



**2022 Canadian Junior Championships**  
**Winsport, AB**  
**March 25-27, 2022**  
**Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air**

**2022 Athlete Selection Criteria**

Nova Scotia Quota Allocation for Junior Nationals: TBD

The Canadian Junior Championships is an opportunity for athletes under the age of 18 to compete at a National Championship. This event is operated by Freestyle Canada (FC). Freestyle Nova Scotia (FNS) aims to select the top-performing provincial team at the Canadian Junior National Championships (Junior Nationals) in all 3 disciplines (Slopestyle, Big Air & Half Pipe).

**Determination of Provincial Quotas**

Freestyle Canada establishes the allocation of divisional quotas for Junior Nationals. The quotas allocated to the NS division are the property of Freestyle Nova Scotia. Only Freestyle Nova Scotia is empowered to select the athletes to fill the quotas allocated to Nova Scotia for the Canadian Junior Championships. Unused quotas will be re-allocated by Freestyle Canada. Freestyle Nova Scotia may benefit from and take advantage of re-allocated quotas from other provinces, however, those quotas may not be available at the time of the initial team's choosing and may not be known until closer to the game's date.

**Age Categories**

Athlete age will be calculated as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

- U14: Ages 12 and 13
- U16: Ages 14 and 15
- U18: Ages 16 and 17

**Eligibility for Selection to Junior Nationals**

To be eligible to compete at Junior Nationals, an athlete must:

- Be a member in good standing with Freestyle Nova Scotia;
- Be a registered member of a Freestyle Nova Scotia club or team program;
- Meet the age requirements for Junior Nationals and go through the selection process.

Athletes are selected on a discipline-by-discipline basis. If all criteria are met, at least one athlete of each gender will be chosen to participate in each event.

**Athlete Selection Process:**

Athletes will be chosen by a committee using an RPA ranking system\*\*. The quota for each discipline will be filled following the 2022 Provincial series competitions, ending on February 26, 2022. Any event results after this date will not be considered in the selection process.

Eligible athletes are ranked based on the 2022 national and provincial series events in each discipline. It is the athlete's responsibility to make the selection committee aware of any event

results outside of the provincial series. Athletes can do this by emailing a link of the results to the Executive Director(alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca) of FNS. An athlete's rank will be determined by the sum of their best 2 RPA scores for a particular discipline.

### **Selection Deadline**

As the Junior National Championship event is held outside of Nova Scotia, the selection deadline will be 19 days prior to the first day of official training at Winsport. Announcements of the team for the 2022 Canadian Junior Championships will be made on March 4th, 2022.

### **Organization of Registration and Travel**

Freestyle Nova Scotia will manage the registration and entry fees as per the Freestyle Canada Junior National guidelines.

A parent volunteer will assist with all travel arrangements. Once your athlete is confirmed and committed to the team, a deposit of \$250 will be required to secure their spot. A budget for the trip will be provided and full payment must be made 10 days prior to the team's departure.

Athletes chosen to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Junior Championships are required to:

1. Sign and abide by the FSNS Code of Conduct.
2. Parents must have completed "Respect in Sport" parent program.

### **Appeal Process**

Athletes who have not been selected and who wish to appeal the decision of the selection committee 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 Selection Committee 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 the Selection Committee 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 3 days after posting of the Junior National Team.

Appeals should be sent to:

Freestyle Nova Scotia

5516 Spring Garden Road Halifax, Nova Scotia

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### **Unforeseen Circumstances**

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this document, Freestyle Nova Scotia reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

## **Appendix**

### **Special Ranking Considerations**

The Freestyle Nova Scotia Selection Committee may in some cases choose to select athletes out of the initial ranking order. In such cases, the committee must record in 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 example:

- Athletes who have reached international/national/regional event podiums in recent years.

### **Extraordinary Circumstances**

Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to circumstances such as injury, death in the family. The Committee may nominate athletes they feel do qualify under this clause.

- The athlete must notify and provide proof to the Freestyle Nova Scotia office as soon as they become injured and/or are unable to compete in a discipline of an event. Proper documentation from a medical doctor must be provided. Documentation must be sent to: [alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:alpinens@sportnovascotia.ca)
- The FNS office must be notified when the athlete is able to return to competition.
- The applicable time frame for using the “Extraordinary Circumstances” will begin when the athlete was unable to ski due to injury or other reasons and end once the athlete is given medical clearance to resume competition.
- The “Extraordinary Circumstances” will not be applied until the Athlete Selection Criteria is completed.
- 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.
- To compete at Junior Nationals, an athlete must have demonstrated to the Selection Committee 14 days prior to the event that they can compete at the same skill level prior to any injury. Medical and Coaching documentation of clearance to compete and parental approval must be provided.

## **\*\* 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).

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