



## FREESTYLE ONTARIO – ONTARIO ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

Revised and approved by the High Performance Program Committee / Board of Directors  
For entire historic revision record since 2003 refer to APPENDIX C

### 2-Year Revision Record:

March 11, 2021 – Minor wording updates to accommodate to changes in team names, dates, etc...; Updates to the process described in Section 6.4 (Ontario Development Squad Selections).

December 6, 2021 – MAJOR CHANGE: New ranking system created for P&P events (section 3.2), replacing the RPA Rankings for P&P events. RPA Rankings stays in place for mogul events, under the new title of “Mogul Rankings” (section 3.1); Sections 4.1 and 4.2 merged with 3.1 and 3.2; Appendix A and Appendix B created to include weightings and base point values; New method for adjusting rankings for Timber Tour and Provincial Championship events, in certain scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete (Appendix A and B); New dual mogul ranking chart for Tier 5 events ( table 3.2); Additional minor changes throughout the criteria to align with this major change.

January 7, 2022 – Change to New method for adjusting “Top Event Score” for MO (Appendix A) and P&P Ranking Point Allocation for SS/BA/HP (Appendix B) in scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete at FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events.

January 20, 2022 – Change to R-value for men’s Tier 4 SS/BA events to reflect to the typical depth of the athlete field at that tier (Appendix B)

February 10, 2022 – REMOVED New method for adjusting “Top Event Score” for MO (Appendix A) in scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete at FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events. (Moguls only)

December 1, 2022 – Canada Cup Series added to quota limited events, term “RPA” replaced with Mogul Ranking Score, P&P Ranking process changed to equal incremental decay in place of R-Value, details added to P&P Ranking process, event weightings adjusted for MO and PP events, time frames added for CWG and Canada Cup invitations, change to ranking score adjustment for MO when L2T athletes compete at Timber Tour events.

January 19, 2023 – Small Field Size provision added for Timber Tour P&P Ranking Score calculation

February 9, 2023 – Additional wording regarding resource allocation added to Ontario Team Size (Section 6.1 – 2).

November 5, 2023 – HPPC and HPSC committee members listed in Section 5.2 updated to reflect current committee composition.

### **1. PREAMBLE**

The following document defines the process for calculating the FO athlete Ontario Rankings in a competitive season, these Ontario Rankings are the foundation for Team and Event Selection Opportunities, and additionally this policy outlines the procedures for the Selection of Ontario Resident Athletes to the following:

#### SELECTION OF ONTARIO ATHLETES TO THE FREESTYLE ONTARIO HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM:

- Ontario Team – Park & Pipe
- Ontario Team - Moguls
- Ontario Development Squad – Park & Pipe
- Ontario Development Squad – Moguls

#### SELECTION OF ONTARIO ATHLETES FOR QUOTA LIMITED COMPETITIONS or EVENTS:

- Canada Cup Series events (see separate Criteria for current year)
- Canada Winter Games 2023 (see separate Criteria for current year)



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- Junior Nationals (see separate Criteria for current year)
- Ontario Winter Games (year of next games TBD)

### 2. DEFINITIONS:

#### FO Sport Policy Structure - Definitions:

- FO – Freestyle Ontario, the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for Freestyle Skiing
- FC – Freestyle Canada, the National Sport Organization (NSO) for Freestyle Skiing
- Ontario Athlete: An athlete with a valid FC Ontario Athlete License living within the Ontario Division Boundaries as described in Section 33(g) of the FC By-Laws. See Section 5.7 for specific residency requirements and exceptions to this definition.
- HPP – High Performance Program
- HPPC – High Performance Program Committee (responsible for Policy and Procedure, including the Freestyle Ontario – Ontario Athlete Selection Criteria)
- HPSC – High Performance Selection Committee (responsible for implementing athlete selection following the appropriate policy and procedures, including the Freestyle Ontario – Ontario Athlete Selection Criteria)
- LTAD – Long Term Athlete Development, a systematic pathway for athlete development built in partnership with FC and the Sport for Life Society (S4L).
- Selection Opportunity – An occasion for athletes to be selected to a Team or a quota limited Competition or Event
- Selection List – A list of athletes in ranked order for selection to a Team or Event, based on Ontario Rankings
- FIS – International Ski Federation [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com)
- Sport Disciplines:
  - MO – Moguls
  - DM - Dual Moguls
  - DMT – Dual Moguls Team
  - SS – Slopestyle
  - HP – Halfpipe
  - BA – Big Air
  - AE – Aerials
- FO Regions:
  - LSR – Lake Superior Region
  - NCR – Northern Capital Region
  - NOR – Northern Ontario Region
  - SOR – Southern Ontario Region

