



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Junior National Championship is an opportunity for athletes under the age of 18 to compete at a National Championship. The event is operated by Freestyle Canada (FC). Yukon Freestyle (YFSA) aims to select the top performing territorial YFSA athletes for the Junior National Championships in all disciplines, by targeting Yukon based athletes at the Train-to-train development stage.

As of January 1, 2017, the traditional disciplines (moguls, dual moguls and aerials) will be run at a separate location and time from the new school disciplines (Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air). This policy has been updated to reflect these changes.

Determination of Provincial Quotas

Freestyle Canada establishes the allocation of divisional quotas for Junior Nationals. The quotas allocated to the Yukon division are the property of Yukon Freestyle Ski Association (YFSA). Only Yukon Freestyle is empowered to select the athletes to fill the quotas allocated to the Yukon division for the Junior National Championships. Unused quotas will be re-allocated to other P/TSOs by Freestyle Canada.

Allocated Junior National quotas for the Yukon division, are only open to current Yukon Freestyle Ski Association athletes that are members in good standing.

Age Categories

Athlete age will be calculated as of January 1 prior to the Junior National event.

- ▶ U14: Ages 12 and 13
- ▶ U16: Ages 14 and 15
- ▶ U18: Ages 16 and 17

Eligibility for Selection to Junior Nationals

To be eligible to compete at Junior Nationals, an athlete must:

- a) Be a current member, in good standing, with Yukon Freestyle Ski Association
- b) Be training in a current program with Yukon Freestyle Ski Association
- c) Meet the age requirements for Junior Nationals
- d) Go through the Yukon Freestyle Ski Association selection process
- e) Have a minimum of a Provincial Athlete license
- f) Athletes must demonstrate the minimum skills recommended by:
 - i. The certified Yukon Freestyle Coach's skill assessment. The coach will refer to Freestyle Canada's Train-to-Train on-snow Slopestyle skills matrix.



Out of Province Athletes

Athletes that participate in programs outside of the Yukon Freestyle Ski Association will not be eligible for Yukon Division Quota.

Junior National Athlete Selection

All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their best two runs from the three eligible slopestyle or big air tryout events. Only one big air event is eligible to be used for selection. The events will be scored by two Yukon Freestyle Ski Association team coaches. Yukon Freestyle Ski Association intra-club tryouts are the only eligible events for selections. Yukon Freestyle Ski Association will hold three separate intra-club tryout events during the season. Intra-club tryout events are only available to current athletes enrolled in the Sr. Freestylerz program and the Developmental Team Program.

Yukon Freestyle values gender equity and aims to have an equal representation of male and female athletes. The Yukon Freestyle developmental team coaches will determine the minimum performance level for the Junior National Championships.

The selection coaches and YFSA board of directors reserves the right to select athletes based on Special Rankings Considerations or Extraordinary Circumstance Clause. The Team coaches, along with the Yukon Freestyle Board of Directors reviews all matters related to selection.

Selection Deadline

The selection deadline will be 14 days prior to the first day of official training.

Special Ranking Considerations

1. The Developmental Team coaches and the Yukon Freestyle Board of Directors may in some cases choose to select athletes out of the initial scoring order. In such cases, a detailed record outlining the reasons for the decision will be kept. 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:

- a) All athletes in all disciplines will only be permitted to perform inverted maneuvers that have been qualified under the Freestyle Canada aerial pathway
- b) An athlete who is showing excellent results and increasing his/her performance results may be moved higher than their calculated score
- c) An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics and/or technical capability may be moved higher than his/her calculated score
- d) An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goals may move lower than his/her calculated score
- e) When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of "out of order" selection
- f) An athlete with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits

Extraordinary Circumstances Clause

2. Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to circumstances such as injury, death in the family. The YFSA board will nominate athletes they feel do qualify under this clause.
 - a) 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
 - b) If an athlete misses a portion of the competition season due to health related curtailment of activities, the selection period will be extended backwards
 - c) The developmental team coaches and YFSA board has the discretion to make exceptions to the injury clause for special cases. This may include expanding the backwards extension of the selection period, or other adjustments to meet the special case
 - d) Yukon Freestyle 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 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