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FREESTYLE BC

2023 CANADA WINTER GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

At the time of the publication of this criteria, certain dates have not yet been made available to Freestyle BC. Dates labeled as “TBA” will be updated to this criterion, along with notification of these updates on Freestyle BC’s website.

Team BC will be competing against teams that are made up entirely of athletes who are representatives of the other provinces and territories. Members of Team BC are representatives of the Province of British Columbia. The Games are a multi-sport competition where Canadian provinces and territories compete against each other to win the Canada Games Flag.

The 2023 Games Freestyle Events will take place at Crabbe Mountain in Bright, New Brunswick (Moguls & Aerials) and Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale, PEI (Slopestyle & Big Air).

The dates of the freestyle skiing events are February 18-25, 2023.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must have been a BC resident for at least 180 days immediately preceding the Canada Winter Games (CWG) start date of February 17th, 2023. A BC resident is defined as a person who lives within the boundaries of the Province of BC. Athletes who live outside of the BC border are not eligible to be a member of Team BC unless they meet the following additional criteria.

Athletes may represent Team BC at the CWG if their permanent residence falls outside the boundaries of the province provided, they are a member of a club, AMT or APPT for the entire previous or current competitive season. Such athletes must not have received direct development funding from their province/territory of permanent residence within a year of the Opening



Ceremony, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for Team BC.

Athletes must be a member of a Freestyle BC (FBC) club/high performance program, or Freestyle Canada's NextGen Team at the time of the CWG Team BC athlete nominations. Athletes must be in good standing with both FBC and FC to be eligible for a CWG spot.

Athletes must have a valid FBC/Freestyle Canada (FC) athlete license at the time of CWG Team BC athlete nominations. Selected athletes must have a CanFree 4 athlete license or higher at the time of the 2023 CWG.

Canadian Team athletes: Canadian National World Cup Team athletes are not eligible for BC's spots at the CWG.

NextGen athlete: In order for an athlete to be a member of NextGen, an athlete must have signed a valid Freestyle Canada High Performance Program Athlete Agreement. This agreement must be valid at the time of the 2023 CWG, and at the time of the 2023 CWG Team BC selection (December 22, 2022).

BCMT/BCPPA athlete: For an athlete to be a member of BCMT or BCPPA, an athlete must have signed a valid Freestyle BC High Performance Program Athlete Agreement. This agreement must be valid at the time of the 2023 CWG, and at the time of the 2023 CWG Team BC selection (December 22, 2022).

Age Limitations: CWG events do not have age categories. However, athletes must be a minimum of 14 years of age and a maximum of 20 years of age, as of December 31, 2022. Year of birth: 2002-2008

Minimum Skill Level: Athlete's must meet a minimum skill level that is determined by the CWG Team BC coach for the discipline(s) in question, as well as FBC's High Performance Director or Executive Director.

Athletes are expected to compete in all the disciplines they have earned a spot for at the Games. Mogul/Aerial athletes must compete in both the mogul and aerial events at the 2023 CWG. Slopestyle/Big Air athletes must compete in the slopestyle and big air events at the 2023 CWG.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event. Minimum of two athletes per gender from the selected FBC CWG Team must participate in each discipline.



SELECTION PROTOCOL

All FBC CWG Team BC athletes must attend the games until the completion of the events they have been selected to compete in. If weather days must be used to complete an event, athletes must stay at the Games for these days.

Disciplines are moguls, aerials, slopestyle and big air.

10 BC athletes in total will be selected for the games. These 10 spots will be distributed as 8 regular spots, and 2 wildcard spots. Regular spots will be distributed as:

- 2 male mogul/aerial spots.
- 2 female mogul/aerial spots.
- 2 male slopestyle/big air spots.
- 2 female slopestyle/big air spots.

Wildcard spots will be distributed as:

- 1 wild card female spot.
- 1 wild card male spot.

** See point 4 & 5 in the Selection Process for details on Wildcard selection.*

Selection Period: *Top 4 results from December 1st 2021 -> December 22nd 2022*

Selection Process:

1. Quota spots will be allocated to the top eligible athletes in the CWG FBC's 2021- 2022 Official Ranking for each gender discipline. The 2021-22 Park and Pipe HPP Ranking will be used for slopestyle/big air Team BC athlete



- selection. The 2021-22 Mogul RPA Ranking will be used for the mogul/aerial Team BC athlete selection, inclusive of the 2022 Apex Classic and FIS events. For details on how the RPA Ranking system works, please see FBC's 2022-2023 Selection Criteria. To view the FBC RPA Rankings, please go to <https://freestylebc.ski/results/>
2. Athletes who are members of Freestyle Canada's National NextGen Team (NextGen) will be given priority for a regular spot before non-NextGen athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible NextGen athletes within a spot's assigned gender/discipline (i.e., female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air) will a regular spot become open to non-NextGen athletes.
 3. Athletes who are members of the BC Mogul Team (BCMT) or the BC Park and Pipe Athletes (BCPPA) will be given priority before non-BCMT/BCPPA/NextGen athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible BCMT, BCPPA, or NextGen athletes within a spot's assigned gender/discipline (i.e., female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air/halfpipe) will a spot become open to non-BCMT/BCPPA/NextGen athletes.
 4. The women's wildcard spot will be allocated to either the 3rd ranked woman for Slopestyle/BA, or the 3rd ranked woman for Moguls/Aerials after the Regular quota spots have been filled. The HP Selection Committee will make the selection between these two athletes based on the athlete's stage of development and past competition experience. The athlete who is not selected in this head-to-head will be named as alternate.
 5. The men's wildcard spot will be allocated to either the 3rd ranked man for Slopestyle/BA, or the 3rd ranked man for Moguls/Aerials after the Regular quota spots have been filled. The HP Selection Committee will make the selection between these two athletes based on the athlete's stage of development and past competition experience. The athlete who is not selected in this head-to-head will be named as alternate.
 6. CWG Spots will not be transferred between genders.
 7. Unused CWG Spots may be transferred between disciplines if there are no remaining eligible athletes within a spot's assigned discipline.



8. The CWG Team BC roster must be provided to the CWG council by January 1, 2023.
9. Selected Team BC athletes are expected to attend all necessary meetings and training camps leading up to the games.

Injury and Alternates

In the event a Team BC athlete becomes injured or is unable to attend the CWG, an alternate will be selected by FBC's High Performance Program Committee. Alternate spots will be awarded to the next highest ranked person in the appropriate gender discipline (i.e., female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air).

Inverts must be qualified as per the FC invert guidelines and must be performed in the presence of a coach who meets FC's requirements for coaching inverted maneuvers.

Coaching

All freestyle skiing CWG Team BC coaches and managers will be appointed by FBC. All CWG freestyle skiing Team BC athletes will be coached/managed by these staff. FBC Coaching staff will consist of two coaches and a manager. One female coach must be selected.

All coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Competition Stream, Development Context (certified status) in Freestyle Ski (either Moguls or Slopestyle), except for Aerials coaches, who must be Competition Stream, Introduction - Air (certified status).

Any athletes performing single inverted jumps must be supported by a Freestyle Canada Certified Air 4 Coach. Any athletes performing doubles must be supported by a Freestyle Canada Certified Air Doubles (Snow) Coach.

Coaches must be so certified no later than 60 days prior to the opening ceremony (December 20, 2022).