



# BC WINTER GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

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Freestyle BC aims to work with the BC Winter Games Society to promote and facilitate a multi-sport event for British Columbia's Youth to enhance sports development.

## 1. The purpose of the BC Winter Games (BCWG) is to:

- 1.1. Provide a competitive opportunity for developing athletes in the Learn to Train and Train to Train phases.
- 1.2. Motivate British Columbians to achieve higher physical fitness and mental well-being.
- 1.3. Assist athletes with the interest and ability to work toward their maximum potential.
- 1.4. Provide competition that will serve the developmental needs of each sport throughout British Columbia.
- 1.5. Showcase the talents of British Columbians in a wide range of sports and activities.
- 1.6. Develop the cultural and social components to enhance the Winter Games in British Columbia.
- 1.7. Provide each hosting community with a legacy of experienced volunteers and upgrade facilities.

## 2. Event Categories for the 2026 BC Winter Games

- 2.1. Moguls: Two (2) runs, best run counts
- 2.2. Slopestyle: Two (2) runs, best run counts
- 2.3. Combined: (combine slopestyle and moguls scores to award additional medals)
- 2.4. All BC Winter Games competitors are required to compete in all events.

## 3. Age Categories

U16: Athletes must be aged 13,14,15 as of February 27, 2026.

**Capacity:** 72 athletes



#### 4. Eligibility Athletes

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

- 4.1. Have an active provincial membership with Freestyle BC.
- 4.2. Be registered in a Freestyle BC club program.
- 4.3. Be a member in good standing with Freestyle BC.
- 4.4. Athletes who have competed in the Canada Winter Games are ineligible to compete in the BC Winter Games in the same sport.
- 4.5. Athletes who have made finals in a Canada Cup are ineligible to compete in the BC Winter Games.
- 4.6. Eligible athletes are permitted to attend **only one** BC Winter Games in the sport of Freestyle.

#### 5. Coaches

All coaches and adult supervisors must be at least nineteen (19) years old by the start of the BC Winter Games.

- 5.1. **All COACHES** must have taken (through the NCCP):
  - 5.1.1. Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation
  - 5.1.2. SafeSport Module
  - 5.1.3. Making Headway
  - 5.1.4. Criminal Record Check
- 5.2. **All Freestyle HEAD COACHES** are to be NCCP Competition Introduction Trained status and have the following courses:
  - 5.2.1. Fundamentalz – (trained and evaluated)
  - 5.2.2. Skiing Skills
  - 5.2.3. Air Courses (Air 1, Air 2, Air 3 and Air 4)
  - 5.2.4. Park & Pipe and/or Mogulz
  - 5.2.5. Making Ethical Decisions
- 5.3. **All Freestyle ASSISTANT COACHES** are to be Competition Introduction in-training and have the following courses:
  - 5.3.1. Fundamentalz - (trained and evaluated)
  - 5.3.2. Making Ethical Decisions plus one or more of:
    - 5.3.2.1. Skiing Skillz, and/or
    - 5.3.2.2. Park & Pipe, and/or
    - 5.3.2.3. Mogulz
- 5.4. Coaches with athletes performing inverts **MUST** have the appropriate certification for the manoeuvres being coached. (For example, a coach must hold the Air 4 Evaluation if their athlete performs any inverts or off-axis tricks. Athletes must also be qualified to perform any inverts or off-axis tricks.



- 5.5. 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. The Provincial Advisor must approve additional assistant coach(es) or adult supervisor(s).

**6. All Managers, Chaperones, Adult Supervisors must:**

- 6.1. Be 19+ by the start of the BC Winter Games.
- 6.2. Have taken 'SafeSport' Training through the NCCP.
- 6.3. Have a valid Criminal Record Check.

**7. Eligibility of BC Games Competitors**

Competitor spots shall be open to British Columbians whose primary domicile has been the province of BC for (6) months before the start of the Games, with the following exceptions:

- 7.1. Students residing in BC but studying outside the province are eligible to qualify.
- 7.2. Members and dependents of Canadian Armed Forces members residing in BC who have been posted to a location within BC for a minimum of six (6) months are eligible.
- 7.3. Athletes residing at an address outside the Province of British Columbia but are members of Freestyle BC are eligible for the BC Winter Games if they meet both of the following conditions:
  - 7.3.1. They reside near the BC boundary and associate primarily with a BC Club for club training/competition;
  - 7.3.2. They are not registered to compete in any other province and are in good standing with Freestyle BC.

