



# BC MOGUL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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## 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. This document defines the procedures used by Freestyle BC (FBC) to select athletes for the 2024-2025 BC Mogul Provincial Team.

## 2. FREESTYLE BC's HIGH-PERFORMANCE GOALS

- 2.1. The Freestyle BC Mogul Team comprises the next generation of Provincial and National Freestyle Skiers representing BC in Provincial, National and International competitions. The provincial team program aims to advance the athletes' skills and offer competitive opportunities in a team atmosphere to ultimately qualify the athlete for the Canadian Next-Gen or National Team programs.
- 2.2. Freestyle BC's high-performance staff will support, prepare and assist identified athletes in achieving their goals through a variety of mechanisms, including:
  - 2.2.1. Ongoing gap analysis will identify each athlete's strengths and areas where improvement is needed to prescribe appropriate technical, physical, and mental training programs.
  - 2.2.2. Assistance in defining and choosing appropriate lifestyle choices related to high-performance training and competition.
  - 2.2.3. Gaining competitive experience where they can hone their tactical and psychological skills.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. FBC - Freestyle British Columbia, the Governing Body for freestyle skiing in BC
- 3.2. FC - Freestyle Canada, the Governing Body for freestyle skiing in Canada
- 3.3. PSO - Provincial Sport Organization
- 3.4. NSO - National Sport Organization
- 3.5. HPP - High-Performance Program
- 3.6. HPPC - High-Performance Program Committee (responsible for Policy and Procedure, including the Freestyle BC - BC Athlete Selection Criteria)



- 3.7 LTAD - Long Term Athlete Development, a systematic pathway for athlete development built in partnership with FC and the Sport for Life Society (S4L)
- 3.8 CSI - Canadian Sport Institute
- 3.9 FIS - International Ski Federation
- 3.10 RPA - Relative Point Average
- 3.11 Competition Definitions
  - 3.11.1 DM - Dual Moguls
  - 3.11.2 MO - Moguls

#### **4. TIME FRAME**

- 4.1. The BC Mogul Team Selection period is from November 1st to April 30th.
  - 4.1.1. The ranking list is approved fifteen days after the last competition completion.
  - 4.1.2. Athlete selections will begin immediately after the ranking list is approved.
  - 4.1.3. Athletes will have ten days from initial notification to confirm their interest.

#### **5. SELECTION AUTHORITY AND PROCESS**

- 5.1. The selection of athletes to participate in the FBC's Mogul Team is the executive director's responsibility, who acts on the recommendations of the HPP Selection Committee ("Selection Committee").
- 5.2. The Selection Committee will determine the Provincial team size and each of its groups' sizes. *Team sizes may change depending on the depth of the athlete pool and budget and funding considerations.*
  - 5.2.1. The BC Team will be named as soon as reasonably possible.
  - 5.2.2. All team selections are for one year, May 1st - April 31st.
  - 5.2.3. FBC will strive to maintain gender equity.

#### **6. HPP Selection Committee ("Selection Committee")**

- 6.1. Under the authority of the Executive Director, the Selection Committee is responsible for all team selections and the allocation of competitive opportunities.
- 6.2. The Selection Committee consists of:
  - 6.2.1. High-Performance Committee
  - 6.2.2. High-Performance Manager
  - 6.2.3. Head Coach of the BC Mogul Team

- 6.3 When relevant, the Selection Committee will seek input from content experts, such as mental training consultants, strength and conditioning trainers, medical team members or others.
- 6.4 If an athlete or coach requests, a summary of the Selection Committee meeting will be made available to the affected parties. HPP staff will notify program athletes of the committee decisions. Delicate information will be relayed from the coach to the athlete directly (i.e., an athlete not being selected); summary decisions will be distributed to affected parties upon request.

## **7. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT**

### General Eligibility

- 7.1. To be eligible for selection to the BC Mogul Team Program, an athlete must:
  - 7.1.1. Have an active membership with Freestyle Canada, indicating that they are part of a Freestyle BC registered club.
  - 7.1.2. Be registered in a Freestyle BC club program or to the BC Freestyle Ski Team.
  - 7.1.3. Have no outstanding debt with Freestyle BC or a Freestyle BC registered club.