#### Competition/Event Structure – Definitions:

- Competition (Meet) – The title of the Competitive Meet or judged skiing opportunity, one Competition can have multiple Events i.e. Provincials Championships (Competition) has Moguls (Event), Dual Moguls (Event), Halfpipe (Event) and Slopestyle (Event).
- Event – Judged skiing opportunity with an output of numerical scores from the Judging Panel. Events are discrete to each discipline (i.e. Moguls, Dual Moguls, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air). An event may or may not have multiple “rounds”.
- Rounds – An Event may consist of the following Rounds: Qualifications, Semi-Finals, Finals, and Super Finals. In a Dual Moguls Event, the Pairs are conducted in a series of Rounds using a Ladder Format.



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### Athlete Ranking Process – Definitions:

- Ontario Rankings – The term that collectively refers to both the Mogul Rankings and the P&P Rankings
- Mogul Rankings – Ranked list of mogul and dual mogul athletes from highest to lowest by gender, using the Mogul Rankings system described in section 3.1
- P&P Rankings – Ranked list of slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe athletes from highest to lowest by gender, using the P&P Rankings system described in section 3.2
- Competitive Season/Ranking Season – November 1 to April 30
- Minimum Skill Level - athlete is *consistently capable of competently completing the competition course(s) within the level of competition*. For example, if an athlete is being entered into a mogul competition, the athlete must be consistently capable of performing a top-to-bottom run without major difficulty. Similarly, if an athlete is being entered into a Big Air competition, the athlete must be consistently capable of handling and clearing jumps the size of those used in the competition.



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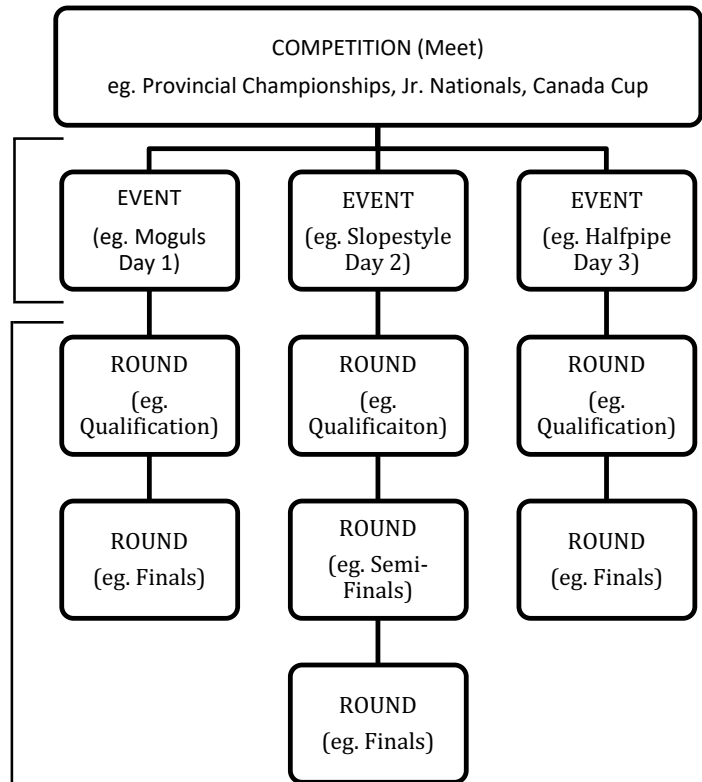
## COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

**An athlete can earn an Ontario Ranking score from different Events in one Competition.** For instance, a Park & Pipe athlete can earn an Ontario Ranking score from a Slopestyle Event and a Halfpipe Event in one Competition. A Mogul athlete can earn an Ontario Ranking score from a Single Moguls Event and a Dual Moguls Event in one Competition.

