



British Columbia FREESTYLE SKIING ASSOCIATION

SELECTION CRITERIA

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document deals with the selection of athletes from the British Columbia Division:

- To compete at the BC Provincials
- To compete at the Junior National Championships
- To compete at the Canadian National Championships
- To compete at the Canadian Series
- For selection to the BC Teams
- For distribution of Canada West Passes.

2.0 RANKING LISTS

For the purpose of ranking BC athletes, the BC division will recognize the following events:

- BC Provincials
- Canadians Series / National Qualifier
- Canada Winter Games
- NorAm
- Junior National Championships
- Canadian National Championships
- Junior World Championships
- World Cup
- World Championships

Two ranking lists will be established for each discipline (Moguls, Aerials, and Half Pipe) one for male athletes and one for female athletes. In these ranking lists all eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline, regardless of the age category they represent. There are no ranking lists for Quarter Pipe, Skier Cross, Slopestyle and Rails to date, as there are not enough competition opportunities to form a ranking list (minimum 3 events).

One overall ranking list will be established to rank athletes between gender and discipline. This will be used Canada West Pass Selection.

Breaking Ties - Comparing the athlete's next highest RPA scores will break ties on the ranking lists.

3.0 BC RPA RANKING LIST

RPA stands for Rating Points Average. It is the basis for ranking BC athletes in moguls, tabletop and half pipe. RPA is determined by awarding the best score an RPA of 1000. All other scores will then be a percentage of the best score. In other words we divide all the scores by the winning score.

For example: the best score of a mogul run is 24.6. This score results in an RPA of 1000 (Winner = 1000). The next best score is 23.1. $23.1 \div 24.6 = 0.939$. The RPA will be 939. Once all scores are converted to RPA they are ranked from highest to lowest.

Two ranking lists are established one for male athletes and one for female athletes using results from CFSA or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level or higher Using only the RPA, regardless of the age category they represent, will rank all eligible athletes.

Dual Moguls – where Dual Moguls is run using the FIS format (all athletes perform 1 single mogul run, the top 16 athletes dual to determine ranking) scores from the single mogul run will be used on the BC Ranking List.

4.0 WEIGHTING OF MOGUL COMPETITIONS

Mogul events are given different values. The skill level and depth of field varies from one event to another.

Example: If an athlete wins a BC Provincial they get an RPA of 1000. If an athlete wins a NORAM they get an RPA of 1000. The BC Provincial is then weighted 70%. Therefore the winner of the BC Provincials Events RPA is now corrected to = 700.

Provincials	70%
Canadian Series	90%
Canadian Series + 3 Nat. D Team	90%
Jr. Nationals	85%
Canada Winter Games	85%
Noram	100%
Canadian Championships	100%
Junior World Champs	100%
World Cup	
World Championships	

- In elimination rounds all final results will be worth 2% more when calculating the BCFSA RPA.
- Athletes will only be allowed to use 1 RPA from a competition; RPA calculations will automatically use the higher RPA from a competition. This applies to all competition formats.
- Where Dual Moguls is run using the FIS format (all athletes perform 1 single mogul run, the top 16 athletes dual to determine ranking) scores from the single mogul run will be used on the BC Ranking List.

6.0 WEIGHTING OF AERIALS AND HALF PIPE COMPETITIONS

Half Pipe and Table Top events are given different values. The skill level and depth of field varies from one event to another.

Example: If an athlete wins a BC Provincial they get an RPA of 1000. If an athlete wins a NORAM they get an RPA of 1000. The BC Provincial is then weighted 70%. Therefore the winner of the BC Provincial's RPA is now corrected to = 700.

- Provincials 70%
- Canadian / National Qualifier 80%
- Jr. Nationals 75%
- Canada Winter Games 75%
- Nor Am 90%
- Canadian championships 80%
- Jr. Worlds 80%
- World Cup 90%
- World Championships 95%
- WSI and US Open 100%

7.0 AGE CATEGORIES

Athlete's age for purpose of categories is determined by their age on July 1, 2007.

Senior 19 and over

Junior 16-18

Juvenile 14-15

Youth 12-13

Novice 11 and under

COMPETITION FORMAT FOR PROVINCIALS AND BC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE 2008/2009 SEASON:

The format for the disciplines of **Moguls, Aerials (high-bred) Half Pipe** will be the best score from 2 runs. Final results will be determined by the best score of the day for each athlete.

