2026-2027 FREESTYLE CANADA COMPETITION SERIES SPOT ALLOCATION POLICY

(FC-FIS Series, FC-Dev Series, Jr & Sr National Championships)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Over the years Freestyle Canada has developed and operated a National Competition circuit to direct the program development for our athletes at all levels within our sport system. The creation of these series has been guided by the philosophies and pedagogy of Canadian Sport for Life experts, our own Freestyle technical development professionals and in alignment with our strategic Mission to win medals at the Olympic and World Championships. Our purpose is to provide safe and fun events that develop champions for the future.

In the 2025 / 2026 competition season we restructured the series into two layers of events:

- **Freestyle Canada - FIS Series**: Focus on Learn 2 Compete athletes, using FIS formats and offering a transition before NorAm.
  Philosophy: Perform - Skill consolidation & learn to perform on-demand

- **Freestyle Canada - Development Series**: Focus on Train 2 Train athletes, best of 2 formats with age categories, introduction to national level events.
  Philosophy: Development - Skill acquisition & introduction to out of province competing

Freestyle Canada holds the authority to distribute quotas to the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations or the individual spots to the athletes.

The Events and Who Should Compete Where

Freestyle Canada - FIS Series : Learn to Compete, Train to Compete

Category 1: Athletes doing full tour

- P/TSO team athletes striving for a spot on the National Team and preparing for the NorAm circuit.
- Athletes part of a year-round program who perform consistently in top third of DEV Series or their provincial tour. Ready to compete in FIS format consistently.

Category 2: Athletes doing 1 event for experience

- Year-round program athletes performing in the top half of the DEV series or their provincial tour. Ready to take a step up in the system towards more challenging courses and more skilled field. Ready for a FIS format, no age categories and introduction to elimination phases.

Events Included in the FC FIS Series:
Freestyle Canada - FIS Series events (named Canada Cups FIS Series last year) / Sr National Championships / Apex Mogul Classic

Freestyle Canada - Development Series : Train to Train, Learn to Compete

Category 1: Athletes finishing in top half of their provincial circuit ready to compete at the national level with a higher caliber field and more challenging course.

- Competitive athletes who train year-round (academy, sport-étude, regional team, P/TSO dev team, etc.)

Category 2: Athletes who require more competing and training opportunities of this level

- Club athletes or full year program club athletes
- Athletes returning from injury

Events Included:

FC - Development Series events (previously named Canada Cups DEV Series) / Jr National Championships

2. MOGUL ALLOCATION PROCESS

*Freestyle Canada will send a shared list of the selected athletes with the P/TSO leads and Head Coaches

Freestyle Canada FIS Series Spot Allocations MO / DM
Quota: 86 Canadian spots

APEX CLASSIC

Step 1: Mogul National Team athletes

- Confirmed Women and Men Mogul National Team athletes receive an automatic spot for Freestyle Canada - FIS series events.

Step 2: HPP Ranked athletes

- Women and Men Athletes who have earned points on the 2025-2026 Mogul HPP rankings are automatically selected.
  DEADLINE: Athletes must confirm their spot by **October 23, 2026.**

Step 3 : Top 10 25-26 Toyo Cup rankings

- The top 10 active women and top 10 active men from the 25-26 Toyo Cup rankings (excluding athletes selected in step 1 & 2) have a spot for the Apex Classic. If the athlete doesn't take his spot, it goes back to the P/TSO which they competed for in the 2025-2026 competitive season.
  DEADLINE: Athletes must confirm their spot by **October 23, 2026**.

Step 4: P/TSO Base Quota Spots

- Each P/TSO will receive a base quota for the Apex Classic, **5 total spots per P/TSO**. P/TSOs must confirm by **October 23, 2026** the number of spots they are taking. P/TSOs must confirm the selected athletes by **November 1, 2026** for the Apex Classic Freestyle Canada - FIS series event. It is the P/TSO responsibility to make sure athletes are ready to participate at this stage. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level, considering athletes selected in previous steps as well.

Step 5: Unused spots

- Unused spots will be distributed per a round robin system, in this order: QC, BC, AB, ON, SK, NS, YK, MB (order is based on membership participation at the FC FIS Series the previous year and the previous year Toyo Cup rankings). Spots and selected athletes must be confirmed within **24 hours of email being "sent" by Freestyle Canada**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level, considering athletes selected in previous steps as well.

- **International spots** : Some spots are also kept for international athletes, NSOs must submit an entry list to julien@freestylecanada.ski and be confirmed to be eligible.

  *There is no extraordinary circumstances clause as P/TSOs are receiving base quota spots that can be used for this purpose. P/TSO base quota spots are distributed according to their own unique process.

  **P/TSO leads can decline spots for all or some events if judged beneficial for the athlete's development (P/TSO lead responsibility to have conversation with the athlete or coach).

SENIOR NATIONALS

Step 1: National Team Athletes

- Confirmed Women and Men Mogul National Team athletes receive an automatic spot for Freestyle Canada - FIS series events.