**The one (1) best Ontario Ranking score from an Event** is used for an athlete's Ontario Ranking calculation.



Ontario Ranking scores are calculated for each round in an Event. A qualified athlete's **One Best Ontario Ranking score from these Rounds** is used as the athlete's Event Ontario Ranking Score.





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### 3. ONTARIO RANKING SYSTEMS:

The Ontario Rankings are comprised of two main ranking systems: the Mogul Rankings and the P&P Rankings. The Ontario Rankings in each discipline assign ranking points to convert athlete event performances into a season-long ranking.

Athletes cannot combine Moguls Rankings and P&P Rankings to create a Ranking.

The calculation of Ranking Scores and updating of Ontario Rankings is completed weekly during the Competitive Season. This is dependent on receiving official Event results in a timely manner after eligible Competitions.

Updated Ontario Ranking lists will be posted on the FO website at the <https://freestyleontario.ski/selection-criteria>

### 3.3 MOGUL RANKINGS

Mogul Rankings only apply to mogul and dual mogul event results.

**One Mogul Ranking Score** is created for each athlete participating in an Event; an Event may consist of the following Rounds: Qualifications, Semi-Finals, Finals, and Super Finals. The Sum of an athlete's **Top 3 event Mogul Ranking Scores** creates their **Mogul Ranking Total**

FO creates Mogul Rankings for Ontario Athletes as follows:

1. Male Mogul Athletes: Top 3 **Mogul Ranking Scores** from eligible Single Mogul and Dual Mogul events
2. Female Mogul Athletes: Top 3 **Mogul Ranking Scores** from eligible Single Mogul and Dual Mogul events

Calculation of Mogul Ranking Scores (by gender):

Athletes' Event score ÷ Top Score in that Event x 1000 x Weighting of the Event = Athlete **Mogul Ranking Score** for that Event

Example of Mogul Ranking Score Calculation
Top Event Score: 26.0
Athlete's Event Score: 21.0
Event Weighting: 80%
Athlete Ranking Score Calculation: $21.0 / 26.0 \times 1000 \times 80\% = 646$
Athlete's Mogul Ranking Score for the Event is 646
Maximum <b>Mogul Ranking Score</b> for this event: 800

Events will have different weightings based on size and difficulty of terrain, level of competing athletes (provincial, national, international, athlete worldwide ranking), regional scope (Provincial, National or International), type and governance of the event (FO, FC, FIS). See Appendix A for specific Event Weightings.

Event **Mogul Ranking Scores** are calculated from all scores from all athletes within the gender in an Event, they are not calculated based on Age Groupings in an Event.

Mogul Ranking Scores are **only** calculated for eligible Competitions/Events listed in this document, outlined in Appendix A. There must be at least 2 competitors of the same gender in an Event for that Event to be eligible for Mogul Ranking Scores.



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### Calculation of Mogul Ranking Totals and updating Mogul Ranking Lists

FO creates the **Mogul Ranking Total** for each Ontario athlete from the sum of their **Top 3 Mogul Ranking Scores** for the Competitive Season from eligible Events (or if it is mid-season the Mogul Ranking Total is the sum of the athlete’s best **Mogul Ranking Scores** to a maximum of 3 **scores** from the season to-date). The Mogul Rankings rank athletes from highest to lowest **Mogul Ranking Total** within their Gender and Discipline (Moguls and Dual Moguls are considered a single discipline for the Ontario Rankings)

#### **Important Notes:**

**BEST OF 2 RUNS FORMAT:** At Events or Rounds (Qualifications and/or Semi-Finals and/or Finals and/or Super Finals) using the “Best of 2 Runs” scoring format, **only 1 Mogul Ranking Score** will be calculated for that Event or Round using the best run score for that Event or Round.