Before entering zone qualifications, the Provincial Sport Organization and the BC Winter Games Society must approve teams and individuals in the above situations.

- 7.4. The Provincial Sport Organization must approve all athletes competing in the Games.
- 7.5. Affiliation at the zone and provincial level is required. Athletes must have a minimum Freestyle BC Provincial Membership license membership.
- 7.6. Each athlete may participate in only one sport at the BC Winter Games
- 7.7. Eligible athletes are permitted to attend only one BC Winter Games in the sport of Freestyle..

**8. Selection Period: January 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025**



## 9. Selection Process

- 9.1. Quota spots will be allocated to the top eligible athletes in FBC's 2026 BCWG Ranking list for each gender in each zone.
- 9.2. The 2026 BCWG Ranking will include all relevant Timber Tour, Shred Series and Regional events.
- 9.3. Timber Tour results are weighted at 100%; Shred Series and Regional events are weighted at 55%.
- 9.4. Regional event results submitted to the PSO after **December 31st, 2025**, will not be eligible.
- 9.5. An athlete's top one (1) result from both disciplines will be taken to form their total Ranking score. This score will determine their ranking and spot allocation.
- 9.6. Each zone is given six (6) spots – (3) three males and (3) three females. Zones may also qualify for a predetermined number of Wildcard spots.
- 9.7. Within each zone, the top-ranked athletes based on the 2026 BCWG Ranking list will be selected for that zone's team.
- 9.8. Non-ranked athletes may be selected if no other athletes accept their spot.
- 9.9. All athletes are expected to participate in all disciplines of our sport.

## 10. Wildcard Policy

Wildcard spots are allocated to the zones that comprise the most significant percentage(s) of our membership. Zones requesting additional spots are to apply to the Provincial Advisor. The Provincial Advisor makes the final decision on distributing all wildcards.

- 10.1. Wildcard spots will be distributed from the BCWG Ranking list.
- 10.2. Wildcard spot selection aims to maintain gender equity where possible.

## 11. BC Games Zones

BC Games Zones may differ from Freestyle BC Zones.

- 11.1. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details on BC Games Zones.
- 11.2. Athletes and Coaches must qualify and compete within their BC Games Zone.
- 11.3. Zone designations are a function of the participant's physical mailing address.



## 12. BC Winter Games Expectations

All participants (athletes, coaches and adult supervisors) must stay in BC Games accommodation and travel on BC Games transportation services. All participants must abide by the Freestyle BC Code of Conduct and the BC Games Society Culture of the Games.

- 12.1. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the Culture of the Games.
- 12.2. Coaches and adult supervisors are expected to supervise athletes during the BC Winter Games and be accountable for their athletes' conduct.

## 13. Games Registration Fee

All zone athletes who qualify to compete at the BC Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones) must pay the individual registration fee of **\$575**, payable to Freestyle BC. This fee will offset the costs related to Games transportation, accommodations, meals, coaching, officiating, bibs, medals, athlete entertainment and sports competitions.

All athletes, coaches and chaperones who will attend the BC Winter Games will be required to complete waivers and register online by **January 12th, 2026**

## 14. Registration Process

Athletes will pursue the qualification and selection period as noted above.

- 14.1. All participants, including athletes, coaches and adult chaperones, must commit to their BC Winter Games spot by January 12, 2026
- 14.2. All athletes must pay the athlete fee by January 12, 2026
- 14.3. Freestyle BC will submit final participant registration details to the BC Games Society by January 19th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.
- 14.4. BC Games Society will send Games information, including BCWG waivers, Culture of the Games online module, travel itineraries directly to all final registered participants via physical mail and/or email within ten days of the registration deadline.

## 15. Appeals

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

## 16. 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, Events Manager and the BC Games Society. Further information can be found on the Freestyle Skiing Technical Package. [CLICK HERE](#)