Step 2: Mogul NorAm Tour Athletes

- Women and Men Athletes who have received a spot to compete in a 2026-2027 NorAm Tour event, as of February 21 have a confirmed spot.
  DEADLINE: Athletes must confirm their spot by **February 25, 2027**.

Step 3: P/TSO Base Quota Spots

- Each P/TSO will receive a base quota for the Senior Nationals, **5 total spots per P/TSO**. P/TSOs must confirm by **February 26, 2027** the number of spots they are taking. P/TSOs must confirm the selected athletes by **March 3, 2027**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level, considering athletes selected in previous steps as well.

Step 4: Unused spots

- Unused spots will be distributed per a round robin system, in this order: QC, BC, AB, ON, SK, NS, YK, MB (order is based on membership participation at the FC FIS Series the previous year and the previous year Toyo Cup rankings). Spot and selected athlete must be confirmed within **24 hours of email being "sent" by Freestyle Canada**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level, considering athletes selected in previous steps as well.

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Freestyle Canada Development Series MO / DM / AE
Quota: 90 spots total

Step 1: P/TSO Quota

- Each P/TSO will receive **16 spots total** and manage the distribution according to their unique P/TSO process. The P/TSO needs to confirm the number of spots they are taking by **November 1, 2026**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level.

Step 2: Unused Quota

- Additional/alternate spots will be distributed per a round robin system, in this order: QC, BC, AB, ON, SK, NS, YK, MB (order is based on membership participation at the FC FIS Series the previous year and the previous year Toyo Cup rankings). Spot and selected athlete must be confirmed within **24 hours of email being "sent" by Freestyle Canada**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level, considering athletes selected in previous steps as well.

  DEADLINES: P/TSOs must confirm the selected athletes by :
  - **December 1, 2026** for **Canyon**
  - **January 12, 2027** for **Orford**

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3. FREESKI ALLOCATION PROCESS

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Freestyle Canada FIS series Spot Allocations SS / BA / ST / HP
QUOTA: 86 Canadian spots

Step 1: National Team Athletes

- Confirmed Women and Men Slopestyle National Team athletes receive an automatic spot for Freestyle Canada - FIS series events.

Step 2: HPP athletes

- Women and Men active Athletes who have earned 3 valid scores on the 25-26 HPP Slopestyle rankings are automatically selected for all Freestyle Canada - FIS Series events. If the spot is declined, it goes back to the P/TSO which the athlete competed for in the 2025-2026 season.

DEADLINE: Athletes must confirm their spot by **November 1, 2026**.

Step 2: Top 10 25-26 Toyo Cup rankings

- The top 10 active women and the top 10 active men from the 25-26 Toyo Cup rankings (excluding athletes selected in step 1 & 2) have an automatic spot for all Freestyle Canada - FIS Series events. If the athlete is retired, the next athlete in line will have the spot. If the athlete is active and doesn't take their spot, it goes back to the P/TSO which they competed for in the 2025-2026 competitive season.

DEADLINE: Athletes must confirm their spot by **November 1, 2026**.

Step 3: P/TSO Base quota spots

- Each P/TSO will receive a base quota for the Freestyle Canada - FIS series, **6 total spots** per P/TSO. P/TSOs must confirm by **November 1, 2026** the number of spots they are taking.

DEADLINES: P/TSOs must confirm the selected athletes by :

- **December 1, 2026** for **Sun Peaks**
- **February 1, 2027** for **Wentworth**

Step 4: Unused spots

- Unused spots will be distributed per a round robin system, in this order : BC, AB, QC,

ON, NS, YK, MB, SK (order is based on membership participation at the FC FIS Series the previous year and the previous year Toyo Cup rankings). Spot and selected athlete must be confirmed within **24 hours of email being "sent" by Freestyle Canada**.

- Before distributing spots in the round robin, Freestyle Canada will reach out to P/TSOs, ensuring all eligible women are being offered a spot in the case where a P/TSO has filled all of their women quota as part of Freestyle Canada strategy to create a more balanced ratio of female to male participants in all stakeholder groups.

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Freestyle Canada - DEV Series Spot Allocations, SS / BA / ST / HP
QUOTA : 90 spots

Step 1: P/TSO spots

- Each P/TSO will receive 10 spots total and manage the distribution according to their unique process.

DEADLINE: The P/TSO needs to confirm the number of spots they are taking by **November 1, 2026**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSOs to distribute the spots equally between women and men if the athletes have the skill level.

Step 2: Unused spots

- Additional/alternate spots will be distributed per a round robin system, in this order : BC, QC, AB, ON, NS, YK, SK, MB (order is based on membership participation at the FC FIS Series the previous year and the previous year Toyo Cup rankings). Spot and selected athlete must be confirmed within **24 hours of email being "sent" by Freestyle Canada**. Freestyle Canada strongly encourages the P/TSO to distribute the spots equally between

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DEADLINES: P/TSOs must confirm the selected athletes by :

- **December 1, 2026** for **WinSport**
- **February 1, 2027** for **Orford**

*There is no extraordinary circumstances clause as P/TSOs are receiving spots that can be used for this purpose.