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FREESTYLE ALBERTA

2023 CANADA WINTER GAMES

SELECTION CRITERIA

At the time of the publication of this criteria, certain dates have not yet been made available to Freestyle Alberta. Dates labeled as “TBA” will be updated to this criteria, along with notification of these updates on Freestyle Alberta’s website.

Team Alberta will be competing against teams that are made up entirely of athletes who are representatives of the other provinces and territories. Members of Team Alberta are representatives of the Province of Alberta. The Games are a multi-sport competition where Canadian provinces and territories compete against each other to win the Canada Games Flag.

The 2023 Games Freestyle Events will take place at Crabbe Mountain in Bright, New Brunswick (Moguls & Aerials) and Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale, PEI (Slopestyle & Big Air).

ALBERTA RESIDENCY

Athlete must have been an Alberta resident for at least 180 days immediately preceding the Canada Winter Games (CWG) start date of February 17th, 2023. An Alberta resident is defined as a person who lives within the boundaries of the Province of Alberta. Athletes who live outside of the Alberta border are not eligible to be a member of Team Alberta unless they meet the following additional criteria.

*Athlete may represent Team Alberta at the CWG if their permanent residence falls outside the boundaries of the province provided they are a member of a club, AMT (Alberta Mogul Team) or APPT (Alberta Park and Pipe Team) for the entire previous or current competitive season. Not having 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 Alberta.



Athletes must be a member of a Freestyle Alberta (FA) club/high performance program, or Freestyle Canada's NextGen Team at the time of the CWG Team Alberta athlete nominations.

Athletes must have a valid Freestyle Alberta (FA)/Freestyle Canada (FC) athlete license at the time of CWG Team Alberta athlete nominations.

Selected athletes must have an active FIS Athlete Membership at the time of the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

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The dates of the freestyle skiing events at the 2023 CWG are between February 18-25, 2023.

All FA CWG Team Alberta athletes must be in attendance at the games until the completion of the events they have been selected to compete in. If weather days must be used to complete an event, athletes must stay at the Games for these days.

Disciplines are moguls, aerials, slopestyle and big air.

An athlete must be in good standing with FA and FC to be eligible for a CWG spot.

10 Alberta athletes in total will be selected for the games. These 10 spots will be distributed as 8 regular spots, and follows among four gender disciplines:

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

Wildcard spots will be distributed as:

*Wildcard Selection Process is detailed in Section 8. a) and 8. b)

- 1 wild card female spot
- 1 wild card male spot



PARTICIPANTS – ATHLETES

5 Males(max), 5 Females(max)

Athletes are expected to compete in all the disciplines they have earned a spot for at the Games. Mogul/Aerial athletes must compete in both the mogul and aerial events at the 2023 CWG. Slopestyle/Big Air athletes must compete in the slopestyle and big air at the 2023 CWG.

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

*Exceptions to this rule may be permitted for P/T teams sending less than 4 athletes per gender. Requests for exceptions must be submitted to Freestyle Canada.

Age Limitations: CWG events do not have age categories. However, athletes must be a minimum of 14 years of age and a maximum of 20 years of age, as of December 31, 2022. Year of birth: 2002-2008

Minimum Skill Level: Athlete's must meet a minimum skill level that is determined by the CWG Team Alberta coach for the discipline(s) in question, as well as FA Sport Director.

Selection Period: December 1st 2021 to December 20th 2022

Selection Process:

1. Athletes who are members of Freestyle Canada's National NextGen Team (NextGen) will be given priority 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 spot become open up to non-NextGen athletes.
2. Athletes who are members of the Alberta Mogul Team (AMT) or the Alberta Park and Pipe Team (APPT) will be given priority before non-AMT/APPT/NextGen athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible AMT, APPT, or NextGen athletes within a spot 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-AMT/APPT/NextGen athletes.

3. In order for an athlete to be a member of AMT or APPT, an athlete must have signed a valid Freestyle Alberta High Performance Program Athlete Agreement. This agreement must be valid at the time of the 2023 CWG, and at the time of the 2023 CWG Team Alberta selection (December 31, 2022).

In order for an 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 2023 CWG, and at the time of the 2023 CWG Team Alberta selection (December 31, 2022).

4. Athletes must be in good standing with Freestyle Alberta and Freestyle Canada at the time of the 2023 CWG Team Alberta selection (December 31, 2022).
5. CWG Spots will not be transferred between genders.
6. Unused CWG Spots may be transferred between disciplines if there are no remaining eligible athletes within a spot's assigned discipline.
7. Quota spots will be allocated to the top 2 eligible athletes in FA's 2021-22 Official Ranking for each gender discipline. The 2021-22 FA Slopestyle/Big Air Ranking will be used for Slopestyle/Big air Team Alberta athlete selection. The 2021-22 FA Mogul RPA Ranking will be used for the mogul Team Alberta athlete selection. Inclusive of Apex Selections for Moguls and first Canada Cup event for Slopestyle and Big Air in the 2022-2023 season. For details on how the RPA Ranking system works, please see FA's 2022-2023 Selection Criteria. To view the 2021-22 FA RPA Rankings, please go to <https://freestylealberta.ski/selection-criteria/#>
8. Wildcard Selection Process will select (1) Male athlete and (1) Female athlete
 - a. The female wildcard spot will be allocated to either the 3rd ranked female for Slopestyle/Big Air, or the 3rd ranked female for Moguls after the regular quota spots have been filled. The HP Committee will make the selection between these two athletes based on the athletes best single ranking at a NorAM event within the CWG Selection Period. In the case of a tie, the athlete with the next best NorAM event ranking will be ranked ahead. If neither athlete has a NorAM result the process will repeat for Canada Cups best ranking.
 - b. The male wildcard spot will be allocated to either the 3rd ranked male for Slopestyle/Big Air, or the 3rd ranked male for Moguls after the regular



quota spots have been filled. The HP Committee will make the selection between these two athletes based on the athletes best single ranking at a NorAM event within the CWG Selection Period. In the case of a tie, the athlete with the next best NorAM event ranking will be ranked ahead. If neither athlete has a NorAM result the process will repeat for Canada Cups best ranking.

9. The CWG Team Alberta roster must be provided to the CWG council by January 5, 2023.
10. To qualify for an Alberta spot at CWG, an athlete must train with an Alberta freestyle club within the FC defined boundaries of Alberta during the year of the Canada Winter Games, or Freestyle Canada's National NextGen Team. Athletes competing at the CWG must continue to train and compete for Alberta for the duration of the competitive season.
11. Selected Team Alberta athletes are expected to attend all necessary meetings and training camps leading up to the games.

Injury and Alternates

In the event a Team Alberta athlete becomes injured or is unable to attend the CWG, an alternate will be selected by FA'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.

National Team Athletes

Canadian National World Cup Team athletes are not eligible for Alberta's spots at the CWG.

Canadian National NextGen athletes who meet all of this criteria's eligibility requirements are eligible for Alberta spots at the 2023 CWG.



Coaching

All Freestyle CWG Team Alberta coaches and managers will be appointed by FA. All CWG Freestyle Team Alberta athletes will be coached/managed by these staff. FA will appoint a minimum of 1 staff per gender to a maximum of 2 per gender and a limit of 3 total based on CWG Freestyle Guidelines.