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FREESTYLE ALBERTA 2027 CANADA WINTER GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

UPDATES

March 27, 2026 – Updates to CWG event dates and host locations. Athlete quota allocations in alignment with Freestyle Canada, technical package, with the halfpipe discipline Inc.

July 2, 2026 – Qualifying window adjusted to exclude November and December 2026 events. Alberta Team, prioritization removed, and language adjustments made throughout the document to accommodate this change, and to ensure language consistency. Wildcard criteria removed. Alberta Club affiliation requirement removed with conditions. Athlete quota allocations were updated based on the Freestyle Canada Technical Package. Team spots are distributed across the three discipline groups—Moguls, Slopestyle, and Halfpipe—and allocated by gender in accordance with the Technical Package. Alternate policy updated.

INTRODUCTION

The Government of Alberta provides funding for Team Alberta's participation in the Canada Winter Games ("CWG") through the Ministry of Tourism and Sport. Team Alberta will compete against teams composed entirely of athletes representing the other provinces and territories. Members of Team Alberta are representatives of the Province of Alberta. The Games are a multi-sport competition in which Canadian provinces and territories compete against each other to win the Canada Games Flag.

The 2027 Games Freestyle Events will take place in Québec City. Ski venues and disciplines are at Le Relais Ski Resort (Moguls, Dual Moguls & Aerials) and Stoneham Ski Resort (Slopestyle, Big Air & Halfpipe).



This document describes the process and requirements for the selection of athletes to CWG Team Alberta

ALBERTA RESIDENCY

The athlete must have been an Alberta resident for at least 180 days immediately preceding the Canada Winter Games (CWG) start date of February 27, 2027. 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 members of the CWG Team Alberta.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The dates of the freestyle skiing events at the 2027 CWG are between February 27 and March 3, 2027. Disciplines are moguls, aerials, slopestyle, halfpipe and big air.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- National Team members (Inclusive of Next Gen program) - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
 - Senior World Championships
 - Olympic Games
 - World Cups (domestic Halfpipe World Cups not included)

Athletes must have a valid Freestyle Alberta (FA) and Freestyle Canada (FC) athlete license at the time of the CWG Team Alberta athlete nominations. Selected athletes must have a Freestyle Alberta provincial athlete license or FIS license at the time of the 2027 CWG.

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 are required to complete an event, athletes must stay at the Games on those days. If an athlete or coach is to leave the games to attend another FIS-ranked event, they must obtain permission from the Canada Games Committee. A minimum of 30 days' written notice is required to Freestyle Alberta and the Canada Games Committee.



An athlete must be in good standing with FA and FC to be eligible for a CWG spot. An athlete may be refused a CWG spot if they are not in good standing with FA or FC.

A total of eight (8) Alberta athletes will be selected to represent Alberta at the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Athlete positions will be allocated as follows.

- 2 male mogul/aerial spot
- 2 female mogul/aerial spot
- 1 male slopestyle/big air spot
- 1 female slopestyle/big air spot
- 1 male halfpipe spot
- 1 female halfpipe spot

PARTICIPANTS – ATHLETES 4 Males(max), 4 Females(max)

Athletes are expected to compete in all the disciplines they have earned a spot for at the Games. Mogul/Dual Mogul/Aerial athletes must compete in both the mogul and aerial events at the 2027 CWG. Slopestyle/Big Air/Halfpipe athletes must compete in the slopestyle, big air and halfpipe events at the 2027 CWG.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event. A minimum of two athletes per gender must participate in each discipline.

Age Limitations: CWG events do not have age categories. However, Athletes must be a minimum of 13 years of age and a maximum of 20 years of age as of December 31, 2026.

Year of birth: 2006-2013

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

Eligibility: all athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in the CGC's [Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)

Selection Period: November 1st,2025 to April 30th,2026.



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 spots assigned gender/discipline (i.e. female moguls/aerials, male moguls/aerials, female halfpipe, male halfpipe or female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air) will a spot become open up to non-NextGen athletes.

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 2027 CWG, and at the time of the 2027 CWG Team Alberta selection.

2. Athletes must be in good standing with Freestyle Alberta and Freestyle Canada at the time of the 2027 CWG Team Alberta selection.
3. CWG Spots will not be transferred between genders.
4. Unused CWG Spots may be transferred between disciplines if there are no remaining eligible athletes within a spot's assigned discipline.
5. Quota spots will be allocated to the top eligible athletes in the FA 2025-2026 Official Ranking for each gender discipline. The 2025-2026 FA Slopestyle/Big Air rankings will be used for Slopestyle/Big Air athlete selection. The 2025-2026 FA Halfpipe rankings will be used for halfpipe athlete selection. The 2025-2026 FA Mogul RPA Ranking will be used to select mogul athletes.
6. Alternate athlete spots will be allocated to one male and one female alternate for each discipline category to a maximum of 3 per gender. The three discipline categories are MO/AE, SS/BA and HP.
7. The CWG Team Alberta roster must be provided to the CWG council by January 5, 2027.



8. To qualify for a CWG Team Alberta spot, an athlete must train with one of the following:
 1. A Freestyle Canada Member Club during the year of the Canada Winter Games, or;
 2. Freestyle Canada's National NextGen Team.Athletes competing at the CWG must continue to train and compete for Alberta throughout the competitive season.
9. 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 halfpipe, male halfpipe, female slopestyle/big air, and male slopestyle/big air).

Additional

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.

Any athletes doing doubles must be supported by a Freestyle Canada Certified Air
Doubles (Snow) Coach.

National Team Athletes

Reference Section 4.1 of the Canada Winter Games Technical Package
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HPT0gGg2EaVuGfm-WyutBse2cn4T_cbj/view

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 2027 CWG.



Coaching

Reference Section 4.2 of the Canada Winter Games Technical Package

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HPT0gGg2EaVuGfm-WyutBse2cn4T_cbj/view

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. A female apprentice coach may be chosen by the PSO to attend if selected for the Women in Coaching Grant for the Canada Winter Games.

2027 Canada Winter Games Freestyle Ski Technical Package

If there is a discrepancy between what is written in the Freestyle Alberta 2027 Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria and the 2027 Canada Winter Games Freestyle Ski Technical Package, the 2027 Canada Winter Games Freestyle Ski Technical Package will take precedence.