**QUALIFICATIONS/SEMI-FINALS/FINALS/SUPER-FINALS FORMAT:** At Events that include Qualifications and/or Semi-Finals and/or Finals Rounds and/or Super-Finals, **Mogul Ranking Scores** will be calculated for each Round, however, only the one best Mogul Ranking Score from that Event will be used. In other words, athletes get **one (1) Mogul Ranking Score from a single Event** even if they compete in the qualifications, semi-finals, finals, and super-finals rounds for that Event.

**EVENT WEIGHTINGS:** Weighting for Qualification, Semi-Finals and Finals Rounds are different. The Weightings of Semi-Final are higher than Qualification Round. The weightings of Final Round are higher than Semi-Final Round. Not all Events have Semi-Final and Final Rounds. See specific Event weightings in Appendix A. Differences in Round weightings reflect the increasing level of competitiveness in higher Rounds of Qualifications, Semi-Final, Finals, and Super-Finals.

**DUALS MOGUL RANKING SCORE CALCULATION:** For dual mogul Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 events, the calculation of the Mogul Ranking Scores will be based on the following “placings-based” conversions, listed in Table 3.1. The Dual Mogul Events included for Mogul Rankings are listed in the moguls eligible Competitions in Appendix A.

**Table 3.1.** Placing-based conversions for dual mogul RPA calculations for Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 events.

Place	Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	29.4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	28.81
4 <sup>th</sup>	28.23
5 <sup>th</sup>	27.67
6 <sup>th</sup>	27.11
7 <sup>th</sup>	26.57
8 <sup>th</sup>	26.04
9 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	23.78
17 <sup>th</sup> – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	12.48
33 <sup>rd</sup> – 66 <sup>th</sup>	2.00

Scores are assigned to athletes based on their final Dual Moguls placing as per Table 3.1. The Mogul Ranking Score is then calculated for the Duals placing result. The dual mogul round of 16 or better will count as Finals for event weighting.

In events that have a single mogul qualifier round followed by a dual mogul round, the single mogul qualifier round will count as a Qualification round.



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For dual moguls at Timber Tour Events, athletes will be assigned Mogul Ranking Points based on the following placing-based points allocation, listed in Table 3.2.

**Table 3.2.** Placing-based Mogul Ranking Points for Timber Tour Dual Moguls Events

<b>Timber Tour Dual Moguls - Mogul Ranking Points Allocation</b>					
	36-44 skiers	29-36 skiers	20-28 skiers	14-19 skiers	8-13 skiers
<b>1</b>	500	500	500	500	500
<b>2</b>	475	475	475	475	475
<b>3</b>	450	450	450	450	450
<b>4</b>	425	425	425	425	425
<b>5</b>	400	400	400	400	400
<b>6</b>	390	390	390	325	325
<b>7</b>	380	380	380	300	300
<b>8</b>	370	370	370	225	225
<b>9</b>	350	350	300	220	200
<b>10</b>				215	
<b>11</b>				210	125
<b>12</b>				205	
<b>13</b>	300	300	250	200	100
<b>14</b>					
<b>15</b>				125	
<b>16</b>					
<b>17</b>	280	280	240		
<b>18</b>	270	270	230		
<b>19</b>	260	260	220	100	
<b>20</b>	250	250	210		
<b>21-24</b>	225	225	200		
<b>25-28</b>	200	200	100		
<b>29-36</b>	125	100			
<b>37-44</b>	100				



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**3.2 P&P RANKINGS**

P&P Rankings only apply to slopestyle, big air and halfpipe event results.

The P&P Ranking system reflects the judging process of slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe events, where the judging panel’s goal is to rank athletes in the correct order, rather than assign a specific point value to a run. P&P Ranking points are allocated based on an athlete’s competition placing, and not the numerical value of their competition score from the judges.

