ACA's or FC's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the OFSNC will meet to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the OFSNC shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

In addition, the OFSNC reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2022 OWG. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athlete eligible for nomination. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance that does not allow this document to be applied as written and in a fair manner, taking into account the performance objective stated in Section 4.

This section may also be used to make changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document FC and ACA shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

12. APPEALS

To appeal a Method A provisional or final nomination, any disputes must be appealed through the mechanisms of the athlete's respective NSA (ACA or FC).

Final nominations to the COC for the 2022 Canadian Olympic Winter Games must be appealed in accordance with the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code before the SDRCC.

Any dispute relating to the "Canadian Olympic Team Internal Nomination Procedures For Freestyle Ski Events" for the 2022 Olympic Games may be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties.

13. LANGUAGE

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.