

# FREESTYLE ALBERTA - SELECTION CRITERIA

## 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES: Red Deer Feb 2019

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Canada Winter Games (CWG) is an opportunity for athletes in the “Train to Compete” stage of the Long Term Athlete Development model (LTAD) to participate in a multi-sport winter games.

The objective of Freestyle Alberta (FA) is to select a team that has the most medal potential at the CWG. CWG flag points are a secondary objective to the overall medal count.

FA will select a 2019 CWG team to represent Team Alberta, comprised of 6 male and 6 female athletes to compete in the disciplines of:

- Moguls
- Aerials
- Slopestyle
- Halfpipe
- Big Air

FA's 2019 CWG Section Committee consists of the following individuals:

Chris Ebborn, Head Coach 2019 CWG, Alberta Park & Pipe Team Head Coach

Rob Kober, Assistant Coach 2019 CWG, Alberta Mogul Team Head Coach

Troy Minogue, Treasurer, FA\*

\*FA Executive Board member Troy Minogue in lieu of the FA Executive Director as that position is currently vacant.

### TIME FRAME

- **2019 CWG Team Selection period:** November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, inclusively.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the 2019 CWG Alberta Team an athlete must:

- Have an active membership with Freestyle Canada indicating that they are part of an FA registered club
- Be registered in an FA club program; or be registered to the Alberta Freestyle Ski Team
- Have no outstanding debt with FA or an FA registered club
- Athletes must be a minimum of 14 years of age and a maximum of 20 years of age, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Appendix 1 of the CWG Freestyle Skiing Technical Package:

<https://www.canadagames.ca/sites/cgc/files/2019%20Technical%20Package%20-%20Freestyle%20Ski%20-%20v1.0%20-%202017.07.01.pdf>

## **SELECTION METHOD**

Spots on the FA 2019 CWG Team will be distributed as follows:

- 3 female Mogul/Aerial spots
- 3 male Mogul/Aerial spots
- 3 female Slopestyle/Halfpipe/Big air/ spots
- 3 male Slopestyle/Halfpipe/Big air spots

The ranking lists will be categorized by gender.

All athletes eligible for selection are ranked using their 3 highest RPA value events according to the FA Selection Policy, however the CWG ranking list will consist of the 3 best RPAs from the 2017-2018 final ranking list but include the Yukon Canada Cup in Slopestyle in November 2018 and the Canadian Selection Mogul event at Apex in December 2018 ("CWG Ranking List").

Because there is no Halfpipe competition opportunity within the selection period, the Halfpipe selections will be based on the 2017-2018 FA ranking list.

Selection of FA athletes for the first 2 spots for each gender in Moguls and Aerials to the FA CWG Team will be based on the FA CWG ranking list for Moguls.

Selection of FA athletes for each gender in Slopestyle and Halfpipe will be based on the CWG Ranking List for Halfpipe and Slopestyle with the top Slopestyle skier per gender and the top Halfpipe skier per gender selected.

Selection of FA athletes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot for each gender in each discipline group may be based on the CWG Ranking Lists, but may also be chosen as a "wildcard" pick by the CWG Selection Committee. Such cases will be based on the discretion of the discipline coaches on the CWG Selection Committee. The purpose of such cases is to account for the possibility of an athlete demonstrating significant development and improved potential developed during the 2018 off-season that may not be reflected in an RPA ranking and include consideration of results from the Yukon Canada Cup for Slopestyle and the and Canadian Selection Mogul at Apex, respectively for each discipline.

As part of the selection process, 2 alternates will be named for each gender in each discipline group:

- 2 female Mogul/Aerial alternates
- 2 male Mogul/Aerial alternates
- 2 female Slopestyle/Halfpipe/Big air/ alternates
- 2 male Slopestyle/Halfpipe/Big air alternates

Selection of FA athletes as alternates may be based on the CWG Ranking Lists, but may also be chosen as a "wildcard" pick by the CWG Selection Committee as per the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot for each gender in each discipline group.

In the event that the number of athletes who decline their spots exceed the named alternates, the CWG Selection Committee will name further subsequent alternates as needed until there are no further CWG eligible athletes.

The 2017-2018 FA ranking lists can be found here:

<https://freestylealberta.ski/rpas/>

The mogul ranking list will be used for mogul events only, however, athletes will be required to compete in both Moguls and Aerials.

Athletes selected for Slopestyle or Halfpipe will be required to compete in all three events: Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air at CWG.

The CWG Selection Committee may review and adjust RPA value points after each event. Adjustments may be made to provide the most accurate overall standings. Weighting may be adjusted in either the positive or negative direction. Factors that will be considered when adjusting the RPA value points will include:

- Field Size (total number of athletes)
- Depth of field (Ability level of athletes)
- Canadian National Team representation
- Difficulty of course/features
- Prize money
- AFP assessment of points

The CWG Selection Committee reserves the right to amend this criteria without notice in order to best represent the province and optimize the chances of winning the most medals at CWG.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection of athletes to participate in the CWG is the responsibility of the CWG Selection Committee.

All revisions to selection documents shall, unless otherwise specifically indicated, come into effect immediately upon their ratification by the FA Executive Board of Directors.

The short list of selected athletes and alternates will be chosen by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and those athletes will be communicated with as soon as practical after December 20, 2018.

Athletes will have 48 hours to accept their CWG spot before being offered to the next athlete on the corresponding CWG Ranking List.

## **APPEALS**

An appeal of any decision of the CWG Selection Committee may be made by any FA member in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeals Policy established by Freestyle Alberta.

### **General**

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the FA Executive Board of Directors in consultation with the CWG Selection Committee.