One P&P Ranking Score is created for each athlete participating in an Event, based on their final placing after all rounds are completed. The Sum of an athlete’s **Top 1 slopestyle event P&P Ranking Score + Top 2 additional P&P Ranking Scores** creates the athlete’s P&P Ranking Total.

FO creates P&P Rankings for Ontario Athletes as follows:

- 6. Male Park & Pipe Athletes: Top 3 P&P Ranking Scores from eligible Slopestyle, Big Air or Halfpipe events; **must include at least 1 score from an eligible Slopestyle event.**
- 7. Female Park & Pipe Athletes: Top 3 P&P Ranking Scores from eligible Slopestyle, Big Air or Halfpipe events; **must include at least 1 score from an eligible Slopestyle event.**

Calculation of P&P Ranking Scores (by gender):

Each tier of event assigns Base Points for first place in that level of event, then each subsequent placing receives fewer points in equal increments down to last place which always receives 30 points for all tiers of P&P events. For the Base Points Total for each competition and event, please refer to Appendix B.

**Formula to determine P&P Ranking Scores:**

**Athlete’s P&P Ranking Score = Score of the athlete 1 place higher – ((Base Point Total – 30) ÷ (Total competitors – 1))**

Example of P&P Ranking Score Calculation
Event Base Point Total: 500
Overall # of Competitors: 60
Athlete’s Event Placing: 21
<b>Incremental point reduction calculation:</b>
P&P Ranking Score for First Place = 500
P&P Ranking Score for 60 <sup>th</sup> (last) place = 30
<b>Incremental score reduction per placing</b>
= (500-30)/(60-1) = 7.967
(create a table in excel for all placings)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> place out of 60 receives a P&amp;P Ranking Score of 341 for this event.</b>

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P&P Rankings Scores for an event are calculated from all scores from all athletes within the gender in an Event, they are not calculated based on Age Groupings in an Event.

P&P Ranking Scores are only calculated for eligible Competitions/Events listed in this document, outlined in Appendix B. There must be at least 2 competitors of the same gender in an Event for that Event to be eligible for P&P Ranking Scores.

### Calculation of P&P Ranking Totals and updating P&P Ranking Lists:

FO creates the P&P Ranking Total for each Ontario athlete from the sum of their **Top 3** P&P Ranking Scores, **including a minimum of 1 slopestyle score**, for the Competitive Season from eligible Events (or if it is mid-season the P&P Ranking Total is the sum of the athlete's best P&P Ranking Scores to a maximum of 3 scores from the season to-date, **including at least 1 slopestyle score**). The P&P Ranking List ranks athletes from highest to lowest P&P Ranking Total within their Gender and Discipline (Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe are considered a single discipline for the Ontario Rankings)



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**4 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**FC Ontario Athlete License Requirements:**

Athletes must have a current and appropriate FC Ontario Athlete license to be included in the athlete Rankings and must comply with the Residency requirements in Section 5.7. FO will verify FC athlete license status of each athlete before each Event. For athlete license information go to: <https://freestyleontario.ski/membership>.

Event Tier	Sample of Competitions	FC Ontario Athlete License Required	FIS License Required
Tier 1	World Cup	FIS	Yes
Tier 2	NorAms (Moguls/Dual Moguls)  Sr.National Championships (Moguls/Dual Moguls)	FIS	Yes
Tier 3	NorAms (Park & Pipe)	FIS	Yes
Tier 3	Apex Classic (formerly called “Canadian Selections”) (Moguls/Dual Moguls)	FIS	
Tier 4	USSA Rev Tour (Halfpipe)	FIS	Yes
Tier 4	Canada Cup (Park & Pipe/Moguls/Dual Moguls) Jr. Nationals (Moguls/Dual Moguls/Park & Pipe)	Provincial	No
Tier 5	Timber Tour (MO/DM/P&P) Provincial Championships (MO/DM/P&P)	Provincial	No
Tier 6	Jr. Jams/Freestylers/Interclub Groms Series/Sapling Sessions(MO/DM/P&P)	Club	No

*Note: licenses can be upgraded at any time.*



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### **5. HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROCEDURE (Mogul, Park & Pipe):**

High Performance Team Selection includes Selection Opportunities for Ontario Teams (Ontario Team - Park & Pipe and Ontario Team - Moguls); Ontario Development Squad (Park & Pipe and Moguls); and Event Teams: Junior Nationals, Canada Winter Games, and Ontario Winter Games.