### Performance Eligibility

- 7.2 Performance eligibility will be determined through the HPP Selection Committee and the BC Team Head Coach. To be eligible for the BC Mogul Team Program selection, an athlete must meet performance standards in the following categories.
  - 7.2.1 Skill Requirements: In the LTAD stage, Training to Compete, athletes must demonstrate the skills associated with the [GMP Guidelines L2C+](#).
  - 7.2.2 Physical Benchmarks: In the LTAD stage, Training to Compete, athletes must demonstrate the physical priorities associated with the [GMP Guidelines L2C+](#).
  - 7.2.3 Psychological Benchmarks: In the LTAD stage, Training to Compete, athletes must demonstrate the psychological benchmarks associated with the [GMP Guidelines L2C+](#).

### Residency Eligibility

- 7.3 Only permanent residents of the Province of British Columbia, as defined by the BC Government, are eligible to receive BC-specific funding or the benefits of any other program developed by the Province of BC or any BC sports organization for BC athletes.

7.3.1 Out-of-province athletes who do not apply for residency eligibility will be subject to increased team fees.

**Out-of-province athletes may be considered if all outlined conditions are met.**

7.3.2 The athlete is a member in good standing with FBC.

7.3.3 The considered athlete provides an address of residence in BC by Sept. 1st before the next competition season.

7.3.4 If team spot allocations have yet to be exhausted following the selection of all BC athletes that have met the required minimum skill level for the BC Team and the selection of coach discretionary athletes, out-of-province athletes may be considered for remaining spots based on National Team rankings.

7.3.5 The out-of-province athlete improves the daily training environment for current BC Team athletes.

## **8. SELECTION PROCESS**

8.1 The selection of athletes to participate in the BC Team is the responsibility of the Executive Director, acting on the recommendations of the Freestyle BC HPPC.

8.2 Unless otherwise expressly indicated, all revisions to BC Team Selection documents shall come into effect immediately upon their ratification by the Executive Director of Freestyle BC.

8.2.1 The HPPC reviews the initial ranking list and determines if there are any Special Ranking Considerations.

8.2.2 The HPPC reviews Freestyle Canada Rankings and determines if there are any Special Ranks Considerations.

8.2.3 Eligible athletes are identified and ranked for nominations.

8.2.4 Athletes who would qualify for Extraordinary Circumstances (i.e. Injury, etc.) are identified and ranked appropriately.

8.2.5 Nominated athletes will be officially notified, with ten days to accept or decline selection.

Freestyle BC values gender equity and aims to maintain equitable representation between Males and Females as a percentage of the membership field. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches, the Freestyle BC HPPC will determine the minimum performance level for the BC Freestyle Ski Team. If a gender ranking list does not fill the full quota based on the minimum performance level, the unused spots may be transferred to the other gender.

## 9. SELECTION METHOD

### RANKINGS

#### 9.1 BC Mogul Ranking List

9.2 Athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their four highest-ranking events; only one dual mogul event will be eligible for ranking.

#### 9.3 FC Mogul RPA Rankings

9.3.1 BC Athlete placement on the Freestyle Canada HPP Ranking list will also determine athlete eligibility for the BC Mogul Team.

The BC Mogul ranking list will be calculated using the relative point average (RPA) method. A minimum RPA score 2500 will initially be used to select BC Mogul athletes. This is aligned with our [CSI Athlete Nomination Criteria](#) for Provincial Development Level 1 athletes. The BC Mogul team ranking list will be calculated using the RPA list. The table of eligible events and the corresponding point values can be found in Appendix 1.

The Freestyle Canada Mogul Rankings will be used to select athletes in conjunction with the BC Mogul Rankings to confirm athlete eligibility for the Canada Cup and Noram Events.

The Freestyle BC HPPC, with input from the CSI Data Analysis Team, will review the placing value points after each event. Adjustments of up to 10% will be made based on the field size presence of provincial or national team athletes to provide the most accurate overall standings. Weighting can be boosted or decayed, pending empirical data analysis.

Athletes' current skill level relative to their point in the Long-Term Development (LTD) pathway will be strongly considered in the selection process.

An overview of the LTAD benchmarks can be found in Sport For Life's [Long-Term Development In Sport and Physical Activity 3.0](#).

Additionally, detailed gender-specific [Gold Medal Profiles](#) can be found on Freestyle Canada's website to determine eligibility for all Freestyle Skiing disciplines.

### SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

The Selection Committee reserves the right to select athletes based on special ranking considerations. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches and HP Manager, the Freestyle





BC HP Committee reviews all matters related to the selection. The Freestyle BC Executive Director will be a member of this Committee and hold the final decision.

The following are included in Special Ranking Considerations:

- 9.4 An athlete showing excellent results and increasing their performance may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- 9.5 An athlete with excellent physical characteristics and/or technical capability may be moved higher than their calculated ranking. (*Rationale:* In some stages of development, an athlete may focus on training rather than performing as well at competition.)
- 9.6 An athlete who might have demonstrated high achievement of KPIs/benchmarks but needs a competition ranking that reflects their ability.
- 9.7 An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than their calculated ranking.
- 9.8 When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is a greater chance of “out of order” selection.
- 9.9 An athlete with a strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has yet to demonstrate these traits.
- 9.10 Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years.

## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Extraordinary circumstances include but are not limited to, circumstances such as injury and death in the family.

The HP Committee will nominate athletes they feel qualify under this clause:

- 9.11 If an athlete misses an entire season due to health-related curtailment of activities, the selection period will be extended backward to a maximum of eighteen months (18).
- 9.12 If an athlete misses a portion of the competition season due to health-related curtailment of activities, the selection period will be extended backward to a maximum of eighteen months (18).
- 9.13 The Selection Committee can make exceptions to injury clauses for exceptional cases. This may include expanding the backward extension of the selection period or other adjustments to meet the particular case.
- 9.14 Freestyle BC may, at any time, require an athlete unable to participate in training or competition due to injury to obtain a medical assessment from a team physician. The medical assessment aims to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time of the athlete's recovery.
- 9.15 The Selection Committee, with input from medical experts, may prevent an athlete from entering the event if the pace of the athlete's rehabilitation from injury warrants doing so.

- 9.16 Special consideration will be given to athletes during pregnancy or new parents. In these cases, the usable results will be a maximum retroactive of one and a half seasons.

## Talent Identification and Competition Simulation

If deemed necessary, FBC coaching staff may use a talent identification camp(s) with competition simulations to select prospective athletes. Athletes will be evaluated on Technical, Physical, and Psychological benchmarks during a talent identification camp.

## Coach Discretion

With the support of the FBC High-Performance Committee, FBC coaching staff may be granted coach discretion where GMP criteria cannot differentiate between athletes or if there are open spots.

## 11. Appeals

Any Freestyle BC member in good standing may appeal any decision of the HP Committee. Appeals must be conducted per the Appeals Policy established by Freestyle BC.

## 12. 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.



## APPENDIX

### Eligible Events and Weighting

<b>Tier 1</b>	Regional 45%	Timber Tour 60%	Junior Nationals 65%
<b>Tier 2</b>	Western Canada Cup 75%	Canada Winter Games 80%	Canadian Selections 85%
<b>Tier 3</b>	Junior Worlds 90%	Senior Nationals 90%	Noram 95%

### THE RELATIVE POINT AVERAGE (RPA) METHOD

Relative point average (RPA) is the basis for ranking BC athletes in Moguls; RPA is determined by calculating the athlete's score relative to the top score of the event. For example, the best score of a mogul run is 24.6. This score results in a RPA of 1000. The next best score is 23.1. Apply the RPA formula:  $23.1 / 24.6 = 0.939$  or an RPA of 939. The resulting RPA score is multiplied by the event weighting to determine the athlete's final score. Once all scores are converted to RPA, they are ranked from highest to lowest. Athletes will only be allowed to use 1 RPA score from each competition. RPA calculations will automatically use the higher RPA from a competition.