Ski Cross format to be determined and approved by the BC Executive.

Age Categories: To ensure consistency of judging the events will be run women and then men. Awards will be presented to the top 3 men and women in each discipline as well, awards will be presented in age categories (Youth, Juvenile, Junior, Senior).

Non-BC athletes are permitted to compete at the BC Provincials provided:

- a) They have proper insurance coverage
- b) BC athletes are given first right of refusal to enter the event up to the set maximum entries as set out in the selection criteria
- c) Entries for non-BC athletes will be accepted prior to the event. Their spot will be guaranteed 1 week prior to the event. Coinciding with the early registration deadline.
- d) Non-BC athletes cannot take spots away from BC athletes if a cut is utilized and are not eligible to receive medals.

10.0 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior National Championship is an opportunity for junior age category athletes from across Canada to compete against each other.

Determination of Provincial Quotas: The Canadian National Freestyle Ski Association establishes the allocation of divisional quotas for Junior Nationals. This allocation is based on a percentage of the total number of provincial competitors in all CFSA divisions during the previous season. The number of divisional quotas in each discipline may vary depending on the maximum number of competitors that CFSA establishes for each event.

The quotas allocated to the BC Division are the property of BCFSA. Only BCFSA is empowered to select the athletes to fill the quotas allocated to the BC Division for Junior Nationals.

Unused quotas will be allocated by CFSA to divisions that request additional quotas on a first come first serve basis. If additional quotas are required, CFSA must be notified in writing as soon as possible.

Age Categories:

Youth -Thirteen years of age or under as of the July 1st prior to the Junior National Championships.

Juvenile - Fourteen or fifteen years of age as of the July 1st prior to the Junior National Championships.

Junior - Sixteen to eighteen years of age as of the July 1st prior to the Junior National Championships.

If, at the close of Final Registration for an event, there are fewer than five athletes registered in a given age category, the age categories in that event shall be merged.

Eligibility for Selection to Junior Nationals: To be eligible for the selection of athletes to compete at Junior Nationals, an athlete must:

- a) Be a member in good standing with BCFSA
- b) Meet the age requirements for Junior Nationals. Athlete must be 18 years of age or under as of July 1st, the year prior to the competition.
- c) Selection process

Selection Process: Selection for Junior Nationals will be based off of the BC ranking list for each discipline. National Development Team athletes will automatically be awarded with a BC spot in their discipline if they do not have results that rank them on the BC Ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 2 highest ranking events, from any CFSA or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level (BC Provincials) or higher from the current competition season up to the selection deadline set each year. If only one competition opportunity is offered in a discipline prior to the selection deadline all athletes will be able to pull their best RPA/score from the previous competition season.

11.0 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canadian Championships attracts the best Freestyle Skiers in Canada including all the Canadian Olympic and World Champions.

Age Categories: There shall be no age categories for Canadian Championships.

Selection Process: The selection for Canadian Championship spots are selected from the Canadian Series and National Qualifier by using the Grand Prix System.

Moguls: The total number of domestic quotas is established by the CFSA. Athletes shall qualify for Nationals by their overall ranking in the Canadian Series.

- Overall ranking shall be established by the sum of both Canadian Series results earned with no drops. Only athletes who attend both events shall be eligible for the title of overall Grand Prix Series champion.
- Athletes must attend both Canadian Series competitions in order to be eligible to attend Nationals.
- Athletes must also attain the following minimum skill levels once in competition at a Canadian Series event (The Nationals MSL is 3 points below HPP MSL).
 - **For Men** **20.37**
 - **For Women** **18.09**

Aerials, Table Top, Half Pipe – This is from the overall grand prix ranking of an athletes 2 best Canadian Series/National Qualifier event. The total number of domestic quotas is established by the CFSA.

12.0 CANADIAN SERIES & NATIONAL QUALIFER

Provincial Teams from across Canada compete against one another for spots at the National Championships. The Canadian Series and National Qualifier competitions are held annually, one in the east and one in the west.

Age Categories: There shall be no age categories.

Selection Process: 80% of the BC quota in each of the disciplines, Moguls, Aerials, Table Top and Half Pipe will be seeded from the previous seasons' appropriate discipline ranking lists. 20% of the quota will be used for Taxi Squad spots. Seeded athletes must purchase a Canadian Competitor II license by December 15th prior to the competition season to accept their spot. The Taxi Spots will be filled from the current years Ranking lists to date with the following drops.

