



BC WINTER GAMES **SELECTION POLICY**

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It is the goal of Freestyle BC to work with the BC Winter Games Society to promote and facilitate a multi-sport event for British Columbia's Youth for the enhancement of sport development. The purpose of the BC Winter Games (BCWG) is:

- To provide a competitive opportunity for developing athletes in the Learn to Train and Train to Train phases of LTAD or Sport for Life's Long Term-Development Stages
- To motivate British Columbians to achieve a higher level of physical fitness and mental well being
- To assist athletes with the interest and ability to work toward their maximum potential
- To provide competition that will serve the developmental needs for each sport throughout British Columbia
- To showcase the talents of British Columbians in a wide range of sport and activities
- To develop the cultural and social components as an enhancement to the Winter Games in British Columbia
- To provide each hosting community with a legacy of experienced volunteers and upgrade facilities

2022 BC Winter Games, Disciplines and Events

- Moguls | Two (2) run, best run counts
- Slopestyle | Two (2) runs, best run counts
- Big Air | Three (3) runs, best two (2) jumps counts
- Combined | Results averaged from all three (3) disciplines
- All BC Winter Games competitors will compete in all three events.

Age Categories & Medals:

- U14: athletes must be 11-13 years of age as of January 1, 2022
- U16: athletes must be 14-16 years of age as of January 1, 2022
- U18: athletes must be 17-18 years of age as of January 1, 2022

**U18 age category is a one-time Games addition for the 2022 BC Winter Games to account for the missed development opportunity due to our absence at the 2020 BC Winter Games*



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ELIGIBILITY

Athlete

To be eligible for selection to the BC Winter Games an athlete must:

- Have an active provincial membership with Freestyle Canada indicating that they are part of a Freestyle BC registered club
- Be registered in a Freestyle BC club program
- Have no outstanding debt with the PSO or LSO
- Athletes may attend two BC Winter Games, provided that their first games they competed in the Learn to Train (U14) category, and at their second games they compete in the Train to Train (U18) category
- Athletes who have reached a Canada Cup final (or top 20) are not eligible to participate in the 2022 BC Winter Games

Coach

All head coaches must be minimum Club Coach Certified (Trained and Evaluated) and one of the following: TSM 1; Air Modules 1, 2, 3, and 4; Park & Pipe module. All assistant coaches must be minimum Club Coach Trained. All adult supervisors must successfully complete: Making Ethical Decisions module and SafeSport module.

SELECTION PROCESS

The eligible qualifier events for the next BC Winter Games will be determined in accordance with the final events schedule for the 2021-2022 competition season. The Timber Tour results will be weighted at 65%; regional events will be weighted at 50%. Each regional event results sheet needs to be submitted to the PSO by January 21, 2021. The athletes' top (1) result from each discipline will be used to determine ranking and spot allocation.

Each zone is allowed (4) four spots – two (2) males and two (2) females. Within each zone: the best skiers based upon the most current ranking will be selected for the team. The PSO will work with each zone to determine the most viable venues to qualify. Age categories will not be factored in. All athletes are expected to participate in all disciplines of our sport.



Wildcard Policy – The wildcard spots will be allocated to the zones that have the largest membership. Zones requesting additional spots are to apply to the Provincial Sport Advisor, who has the final approval for the distribution of the wildcards.

Eligibility of BC Games Competitors

- Competitors shall be open to British Columbians whose major domicile has been the province of BC for a period of (6) months prior to the Games, with the following exceptions:
 - o Students residing in BC but studying outside the province are eligible to qualify.
 - o Members and dependents of members of the Canadian Armed Forces residing in BC, who have been posted to a location within BC for a minimum of six (6) months, are eligible to qualify.
 - o Athletes residing at an address outside the Province of BC but are members for Freestyle BC are eligible for the BC Winter Games if they meet both of the following conditions:
 - They reside near the BC boundary and associate primarily with a BC Club for club training / competition;
 - They are not registered to compete in any other province, and are in good standing with Freestyle BC

The PSO and the BC Winter Games Society must approve teams and individuals in the above situations, before entering zone qualifications.

- The Provincial Sport Association must approve all athletes competing in the Games.
- Affiliation at the zone and provincial level is required. Athletes must have minimum FC Club Membership license membership.
- Athletes who have competed in the Canada Games are ineligible to compete in the BC Winter Games in the same sport.
- Each athlete may participate in only ONE sport at the BC Winter Games.

Games Registration Fee and Deadline

- All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2022 BC Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay the individual registration fee of \$250. This fee will go towards offsetting the costs related to transportation accommodations, meals, zone identification vests, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions.
- All athletes, coaches and chaperones who will attend the 2022 BC Winter Games will be required to complete waivers and register online by January 23, 2022

Coaches & Chaperones

- All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) Years old by the start of the BC Winter Games
- One head coach and one assistant coach (one of each gender) per zone. Large zone teams (from wildcard athletes) are permitted to bring one additional coach or adult supervisor up to a maximum of 20 adults (coaches or adult supervisors). Provincial Advisor to approve additional assistant coach or adult supervisor.

APPEALS

Any Freestyle BC member may make an appeal of any decision in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeals Policy established by Freestyle BC.

GENERAL

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the Executive Director of Freestyle BC, in consultation with the HP Committee.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the limited availability of competitive opportunities in the 2020-2021-winter season, certain amendments may need to be applied. The PSO and the BC Winter Games must approve any request for adjustments.



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