Selections are based upon alignment with the current FO Strategic Plan.

#### **5.1 High Performance Program Goals:**

To develop Mogul, Slopestyle, and Halfpipe Ontario Athletes in a safe and ethical manner; to develop athletes who qualify for the National Team assessment; and ultimately to develop athletes who qualify for National Team Selection.

#### **5.2 Committees**

**a. HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (HPPC)** is the working group responsible for the development of FO's Selection Criteria Policy and Process. The policies and processes apply to Ontario Athletes see Section 5.7 for Residency Requirements.

The HPPC consists of:

- FO Executive Director – Eli Budd (Chair)
- Volunteer – Elaine Maxwell (Past FO Board of Directors Chair)
- Volunteer – Austin Stanton
- FO High Performance Director – Heather Ross McManus

These Ontario Athlete Selection Criteria, including the annual proposed changes, are approved by the FO Board of Directors annually. All recommendations from the HPPC are addressed by the Board within 7 days of a request for approval (unless more time is agreed upon.) If recommendations are not handled within this timeframe, the HPPC has the authority to vote and move all recommendations.

#### **b. HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTION COMMITTEE (HPSC):**

The FO Executive Director chairs the High-Performance Selection Committee (HPSC) and coordinates all Ontario Ranking calculations. The High-Performance Selection Committee (HPSC) is comprised of:

- FO Executive Director – Eli Budd (Chair)
- Volunteer – Elaine Maxwell
- Volunteer – Austin Stanton

When applicable, the committee will seek input from:

- FO High Performance Director
- FO Ontario Team Coaches
- FO Club Head Coaches
- FC National Team Coaches
- FC High Performance Directors and Leadership Team
- Integrated Support Team service providers
- Judges
- Additional experts as appropriate



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### 5.3 Time Frames:

Table 5.1 details the time frames for Selection Opportunities, including the first date that selection offers are made by FO to Ontario Athletes and the length of the offer to those athletes before expiration.

**Table 5.1:** Time frames and offer lengths for Selection Opportunities

Selection Opportunity	First Selection Date	Offer Length
Junior Nationals (Ontario Spots)	See Junior Nationals Selection Criteria	24 hours
Canada Cup Series Events (Ontario Spots)	See Canada Cup Selection Criteria	24 hours
Canada Winter Games	See Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria	24 hours
Ontario Team	April	7 days
Ontario Development Squad	May	7 days

### 5.4 Selection Process:

Ontario Athletes will be selected to Teams, Programs or Events at a *Selection Opportunity* from a *Selection List*. Only Ontario Athletes will be selected for Selection Opportunities. See Section 5.7 for specific residency requirements.

Each Selection List for a Selection Opportunity will use the most up-to-date Ontario Rankings as outlined in this document. Ontario Team and Development Squad Program selections are for one-year only. Event selections are for the specified event only. At a *Selection Opportunity*, athletes will be chosen from a *Selection List*. A new and discrete *Selection List* will be generated for each *Selection Opportunity*. The Selection List is created using the following process:

