



CANADA CUP DEVELOPMENT SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. PREAMBLE

The Canada Cup Development Series, presented by Toyo Tires, is our National Development Open Competition Circuit. This series is intended to bridge the gap between Timber Tour events and Canada Cup FIS events. It is designed primarily for athletes in the Train to Train (T2T) 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 Development 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 for the BC division in the Canada Cup Dev Series. Freestyle Canada will reallocate unused quotas.

1.2 Eligibility for Selection to a Canada Cup Dev Event

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 Hold a Provincial Membership

1.2.1.4 Through the selection process

1.2.1.5 Athletes who have competed in Norams will not be eligible

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 primarily represent 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

The Canada Cup Development Series spots will be selected based on the current BC Park & Mogul Ranking.

It is recommended that athletes do not compete in more than two tiers of events during a competition season. See Appendix “Event Structure & LTAD Pathway”.



1.5 Canada Cup Mogul Selection

The most recent ranking will determine which athletes are selected for the Canada Cup FIS Series. Athletes who earn a spot for moguls will be registered and expected to compete in single moguls and dual moguls. Events eligible for selection are the BC Timber Tour, Canada Cup Series, and Jr Nationals. 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 Dev 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 the athletes selected for the Canada Cup Series. Athletes who earn a spot in park & pipe will be registered and expected to compete in slopestyle, big air, rail event, and halfpipe (if available). The Timber Tour, Junior Nationals, and Canada Cups events are eligible for selection.

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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 in their previous season results.
- 1.7.3 The HP Committee may request video documentation for 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 improving their performance may be moved above 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 toward the program goal may move lower than their 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.

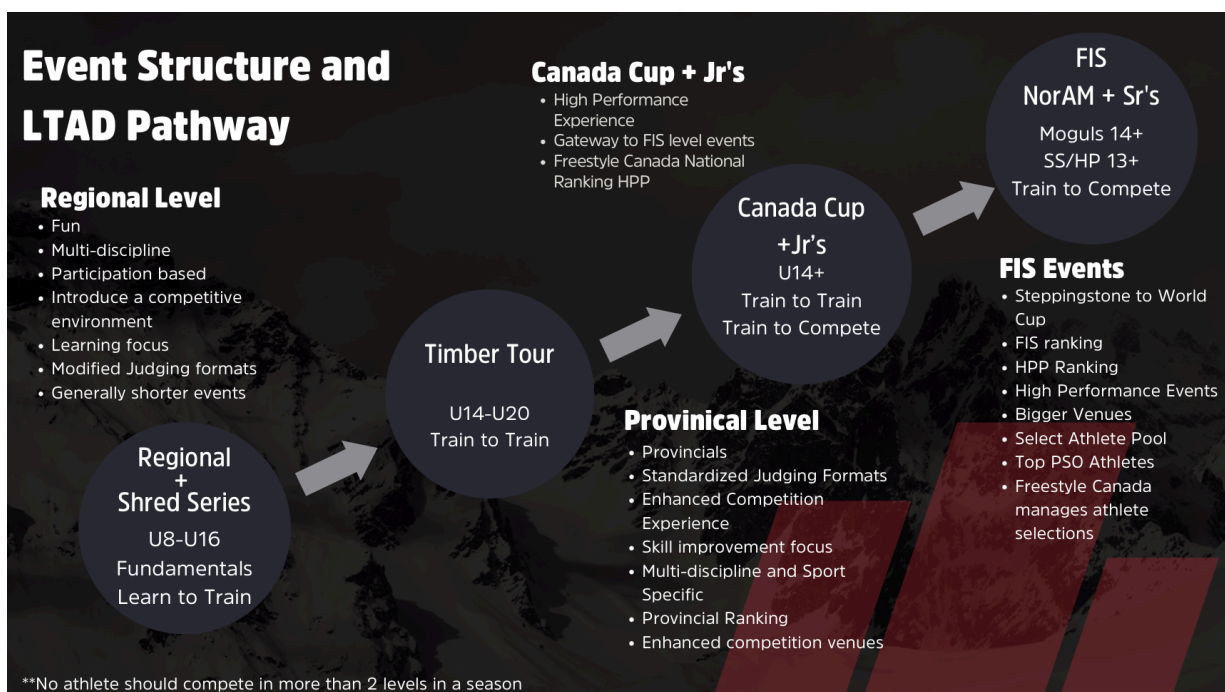
2. Score Anomaly

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 extending the backward selection period 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 extent of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time to 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.

4. Event Structure & LTAD Pathway





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