



2023 Canada Winter Games Athlete Selection Criteria

Following the Freestyle Canada Winter Games Technical Package, Freestyle Nova Scotia (FNS) will be sending a team of 5 male and 5 female athletes to compete in 6 events per gender at the Winter Games. The tech package requires at least 2 FNS athletes per gender in each of the events, except for Dual Moguls Team which requires 1 team comprised of 1 male and 1 female athlete.

Understanding the vast differences in training requirements for Slopestyle/Big Air and Moguls, FNS has decided to split the gender allocations into 2 groupings:

- The FNS Slopestyle/Big Air grouping will be 3 male and 3 female athletes who will compete in Slopestyle(SS) and Big Air(BA) at the Games.
- The FNS Moguls grouping will be 2 male and 2 female athletes who will compete in all 3 mogul events at the Games.

For the required Two males and two female Aerial athletes, the selection will be done the FNS Canada Winter Games coaching staff from the Slopestyle/Big Air and Moguls athlete groups.

Athletes will be selected from the list of athletes who submitted an expression of interest before the deadline of January 16, 2022. If after the first round of selections, there are still spots available on the team, FNS reserves the right to selected athletes using an alternate process.

Slopestyle / Big Air Selection

The process for selecting the 3 male and 3 female athletes for the Slopestyle/Big Air grouping is described below.

Athlete Selection Process

Athletes will be chosen by a selection committee using an RPA ranking system (see below). Athletes will be ranked based on the February 1st, 2022 to April 30, 2022 provincial and national series event competitions in each discipline (SS&BA). It is the athlete's responsibility to make the committee aware of any results outside of the provincial series. Athletes can do this by emailing a link to the results to the FNS Executive Director (alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca). The final date for submission of competitions outside the province is May 5, 2022.

The selection of athletes will be based on the RPA ranking of their total top 3 results from eligible competitions. The FNS Canada Winter Games Slopestyle /Big Air group will be announced on June 1, 2022.

RELATIVE POINT AVERAGE (RPA) METHOD

RPA is determined by calculating the athlete's score relative to the top score of the event.

Event RPA is calculated from all scores from all athletes within the gender in an Event, it is not calculated based on Age Groupings in an Event. Events will have different weightings based on size and difficulty of terrain, level of competing athletes (provincial, national, international, athlete worldwide ranking), regional scope (Provincial, National or International), type and governance of the event (FNS, FC, FIS, AFP).

Calculation of RPA (by gender):

Athletes' Event score ÷ Top Score in that Event x 1000 x Weighting of the Event =Athlete RPA for that Event

Event Weightings:

- 90/95/100% (qualifiers/semis/finals) for World Cup, and pro events
- 90/95% (semi/final) for Jr. World Champs
- 85/90% (semi/finals) for NorAms
- 75% for Junior Nationals
- 75/80% (qual/finals) for Canada Cup and National Championships
- 60% for Provincials

Mogul Selection

The process for selecting the 2 male and 2 female athletes for the Moguls grouping is described below.

Athlete Selection Process

Athletes will be chosen by a selection committee using an RPA ranking system (see below). Athletes will be ranked based on the February 1st, 2022 to April 30, 2022 provincial and national series event competitions in each mogul discipline (MO/DM/DMT). It is the athlete's responsibility to make the committee aware of any results outside of the provincial series. Athletes can do this by emailing a link to the results to the FNS Executive Director (alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca). The final date for submission of competitions outside the province is May 5, 2022.

The selection of athletes will be based on the RPA ranking of their total top 1 result from eligible competitions. The FNS Canada Winter Games Mogul group will be announced on June 1, 2022.

RELATIVE POINT AVERAGE (RPA) METHOD

RPA is determined by calculating the athlete's score relative to the top score of the event.

Event RPA is calculated from all scores from all athletes within the gender in an Event, it is not calculated based on Age Groupings in an Event. Events will have different weightings based on size and difficulty of terrain, level of competing athletes (provincial, national, international, athlete worldwide ranking), regional scope (Provincial, National or International), type and governance of the event (FNS, FC, FIS, AFP).

Calculation of RPA (by gender):

Athletes' Event score ÷ Top Score in that Event x 1000 x Weighting of the Event =Athlete RPA for that Event

Event Weightings:

- 90/95/100% (qualifiers/semis/finals) for World Cup, and pro events
- 90/95% (semi/final) for Jr. World Champs
- 85/90% (semi/finals) for NorAms
- 75% for Junior Nationals
- 75/80% (qual/finals) for Canada Cup and National Championships
- Aussie Rules Provincial events will not be included.

General Selection Information

Alternate Athletes

FNS Canada Winter Games Committee may assign 1 female and 1 male alternate athlete for each of the Slopestyle/Big Air and Moguls groups. Alternate athletes will be chosen by the selection committee using an RPA ranking system.

Injury Exemption

If an athlete becomes injured and is unable to compete in eligible events, the athlete may be awarded a spot on the team for the Games granted that:

- The athlete must notify and provide proper documentation from a medical doctor to the Freestyle Nova Scotia office as soon as they become injured and are unable to compete. Documentation must be sent to alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca.
- The FNS office must be notified when the athlete is able to return to competition.
- Athletes with less than the required eligible competition results are only eligible for the "Injury Exemption"
- The applicable time frame for using the "Injury Exemption" will begin when the athlete was unable to ski due to injury and end once the athlete is given medical clearance to resume competition.

- The “Injury Exemption” will not be applied until the Athlete Selection Criteria is completed.
- Once it is determined that an athlete is eligible for an injury exemption, they will be ranked using their current scores from the eligible competitions. The athletes overall result will be reviewed FNS Canada Winter Games Coach to determine if there needs to be an adjustment.
- To compete at the Canada Winter Games, an injured athlete must demonstrate at least 14 days prior to the Games, the same skill level as prior to any injury. Also, the athlete will need Medical, coaching, and parental clearance documentation to compete.

Appeal Process

Athletes who have not been selected and who wish to appeal the decision can do so by filing an appeal in writing to the Freestyle Nova Scotia Board of Directors and Officers. Appeals must be submitted through registered mail.

Grounds for appeal will be strictly limited to:

- 1) Whether or not the FNS completed the selection process in accordance with their published selection criteria and related procedures.
- 2) Whether or not the published criteria were applied in a fair and objective manner.

After hearing an appeal, the Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

- 1) Direct FNS to repeat the selection process using the correct criteria and /or process and submit a new list of selected athletes; or
- 2) Deny the appeal.

The deadline for appeals to FNS will be 7 days after posting of the Canada Winter Games Slopestyle and Big Air group. Appeals should be sent to:

Freestyle Nova Scotia
5516 Spring Garden Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 1G6

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined, FNS reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timeline. Should this occur, all athletes for selection will be notified of the changes in a timely manner.