- The HPSC or HPPC selection committee will review the Selection Criteria Policy and Procedure outlined in this document for the Selection Opportunity detailed in Section 6.
- The HPSC or HPPC will generate one list representing both male and female athletes in the relevant discipline (Moguls or Park & Pipe) based upon the specific Selection Opportunity Policies and Procedures detailed in Section 6. Selection Lists will initially be generated directly from the current Ontario Rankings order.
- Athletes who qualify for Special Ranking Considerations are identified and appropriately ranked in the Selection List.
- Athletes who qualify for Extraordinary Circumstances (i.e. Injury, etc.) are identified and appropriately ranked in the Selection List.
- Eligible Athletes are identified for nomination.
- Nominated athletes are officially notified, with a requirement to accept or decline within the periods detailed in section 5.3: “Time Frames”.
- Athletes will be officially named for the Selection Opportunity.
- Athletes who completed the High Performance Program Statement of Interest (HPPSI) will be considered for Ontario Team Programs (i.e. Ontario Team and Ontario Development Squad) before athletes who have not completed the HPPSI. The HPSC or HPPC are not obligated to invite any or all of the athletes to the Ontario Team Program who signed the HPPSI. The HPSC or HPPC also has the flexibility to invite athletes who have not completed the HPPSI. The HPPSI can be found at <https://freestyleontario.ski/hp-programs-overview>. All HPPSI forms must be submitted prior to **March 1st, 2023** in order to be considered for the first round of invites for the Ontario Team or Ontario Development Squad.



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### 5.5. Special Ranking Considerations:

The FO HPSC or HPPC may, in some cases, choose to select Ontario Athletes out of the Ontario Rankings order. Out of order selections are used sparingly. In such cases the Committee must record in detail the reasons for its decisions. These reasons must support the program goals outlined in Section 5.1, and must align with the current FO Strategic Plan.

Special Ranking Considerations include, but are not limited to the following examples:

1. An athlete showing excellent results and consistently increasing her or his performance results in the season may be moved higher than their Ranking.
2. An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measurable in testing) and / or technical capability; may be moved higher than her or his Ranking. This is more likely to happen early in an athlete's career. For instance, an athlete may be focused on and performing well in training but not yet be performing as well in competition.
3. An athlete showing a strong attitude/mental skills, dedication, physical conditioning, endurance, technical skill, a large number of certified tricks, or a strong proven training background may be moved higher than their Ranking
4. An athlete who has had competitive opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than her or his calculated Ranking.
5. When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of "out of order" selection.
6. An athlete with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.
7. An athlete submitted a completed an HPPSI to Freestyle Ontario.

### 5.6 Extraordinary Circumstances/Injury Clause

If an Ontario athlete experiences extraordinary circumstances or becomes injured, and is unable to compete as a result of the extraordinary circumstances or injury, the athlete may be considered for a Selection Opportunity and placed in a Selection List so long as they comply with the following:

1. Notification: If an athlete intends to be considered under Extraordinary Circumstances they must send written notification and proof to the FO Executive Director (FO ED) as soon as they become injured and before **April 1** each season. The FO ED must also be notified when the athlete is able to return to competition, providing proper documentation from an acceptable medical professional.
2. Athletes are only eligible for the Extraordinary Circumstances if their injury has resulted in them competing in less than 66% (two thirds) of the competitions offered within a discipline (Moguls or Park & Pipe) prior to the selection opportunity.

Athletes will be ranked in the normal Ontario Rankings using their Ontario Ranking from the previous season.

Ranking Process: Once it is determined an athlete is eligible to use the Extraordinary Circumstances clause they will be Ranked on the current Competitive Season Ranking list using Ontario Rankings scores from the Previous Competitive Season from the same time frame of injury and with the same caliber of Competitions missed in the current season; the current Competitive Season Event Weightings will be used. If there are still not enough results, the athlete can use their most recent results to the injury time frame from the Previous Competitive Season. (Injury time frame is the period of time during which the athlete was injured and unable to ski.) The maximum amount of time an athlete can look back for results to use the injury clause, shall be one (1) Competitive Season as of November 1 of the current Competitive Season.



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### **5.7 Residency:**

Only Ontario Athletes will be considered for Ontario Rankings and FO Selection Opportunities.