**DUAL MOGULS** points will be awarded based on placement against scales and values noted:

Noram				Senior Nationals				Junior Worlds			
1.50%		2.000%		2.00%		3.000%		2.00%		3.00%	
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1	950	1	950	1	900	1	900	1	900	1	900
2	936	2	931	2	882	2	873	2	882	2	873
3	922	3	912	3	864	3	847	3	864	3	847
4	908	4	894	4	847	4	821	4	847	4	821
5	894	5	876	5	830	5	797	5	830	5	797
6	881	6	859	6	814	6	773	6	814	6	773
7	868	7	842	7	797	7	750	7	797	7	750
8	855	8	825	8	781	8	727	8	781	8	727
9	842	9	808	9	766	9	705	9	766	9	705
10	829	10	792	10	750	10	684	10	750	10	684
11	817	11	776	11	735	11	664	11	735	11	664
12	804	12	761	12	721	12	644	12	721	12	644
13	792	13	745	13	706	13	624	13	706	13	624
14	781	14	731	14	692	14	606	14	692	14	606
15	769	15	716	15	678	15	588	15	678	15	588
16	757	16	702	16	665	16	570	16	665	16	570
17	746	17	688	17	651	17	553	17	651	17	553
18	735	18	674	18	638	18	536	18	638	18	536
19	724	19	660	19	626	19	520	19	626	19	520
20	713	20	647	20	613	20	505	20	613	20	505
21	702	21	634	21	601	21	489	21	601	21	489
22	692	22	622	22	589	22	475	22	589	22	475
23	681	23	609	23	577	23	460	23	577	23	460
24	671	24	597	24	566	24	447	24	566	24	447
25	661	25	585	25	554	25	433	25	554	25	433





Canadian Selections				Canada Winter Games				Western Canada Cup			
2.00%		3.00%		2.00%		3.00%		2.00%		3.00%	
Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1	850	1	850	1	800	1	800	1	750	1	750
2	833	2	825	2	784	2	776	2	735	2	728
3	816	3	800	3	768	3	753	3	720	3	706
4	800	4	776	4	753	4	730	4	706	4	685
5	784	5	752	5	738	5	708	5	692	5	664
6	768	6	730	6	723	6	687	6	678	6	644
7	753	7	708	7	709	7	666	7	664	7	625
8	738	8	687	8	695	8	646	8	651	8	606
9	723	9	666	9	681	9	627	9	638	9	588
10	709	10	646	10	667	10	608	10	625	10	570
11	695	11	627	11	654	11	590	11	613	11	553
12	681	12	608	12	641	12	572	12	601	12	536
13	667	13	590	13	628	13	555	13	589	13	520
14	654	14	572	14	615	14	538	14	577	14	505
15	641	15	555	15	603	15	522	15	565	15	490
16	628	16	538	16	591	16	507	16	554	16	475
17	615	17	522	17	579	17	491	17	543	17	461
18	603	18	506	18	567	18	477	18	532	18	447
19	591	19	491	19	556	19	462	19	521	19	433
20	579	20	477	20	545	20	448	20	511	20	420
21	567	21	462	21	534	21	435	21	501	21	408
22	556	22	448	22	523	22	422	22	491	22	396
23	545	23	435	23	513	23	409	23	481	23	384
24	534	24	422	24	503	24	397	24	471	24	372
25	523	25	409	25	493	25	385	25	462	25	361

Junior Nationals				Timber Tour				Regional/SY			
2.00%		3.00%		2.50%		4.00%		2.50%		4.00%	
Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
1	650	1	650	1	600	1	600	1	450	1	450
2	637	2	631	2	585	2	576	2	439	2	432
3	624	3	612	3	570	3	553	3	428	3	415
4	612	4	593	4	556	4	531	4	417	4	398
5	600	5	575	5	542	5	510	5	407	5	382
6	588	6	558	6	529	6	489	6	396	6	367
7	576	7	541	7	515	7	470	7	387	7	352
8	564	8	525	8	503	8	451	8	377	8	338
9	553	9	509	9	490	9	433	9	367	9	325
10	542	10	494	10	478	10	416	10	358	10	312
11	531	11	479	11	466	11	399	11	349	11	299
12	520	12	465	12	454	12	383	12	341	12	287
13	510	13	451	13	443	13	368	13	332	13	276
14	500	14	437	14	432	14	353	14	324	14	265
15	490	15	424	15	421	15	339	15	316	15	254
16	480	16	412	16	410	16	325	16	308	16	244
17	470	17	399	17	400	17	312	17	300	17	234
18	461	18	387	18	390	18	300	18	293	18	225
19	452	19	376	19	380	19	288	19	285	19	216
20	443	20	364	20	371	20	276	20	278	20	207
21	434	21	353	21	362	21	265	21	271	21	199
22	425	22	343	22	353	22	255	22	264	22	191