



CANADA CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. PREAMBLE

The Canada Cup Series, presented by Toyo Tires, is our National Competition Circuit. It is designed primarily for athletes in the Learn & Train to Compete (L2C/T2C) Freestyle Canada Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) stages. The events are operated by Freestyle Canada ("FC"). Freestyle BC ("FBC") will select the top-performing provincial athletes to represent FBC at the Canada Cup Series in all disciplines based on each discipline's ranking list.

1.1 Determination of Provincial Quotas

Freestyle Canada establishes the allocation of divisional quotas for the Canada Cup Series. The quotas allocated to the BC division are the property of Freestyle BC. Only Freestyle BC can select the athletes to fill the quotas allocated to the BC division for the Canada Cup Series. Freestyle Canada will reallocate unused quotas.

1.2 Eligibility for Selection to a Canada Cup

1.2.1 To be eligible to compete at a Canada Cup, an athlete must:

1.2.1.1 Be a member in good standing with Freestyle BC.

1.2.1.2 Be a member of a Freestyle BC club or team.

1.2.1.3 Through the selection process.

1.3 Out-of-province athletes:

1.3.1 Athletes who participate in programs outside Freestyle BC will have their member status reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Athletes must be primarily representing a club or team within BC. Athletes representing provinces other than BC during the current ski season will not be eligible for a BC division spot. The Freestyle BC High Performance Committee will determine an athlete's membership status.



1.4 Selection Process

Method A—Pre-selected athletes will be determined by the Freestyle Canada HPP Canada Cup Ranking List. The top 10 male and female athletes in Moguls (MO+DM) or Park (SS + BA + HP) will be selected, and they will have the option to confirm or deny their spot. If a spot is denied, it will go to the PSO that the athlete is a member of.

Method B - Athletes who are BC Freestyle Ski Team members will be given quota spots for their respective disciplines.

Method C: The remaining Canada Cup Series spots will be selected based on the current BC Park & Mogul Ranking.

1.5 Canada Cup Mogul Selection

The most current ranking will determine athletes selected for the first Canada Cup Series. For the following Canada Cup Series, once an event is completed, those results will replace the previous season's results for that particular event. Athletes who earn a spot for moguls will be registered and expected to compete in single moguls and dual moguls. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their three highest-ranking events. Events can be ranked by three single events, two singles, and one dual.

The athlete will obtain a score for each event relative to the winner's score (RPA method). Suppose only one mogul event of an eligible series is offered before the selection deadline. In that case, an athlete can use their best single mogul score from the previous season's BC Timber Tour. Events eligible for selection are the BC Timber Tour, Canada Cup Series, Jr Nationals, Canadian Selections and NorAm. Special consideration will be given to events outside of the eligible events on a case-by-case basis.

Freestyle BC values gender equity and aims to have an equal representation of male and female athletes. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches, the Freestyle BC HP Committee will determine the minimum performance level for the Canada Cup Series. If a gender ranking list does not fill the full quota based on the minimum performance level, the unused spots will be transferred to the other gender.

The selection committee reserves the right to select athletes based on special ranking considerations or extraordinary circumstance clauses. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches, the Freestyle BC HP Committee reviews all aspects of selection. The Freestyle BC Executive Director will be a committee member and make the final decision.

1.6 Canada Cup Park & Pipe Selection

The most current ranking will determine athletes selected for the first Canada Cup Series. For the following Canada Cup Series, once an event is completed, those results will replace the previous season's results for that particular event. Athletes who earn a spot for park & pipe will be registered and expected to compete in the disciplines of slopestyle, big air and halfpipe (if available). All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their four highest ranking events in disciplines slopestyle or big air events. At least one slopestyle event must be used. The BC Park & Pipe place value point system will determine the ranking. The Timber Tour, Junior Nationals, Senior Nationals, Canada Cups and Noram events are eligible for selection.

Freestyle BC values gender equity and aims to have an equal representation of male and female athletes. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches, the Freestyle BC HP Committee will determine the minimum performance level for the Junior National Championships. If a gender ranking list does not fill the full quota based on the minimum performance level, the unused spots will be transferred to the other gender.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to select athletes based on special ranking considerations or extraordinary circumstance clauses. With input from the BC Team Head Coaches, the Freestyle BC HP Committee reviews all matters related to selection. The Freestyle BC Executive Director will be a committee member and hold the final decision.

1.7 Injury Clause

If an athlete is unable to compete in a selection event due to injury/illness, results from the previous season may be used if:

- 1.7.1 Proper documentation from a medical doctor is provided.
- 1.7.2 They have demonstrated to their club/team coach and the competition coach before the selection deadline that they can compete at the same skill level or above as their previous season results.
- 1.7.3 The HP Committee may ask for video documentation to review.

Appendix

1. Special Ranking Considerations

The Freestyle BC HP Committee may sometimes choose to select athletes out of the initial ranking order. In such cases, the committee must detail the reasons for its decisions. These reasons must support the program goals outlined at the beginning of this document.

Special Ranking Considerations include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- 1.1 An athlete showing excellent results and increasing their performance may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- 1.2 An athlete with excellent physical characteristics and/or technical capability may be moved higher than his or her calculated ranking. This is more likely to happen early in an athlete's career. **Rationale:** In some stages of development, an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.
- 1.3 An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than her or his calculated ranking.
- 1.4 When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is a greater chance of "out of order" selection.
- 1.5 An athlete with a strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may outperform an athlete without these traits.
- 1.6 Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years.



2. Score Anomaly

In some circumstances, there are 3 to 4 counting events on the same course within a short time frame, with all events judged by the same panel. This scenario may warrant an out-of-order selection.

3. **Extraordinary Circumstances** include but are not limited to, circumstances such as injury or death in the family. The committee will nominate athletes they feel qualify under this clause:

- 3.1 If an athlete misses an entire season due to health-related activity curtailment, the selection period will be extended backward (18) eighteen months.
- 3.2 If an athlete misses a portion of the competition season due to health-related curtailment of activities, the selection period will be extended back (18) to eighteen months.
- 3.3 The selection committee can make exceptions to injury clauses for special cases. This may include expanding the selection period's backward extension or making other adjustments to accommodate the special case.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 With input from medical experts, the selection committee may prevent an athlete from entering the event if the pace of the athlete's rehabilitation from injury warrants doing so.