



CANADA WINTER GAMES ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA POLICY

Following the Freestyle Canada Winter Games Technical Package, Yukon Freestyle Ski Association (YFSA) will be sending a team of 5 male and 5 female athletes to compete in 6 events per gender at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. The technical package requires at least 2 YFSA athletes per gender, in each of the events, except for Dual Moguls. The Dual Moguls event requires 1 team comprised of 1 male and 1 female athlete.

- ▶ Male (5 athletes)
- ▶ Female (5 athletes)
- ▶ 1 Coach per gender (2 coaches)
- ▶ 1 Team Manager

SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR SELECTION

The process for selecting the 5 male and 5 female athletes for the Slopestyle/Big Air grouping is described below.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- ▶ 14 Years of age for CWG (age calculated as of January 1, 2023)
- ▶ A Canadian Citizen or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing
- ▶ A resident of the Yukon
- ▶ Member in good standing with the Canada Freestyle Ski Association and in good standing with Yukon Freestyle Ski Association
- ▶ Agree and adhere to all YFSA's Policies
- ▶ Go through the YFSA athlete selection process
- ▶ Be registered in either YFSA Sr. Freestylerz program or YFSA Developmental team program, and possess a minimum of provincial athlete licence
- ▶ Demonstrate the minimum skills to actively compete at each event discipline
- ▶ Be capable of performing the skill set dictated by an active YFSA Developmental Coach
- ▶ Athletes must have at least one qualified water ramp or airbag invert or off axis trick

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the physical standards expected by Canada Winter Games. The athlete **MUST** keep up with their snow qualifications and training the competition year. All inverted and off-axis tricks must be SNOW qualified to compete in events.



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes will be chosen by a selection committee, made up of two developmental team coaches and the YFSA board. Athlete selection will be based on previous season training, previous season competition results and YFSA on-snow tryouts from December 1st, 2022 to April 30, 2022. Selection criteria will be taken from each discipline (SS & BA). It is the athlete's responsibility to make the committee aware of any results outside of the territorial tryouts. The final date for submission of competitions outside the territory is June 1, 2022.

The PSO will do a verification on athlete qualifications and results. If all the data is confirmed, then the team will be based on the selection committees initial judgment. Alternate athletes can be determined only if applicable. This again will be a selection committees decision, followed by a verification process by the PSO.

The YFSA Canada Winter Games Slopestyle /Big Air Team will be announced on October 3, 2022.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined in this document, the YFSA reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timeline. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

DISMISSAL

An athlete may be dismissed if they:

- ▶ Fails to remain a member in good standing with the YFSA
- ▶ Fails to train towards, or meet the physical standards expected by, the Canada Winter Games
- ▶ Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of the YFSA
- ▶ Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by a physician
- ▶ Fails to meet performance expectations
- ▶ Athletes must train and compete with the YFSA's Developmental team (or Sr. Freestylerz) for 1 year prior to Canada Winter Games
- ▶ When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete (provided the alternate athlete is still eligible)

APPEALS

Appeals of selection decisions will be heard and decided in accordance with the YFSA's Appeal Policy.



INJURED AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

The Selection Committee may consider the removal of any athlete from any stage of the athlete selection process. Reasons for removal can include, but are not limited to, becoming no longer eligible for participation (injury, illness, or misconduct). Reasons for removal will be communicated by written letter to the athlete (or parent/guardian of a minor athlete) from the YFSA Board.

The Selection Committee shall designate alternate athletes. Alternate athletes may be selected if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the Canada Winter Games. If the alternates have not kept up their physical fitness or are unavailable or uninterested, the Selection Committee may approach other athletes who attended the seasonal training and competitions. Alternate athletes must be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the Canada Winter Games, so that they are prepared if called upon.

COACH SELECTION PROCESS

The YFSA has the authority to select the coaches who will attend the Canada Winter Games. For Canada Winter Games, one coach must be Comp-Dev certified or have an exemption from Yukon Sport and Recreation department, the NSO, and CWG officials. If including multiple genders on the CWG team, a coach must be of same gender as athletes. All other coaches must be Comp-Dev trained or have an exemption from Yukon Sport and Recreation department, the NSO, and CWG officials. The YFSA will select 2 coaches to attend the Canada Winter games.

The YFSA reserves the right to dismiss a coach if, in its estimation, the coach is not sufficiently preparing the athletes for the or if there are other legitimate reasons, as determined by the YFSA, for dismissal.