



2027 CANADA WINTER GAMES

SELECTION CRITERIA

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PREAMBLE

Team BC will compete against teams composed entirely of athletes from other provinces and territories. Members of Team BC are representatives of the Province of British Columbia. The Games are a multi-sport competition where Canadian provinces and territories compete against each other to win the Canada Games Flag.

The 2027 Games Freestyle Events will take place in Quebec City (Stoneham), Quebec. The dates of the freestyle skiing events at the 2027 CWG are between February 27 and March 14, 2027.

**At the time of the publication of this criteria, certain dates have not yet been made available to Freestyle BC. Dates labelled as "TBA" will be updated to this criterion, along with notification of these updates on Freestyle BC's website.*

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must have been a BC resident for at least 180 days immediately preceding the Canada Winter Games (CWG) start date of February 27th, 2027. A BC resident is defined as a person who lives within the boundaries of the Province of BC. Athletes who live outside of the BC border are not eligible to be a member of Team BC unless they meet the following additional criteria.

Athletes may represent Team BC at the CWG if their permanent residence falls outside the boundaries of the province, provided they are a member of a club, AMT or APPT for the entire previous or current competitive season. Such athletes must not have received direct development funding from their province/territory of permanent residence within a year of the Opening Ceremony, unless the funding jurisdiction provides permission for the athlete to compete for Team BC.



Athletes must be a member of a Freestyle BC (FBC) club/high-performance program, or Freestyle Canada's (FC) NextGen Team at the time of the CWG Team BC athlete nominations. Athletes must be in good standing with both FBC and FC to be eligible for a CWG spot.

Athletes must have a valid FBC/FC athlete license at the time of CWG Team BC athlete nominations. Selected athletes must have a CanFree 4 athlete license or higher at the time of the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Canadian Team athletes: Canadian National World Cup Team athletes are not eligible for BC's CWG spots.

NextGen athlete: To be a member of NextGen, an athlete must have signed a valid Freestyle Canada High Performance Program Athlete Agreement. This agreement must be valid at the time of the 2027 CWG and at the time of the 2027 CWG Team BC selection (December 22, 2026).

BC Mogul /BC Park and Pipe athlete: To be a member of BC Mogul or BC Park and Pipe, an athlete must have signed a valid Freestyle BC High Performance Program Athlete Agreement. This agreement must be valid at the time of the 2027 CWG and at the time of the 2027 CWG Team BC selection (December 22, 2026).

Age Limitations: Athletes must be at least 13 and no more than 20 years of age as of December 31, 2026.

Year of birth: 2006-2013

Minimum Skill Level: Athletes must meet a minimum skill level that is determined by the CWG Team BC coach for the discipline(s) in question, as well as FBC's High Performance Director or Executive Director.

Athletes are expected to compete in all the disciplines for which they have earned a spot at the Games. Mogul/Aerial athletes must compete in both events at the 2027 CWG. Slopestyle/Big Air/Halfpipe athletes must compete in the slopestyle, big air and halfpipe events at the 2027 CWG.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event. A minimum of two athletes per gender from the selected FBC CWG Team must participate in each discipline



SELECTION PROTOCOL

All FBC CWG Team BC athletes must be in attendance at the games until the completion of the events they have been selected to compete in. If weather days are required to complete an event, athletes must stay at the Games on those days.

Disciplines are moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, big air and halfpipe.

8 BC athletes will be selected for the games in total. The spots will be distributed as:

- 2 male mogul/aerial spots.
- 2 female mogul/aerial spots.
- 2 male slopestyle/big air/halfpipe spots.
- 2 female slopestyle/big air/halfpipe spots.

Selection Period: December 1st 2025 to December 22nd 2026

Selection Process:

1. Quota spots will be allocated to the top eligible athletes in the CWG FBC's 2025 - 2026 Official Ranking for each gender discipline. The 2025-26 Park and Pipe HPP Ranking will be used for Team BC athlete selection in slopestyle/big air. The 2025-26 Mogul RPA Ranking will be used to select Team BC mogul/aerial athletes. For details on how the RPA Ranking system works, please see FBC's 2025-2026 Weighting Criteria. To view the FBC RPA Rankings, please go to <https://freestylebc.ski/results/>
2. Athletes who are members of Freestyle Canada's National NextGen Team (NextGen) will be given priority for a regular spot before non-NextGen athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible NextGen athletes within a spot's assigned gender/discipline (i.e. female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air) will a regular spot become open up to non-NextGen athletes.
3. Athletes who are members of the BC Mogul Team (BCMT) or the BC Park and Pipe Athletes (BCPPA) will be given priority before



non-BCMT/BCPPA/NextGen athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible BCMT, BCPPA, or NextGen athletes within a spot's assigned gender/discipline (i.e. female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air/halfpipe) will a spot become open up to non-BCMT/BCPPA/NextGen athletes.

4. CWG Spots will not be transferred between genders.
5. Unused CWG Spots may be transferred between disciplines if there are no remaining eligible athletes within a spot's assigned discipline.
6. The CWG Team BC roster must be provided to the CWG council by January 1, 2027.
7. Selected Team BC athletes are expected to attend all necessary meetings and training camps leading up to the games.

INJURY AND ALTERNATES

In the event a Team BC athlete becomes injured or is unable to attend the CWG, an alternate will be selected by FBC's High Performance Program Committee. Alternate spots will be awarded to the next highest ranked person in the appropriate gender discipline (i.e. female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air).

Inverts must be qualified as per the FC invert guidelines, and must be performed in the presence of a coach who meets FC's requirements for coaching inverted maneuvers.

COACHING

All freestyle skiing CWG Team BC coaches and managers will be appointed by FBC. All CWG freestyle skiing Team BC athletes will be coached/managed by these staff. The FBC Coaching staff will consist of two coaches and a manager. One female coach must be selected.

All coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)



Competition Stream, Development Context (certified status) in Freestyle Ski (either Moguls or Slopestyle), with the exception of Aerials coaches, who must be

Competition Stream, Introduction - Air (certified status).

Any athletes performing single inverted jumps must be supported by a Freestyle

Canada Certified Air 4 Coach. Any athletes performing doubles must be supported by a Freestyle Canada Certified Air Doubles (Snow) Coach.

Coaches must be certified at least 90 days prior to the opening ceremony (November 29, 2026).