2 – 4 comps = 1 drop

5 - 8 comps = 2 drops

13.0 NORAM SPOTS

The North American or Nor-AM Tour is an International FIS sanctioned event series. The series consists of 4 - 6 competitions held annually in Canada and the United States.

NorAm Spots are allocated to each province based on the CFSA NorAm allocation policy. BCFSA assigns these spots to BC Athletes based on the provincial ranking lists. BC athletes who qualify for a NorAm spot and are not a member of the BC Team and wish to take their NorAm spot must be committed to the entire tour and purchase a NorAm License by October 30^{th prior} to the competition season.

One (1) NorAm spot will remain the property of the BC Team. This spot will be a taxi spot distributed to athletes by the BC Team Head Coach at the coaches' discretion based BC Nor-Am taxi spot selection policy.

13.5 NORAM TAXI SPOT SELECTION POLICY

The BC NORAM taxi spot selection will be calculated using an athlete's top 4 RPA results taken from their most recent 8 events.

- Taxi Spot selection will be calculated twice during the competition season. Selection period 1 will determine the taxi spot for Nor-Am's 1 & 2. Selection Period 2 will determine taxi spot selection for Nor-Am's 3 & 4.
- Injury Clause may be used for taxi spot selection
- The maximum backwards extension of the selection period due to injury shall ordinarily be one competition season.

14.0 EVENT SELECTION INJURY CLAUSE

If an athlete is unable to compete in a selection event due to injury/illness, results from the previous season can be used. Provided a) proper documentation from a medical doctor is supplied b) they have demonstrated to their club/team coach and the competition coach 14 days prior to the event that they can compete at the same skill level as their previous season results. Coaches must provide documentation of approval and parent approval.

15.0 BC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The BC Freestyle Ski Team comprises the best provincial Freestyle Skiers in the province that represent BC in Provincial, National and International competitions. The goal of the provincial team program is to advance the skills of the athletes and to offer high-level competition opportunities in a team atmosphere to ultimately qualify him/her for the National Program or highest FIS/International level of competition

There must be at least 6 interested athletes that meet a minimum skill level to form a provincial team for any Freestyle discipline (Moguls, Aerials, Half Pipe or Ski Cross). A maximum team size will be decided based upon the number of eligible athletes and BCFSA budget. BC will explore ways to support athletes in a discipline where there are not enough athletes to support a team. The number of available team spots will be divided by the percentage male/female participation (Ratio of Field) with a minimum of 2 female/ 2 male spots per discipline.

Once athletes are selected to the team in their discipline they will be encouraged to train with the other disciplines as a form of cross training to develop them as a well rounded athlete.

MSL athletes will be selected to fill spots as a priority

In the case where there are no athletes who meet MSL to fill the team BCFSA will go to the next ranked athlete to be considered. To be considered there will be a screening process in which the BC Team coaches, the respective club coach, and the High Performance Program Director will all assess whether the athlete is of the level to take part in the BC Team program

Out of province athletes – To be considered for selection to the BC Team out of province athletes must be a permanent residence of BC as of Sept. 1st prior to the next competition season.

Aerials: Selection of Aerial athletes to the BC Team will be based off of the BC Aerial ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 4 highest ranking events, from any CFSA or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level (BC Provincials) or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level – men and women must have completed 2 different inverted tricks successfully in competition.

Half Pipe: Selection of half pipe athletes to the BC Team will be based off of the BC Half Pipe Team ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 3 highest ranking half pipe events and 1 highest ranking table top events, from any CFSA or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level (BC Provincials) or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level - Men successfully completed one of the following skills in competition:

- Off – axis 720°
- Switch 540°
- 900 °

Women successfully completed one of the following skills in competition:

- 540°
- 720° Back flip
- Flare

Moguls: Selection of Mogul athletes to the BC Team will be based off of the BC Mogul ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 4 highest ranking events, from any CFSA or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level (BC Provincials) or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level – Men and Women must achieve an RPA of 600 twice during the current competition season in ranked events.

16.0 BC TEAM INJURY CLAUSE

If a BC athlete becomes injured and is unable to compete due to the injury, the athlete could be awarded a spot on the team in the next competitive season.

