



# BC PARK 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 2026-2027 BC Park Provincial Team.

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

- 2.1. The Freestyle BC Park 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 athletes' skills and provide competitive opportunities in a team atmosphere, ultimately qualifying them 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. An ongoing gap analysis will identify each athlete's strengths and areas for improvement 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 is the governing body for freestyle skiing in BC
- 3.2. FC - Freestyle Canada is 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 Competition Definitions
  - 3.10.1 SS - Slopestyle
  - 3.10.2 BA – Big Air
  - 3.10.3 RE - Rail Event
  - 3.10.4 HP – Halfpipe

## 4. TIME FRAME

- 4.1. The BC Park Team Selection period is from November 1st to April 30th.
  - 4.1.1. Fifteen days after the last competition, the ranking list is approved.
  - 4.1.2. Athlete selections will begin immediately after the ranking list is approved.
  - 1.1.1. 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 Park Team is the responsibility of the Executive Director, acting on the recommendations of the HPP Selection Committee ("Selection Committee").
- 5.2. The Selection Committee will determine the Provincial team size and the size of each of its groups. *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 Park 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 directly from the coach to the athlete (e.g., 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 Park 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 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 Park 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 rank 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 Park & Pipe Ranking List
- 9.2 Athletes eligible for selection will be ranked based on their four highest-ranking events: a maximum of two Big Air and one Rail Event.
- 9.3 ONLY Junior Nationals, Canada Cup FIS, NORAMs, Canada Winter Games, Senior Nationals and World Junior events will be considered for BC Park Team Selections
- 9.4 Timber Tours and Canada Cup Development Series will not be included in BC Park Team Selections
- 9.5 FC Slopestyle and Big Air Rankings
  - 9.5.1 BC Athlete placement on the Freestyle Canada HPP Ranking list will also determine athlete eligibility for the BC Park Team.

The BC Park & Pipe ranking will be calculated using the FBC ranking method. The BC Park & Pipe team ranking list will be calculated using the FBC Ranking. The table of eligible events and the corresponding point values can be found in Appendix 1.

The Freestyle Canada Park & Pipe Rankings will be used, in conjunction with the BC Park & Pipe 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 field size and the presence of provincial or national team athletes to provide the most accurate overall standings. Weighting can be boosted or decayed based on 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 LTD 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](#) are available 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 FBC



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

The following are included in Special Ranking Considerations:

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

## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to, injury or death in the family.

The HPPC will nominate athletes they feel qualify under this clause:

- 9.14 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).
- 9.15 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).
- 9.16 The Selection Committee can make exceptions to injury clauses for exceptional cases. This may include extending the backward selection period or making other adjustments to address the particular case.
- 9.17 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 extent of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time to recovery.
- 9.18 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.



9.19 Special consideration will be given to athletes during pregnancy or to new parents. In these cases, the usable results will be a maximum of 1.5 seasons retroactive.

## 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 HPPC, FBC coaching staff may be granted coach discretion where GMP criteria cannot differentiate between athletes or if there are open spots.

## 10. Appeals

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

## 11. General

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



# APPENDIX

## Eligible Events and Weighting

Event	Maximum Points	Recursive Value
Canada Cup FIS	700	2% (M), 3% (W)
Canada Winter Games	700	2% (M), 3% (W)
Junior Worlds	800	2% (M), 3% (W)
Senior Nationals	850	2% (M), 3% (W)
Noram	950	1.5% (M), 2% (W)

## Sample Placing Point Summary

Noram		Senior Nationals		Junior Worlds		Canada Winter Games	
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1	950	1	850	1	800	1	700
2	936	2	833	2	784	2	686
3	922	3	816	3	768	3	672
4	908	4	800	4	753	4	659
5	894	5	784	5	738	5	646
6	881	6	768	6	723	6	633
7	868	7	753	7	709	7	620
8	855	8	738	8	695	8	608
9	842	9	723	9	681	9	596
10	829	10	709	10	667	10	584
11	817	11	695	11	654	11	572
12	804	12	681	12	641	12	561
13	792	13	667	13	628	13	549
14	781	14	654	14	615	14	538
15	769	15	641	15	603	15	528
16	757	16	628	16	591	16	517
17	746	17	615	17	579	17	507
18	735	18	603	18	567	18	497
19	724	19	591	19	556	19	487
20	713	20	579	20	545	20	477
21	702	21	567	21	534	21	467
22	692	22	556	22	523	22	458

Canada Cup	
Men	Women
1	700
2	686
3	672
4	659
5	646
6	633
7	620
8	608
9	596
10	584
11	572
12	561
13	549
14	538
15	528
16	517
17	507
18	497
19	487
20	477
21	467
22	458