



MOGUL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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The Freestyle Alberta Mogul Team comprises the best provincial Freestyle Skiers representing Alberta in Provincial, National and International competitions. The goal of the provincial team program is to advance the skills of the athletes and to offer competitive opportunities in a team atmosphere to ultimately qualify the athlete for the Canadian National Team program.

There must be at least six interested athletes meeting a minimum skill level (MSL) to form a provincial team for any Freestyle discipline (Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, Big Air, and Slopestyle). A maximum team size will be decided based upon the number of eligible athletes and operation budget. The Freestyle Alberta High Performance Director with input from the FA Team coaches and Freestyle Alberta High Performance Committee (HP Committee) will assess whether the athlete meets the minimum skill level to join the Alberta Team program.

TIMEFRAME

- Team selection is normally for one calendar season (May to April)
- The Alberta Mogul Team Selection period: December 1st to April 30th inclusively

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the Alberta Team Mogul Program an athlete must:

- Have an active membership with Freestyle Canada indicating that they are part of a Freestyle Alberta registered club.
- Be registered in a Freestyle Alberta club program; or be registered to the Alberta Freestyle Ski Team.
- Have no outstanding debt with Freestyle Alberta or a Freestyle Alberta registered club.

SELECTION METHOD

Selection to the FA Mogul Team will be based on the FA final RPA Ranking List. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their three highest ranking events, from any FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial series level or higher in the current competition season.



Athletes must obtain a minimum average RPA of 550 across two competitions in the just concluded competition season.

The Alberta Mogul ranking list will be calculated using the relative point average (RPA) method. An athlete's score is compared to the overall winner. The table of eligible events and the corresponding weights can be found in the appendix.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to select athletes based on Special Rankings considerations or Extraordinary circumstance clause. The Freestyle Alberta HP Committee, with input from the FA Team Head Coaches, reviews all matters related to selection. The Freestyle Alberta Executive Director will be a member of this Committee and hold final decision.

Freestyle Alberta values gender equity and aims to have an equal representation of male and female athletes. The Freestyle Alberta HP Committee, with input from the FA Team Head Coaches, will determine the minimum performance level for the Alberta Freestyle Ski Team. If a gender ranking list does not fill the full quota based on the minimum performance level the unused spots will be transferred to the other gender.

Athletes current skill level relative to their point in the Long-Term Development (LTD) pathway will be strongly considered in the selection process.

An overview of the LTD benchmarks can be found in Sport For Life's [Long-Term Development In Sport and Physical Activity 3.0](#).

Additionally, detailed [Gold Medal Profiles and Skill Matrices](#) for all Freestyle Skiing disciplines can be found on Freestyle Canada's website.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of athletes to participate in the Alberta Freestyle Ski Team is the responsibility of the Executive Director, acting on the recommendations of the Freestyle Alberta High Performance Committee (HP Committee). The Executive Director may overrule any decision of the Freestyle Alberta High Performance Committee.

All revisions to Alberta Team Selection documents shall, unless otherwise specifically indicated, come into effect immediately upon their ratification by Executive Director of Freestyle Alberta.



Within 14 days of the completion of the Spring Talent ID Assessment:

1. The HP Committee reviews the initial ranking list and determines if there are any Special Ranking Considerations (see Appendix).
2. Eligible athletes are identified and ranked for nominations.
3. Athletes who would qualify for Extraordinary Circumstances (i.e. Injury, etc.) are identified and ranked appropriately.
4. Nominated athletes will be officially notified, having a period of 10 days to accept or decline selection.

OUT OF PROVINCE ATHLETES

Out of province athletes may be considered for selection to Alberta Team if:

- If the considered athlete provides an address of residence in Alberta by September 1st, prior to the next competitive season.
- If team spot allocations have not been exhausted following selection of all Alberta athletes that have met the required minimum skill level for Alberta Team as well as the selection of coach discretionary athletes, out of province athletes may be considered for remaining spots based on National Team rankings.
- If the out of province athlete will improve the daily training environment for current Alberta Team athletes.

ATHLETE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLAUSE

First year athletes will be given two years on the team to work on skill development and then use results in the second season pending following training and behavior requirements. All Senior team athletes will be evaluated on an annual basis in order to retain their position on the Alberta Mogul Team.

APPEALS

An appeal of any decision of the HP Committee may be made by any Freestyle Alberta 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 Executive Director of Freestyle Alberta, in consultation with the HP Committee.



APPENDIX

ELIGIBLE EVENTS AND WEIGHTING

EVENT	WEIGHT
Alberta Winter Games	50%
Alberta Provincial Series	65%
Canadian Series	75%
Junior Nationals	75%
Senior Nationals	90%
Canada Winter Games	85%
NorAm Cup	95%
Canadian Selections	85%
Junior World Champs	95%

RELATIVE POINT AVERAGE (RPA) METHOD

Relative point average (RPA) is the basis for ranking Alberta athletes in Moguls, RPA is determined by calculating the athlete's score relative to the top score of the event.

For example: The best score of a mogul run is 24.6. This score results in a RPA of 1000. The next best score is 23.1. Applying the RPA formula: $23.1 / 24.6 = 0.939$ or a RPA of 939. The resulting RPA score is then multiplied by the event weighting to determine the athlete's final score for the event. Once all scores are converted to RPA they are ranked from highest to lowest.

Athletes will only be allowed to use 1 RPA score from each competition. RPA calculations will automatically use the higher RPA from a competition.



SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

The Freestyle Alberta HP 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 examples:

- An athlete who is showing excellent results and increasing their performance results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics and/or technical capability; may be moved higher than their calculated ranking. (Rational: in some stages of development an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.)
- An athlete may be moved higher than their calculated ranking based on the Spring Talent ID Assessment. (Conducted in May at Sunshine Village)
- An athlete who might have demonstrated high achievement of KPIs/benchmarks but may not have a competition ranking reflective of their ability.
- An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than their calculated ranking.
- When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of “out of order” selection.
- An athlete with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.
- Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years.

SCORE ANOMALY

In some circumstances, there are 3 to 4 counting events on the same course within a short time frame, often with all events judged by the same panel. This scenario may warrant an out of order selection.



EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to circumstances such as injury, death in the family.

The HP Committee will nominate athletes they feel do qualify under this clause if:

- An athlete misses an entire season due to health-related curtailment of activities the selection period will be extended backwards to a maximum of one season.
- An athlete misses a portion of the competition season due to health-related curtailment of activities; the selection period will be extended backwards.
- The Selection Committee has the discretion to make exceptions to injury clause for special cases. This may include expanding the backwards extension of the selection period, or other adjustments to meet the special case.
- Freestyle Alberta may, at any time, require an athlete who is unable to participate in training or competition due to injury, to obtain a medical assessment from a team physician. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and the anticipated time of the athlete's recovery.
- 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.