- Proper documentation from a medical doctor must be supplied.
- Athletes are only eligible for the “Injury Clause” if they have competed in less than 66% (two thirds) of the competitions offered within a discipline offered in the current competition season due to injury.
- Once it is determined an athlete is eligible to use the injury clause they will be ranked on the current season ranking list using their RPA scores from the current season pulling RPA scores from the previous season from the same time frame of injury and from the same calibre of events missed in the current season. If there are still not enough results then that athlete can use their most recent results to the injury time frame from the previous season. (Injury time frame is the dates in which the athlete was injured and unable to ski.)
- The maximum backwards extension of the selection period due to injury shall ordinarily be one competition season.
- If an athlete intends to use the injury clause they must send written notification and proof to the BCFSA office as soon as they become injured. The office must also be notified when the athlete is able to return to competition.

17.0 CANADA WEST ALL AREA SKI PASS

A Canada West pass allows high performance athletes to ski at all ski areas in Western Canada. BC Freestyle is given the opportunity to distribute a given number of these passes each season. The Canada West Ski Area Association (CWSAA) establishes total number of passes allocated per Provincial Sport Organization. The number of passes given to BC Freestyle is based on the number of FIS competitive athletes in BCFSA. Only BCFSA is empowered to distribute passes to BCFSA athletes and coaches within BC.

Passes will be distributed to once BCFSA confirms the number of passes it will receive from CWSAA.

Athletes are awarded passes based on the following order of priority:

- 1) BC Elite TEAM Olympic Discipline Team (ie. Moguls, Aerials) in order of the previous years overall BC RPA ranking results.
- 2) BC Elite TEAM World Championship Discipline Athletes/Coaches (ie. Half Pipe) in order of the previous years overall BC RPA ranking results.
- 3) Club TEAM and High Performance Regional Program athletes according to the previous years BC RPA Rankings. (Single Moguls, Olympic Aerials and/or Halfpipe)

- a) All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 4 highest ranking events within a given discipline, from any CFSA or FIS sanctioned event of Provincial level (BC Provincials) or higher in the current competition season. (see 2.0 Ranking list for more detail.)
- b) To receive a pass Athletes must meet appropriate FIS eligibility guidelines.
- c) By gender passes will be distributed based on total participation percentage per to a maximum of 70/30.
- d) Athletes must sign an agreement and pay the appropriate fees to obtain the earned passes.

Coaches are awarded passes based on the following conditions:

- a) The Coach must be registered with the BCFSA.
- b) The Coach must work with a high performance program in BC – * Performance Club, Regional or Provincial.
- c) They must be a certified NCCP Level III Freestyle coach or be in the level III NCCP with submission of a plan to complete in 1 years time.
- d) The Coach must sign an agreement outlining the training and competitions the pass will be used for.

***Performance Club**

LTAD stages 3-5

Sport science program in place

Year round training principles

National results of athlete's

17.5 CANADA WEST ALL AREA SKI PASS COMPETITIVE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Canada West Pass is to support the FIS athletes ages 15 to 19. To ensure this criteria is met BFSA will recognize the following CFSA and/or FIS sanctioned events:

- BC Provincials
- Canadians Series / National Qualifier
- Canada Winter Games
- NorAm
- Junior National Championships
- Canadian National Championships
- Junior World Championships
- World Cup
- World Championships

To comply with the CWSAA All Area Pass agreement athletes must:

- a) be registered with a BC Freestyle Ski Club or Provincial TEAM for the 2008/2009 ski season
- b) commit to participating in a minimum of **3 of the above events** - provincial, national or FIS sanctioned events. At least 1 of the events must be a **BC Provincial** (otherwise known as “BC Freestyle Ski Series” event).

Canada West All Area Pass is not transferable. Selling a Day pass acquired with the Canada West Pass will not only result in the Canada West Pass being nullified but is considered illegal by the ski areas and theft charges can be laid.

17.5 CANADA WEST ALL AREA SKI PASS INJURY CLAUSE

If a BC athlete becomes injured and is unable to compete due to the injury, the athlete could be awarded a pass in the next competitive season.

- Proper documentation from a medical doctor must be supplied.

- Athletes are only eligible for the “Injury Clause” if they have competed in less than 66% (two thirds) of the competitions offered within a discipline offered in the current competition season due to injury.
- Once it is determined an athlete is eligible to use the injury clause they will be ranked on the current season ranking list using their RPA scores from the current season pulling RPA scores from the previous season from the same time frame of injury and from the same calibre of events missed in the current season. If there are still not enough results then that athlete can use their most recent results to the injury time frame from the previous season. (Injury time frame is the dates in which the athlete was injured and unable to ski.)
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