For FO Mogul Rankings and FO controlled Selection Opportunities such as: Teams and FO/FC controlled Events (Timber Tour, Provincial Championships, Canadian Series, Canadian Open Tour, Junior Nationals, Senior Nationals) an “Ontario Athlete” is a participating athlete with FC Ontario athlete license who is a permanent resident living within the Ontario Division Boundaries as described in Section 2.01.1(g) of the FC By-Laws.

For Federally or Provincially governed Competitions including but not limited to Canada Winter Games only permanent residents of the Province of Ontario as defined by the Ontario Government can be selected to represent Ontario and participate in these Competitions.

Only permanent residents of the Province of Ontario as defined by the Ontario Government are eligible to receive the benefits of Ontario Funding or be eligible for Ontario Athlete specific funding; or the benefits of any other program developed by the Province of Ontario or any Ontario sport organization for Ontario athletes and Ontario sport programs.

This Selection Criteria Document may not apply to other programs/selection procedures that are outside the jurisdiction of FO where there is a separate and specific Selection Criteria developed by the outside party. An outside party is defined as any organization outside the influence and responsibility of FO; such as but not limited to, FC, The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries; the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario; Own the Podium; Canadian Sports Centres, FIS, USSA.



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### 6. SELECTION OPPORTUNITIES:

#### 6.1 Ontario Team Selections

1. Ontario Team Programs include the following teams:
  - Ontario Team – Moguls
  - Ontario Team - Park & Pipe
2. Team Sizes to be confirmed in April of each year. FO reserves the right to adjust the team size to ensure the team composition aligns with the High-Performance Program goals listed in the current FO Strategic Plan. Team size will also be determined after taking into account FO's available resources, and the methods in which FO wishes to allocate these resources.
3. Minimum Skill Level: Athletes must meet the Minimum Skill Level required for each team, as determined by the HPPC in consultation with FO Coaches and Technical Leaders, and FC High Performance Program staff.
  - a. Attestation form filled out by coaches on athlete's skills and readiness
  - b. Video evidence of specific skills, terrain, etc... to support these claims
  - c. Not ranked, but minimum skill levels

#### 6.2 Selection for Ontario Winter Games:

See separate Ontario Winter Games Selection Criteria Policy. Policy to be released following the announcement of the next Ontario Winter Games. Next year of the games TBC.

#### 6.3 Selection for Canada Cup Series

See separate Selection Criteria: FO Junior National Championships Selection Criteria and FO Canada Cup Selection Criteria.

#### 6.4 Ontario Development Squad Selections

Freestyle Ontario may choose to operate an Ontario Development Squad as part of the High Performance Program. The Ontario Development Squad size will be dependent on the number of athletes who meet the minimum skill level, as well as the resources available that season.

To be selections for the Ontario Development Squad, an athlete must:

1. Submit to Freestyle Ontario a High Performance Program Statement of Interest.
2. Submit to Freestyle Ontario a skill and readiness assessment tool.
3. Submit an endorsement letter from their coach.

The above can be submitted to the FO Executive Director at [eli@freestyleontario.ski](mailto:eli@freestyleontario.ski).

Once the above has been submitted, Freestyle Ontario will then engage in the selection process outlined in Section 5.

### 7. APPEALS:

Please refer to the FO appeals process.

### 5 8. COVID-19:

In the event of widespread cancellation of qualifying events during as a result of COVID-19, Freestyle Ontario's High Performance Program Committee (HPPC) reserves the right to modify this criteria. The HPPC reserves the right to



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determine if such a modification is warranted. Changes will be made publicly available on Freestyle Ontario’s website (<http://freestyleontario.ski>), along with the justification for the change.

**APPENDIX A**

**MOGUL COMPETITION & EVENT WEIGHTINGS**

An athlete’s **Mogul Ranking** is based on the sum of their **Top 3 RPA** scores from the approved Competitions and Events listed in Table 4.1. Table 4.1 lists the eligible Mogul Competitions and the respective Event Weightings that will be used to calculate Mogul Ranking Scores. The Mogul Rankings are used for athlete Selection Opportunities as outlined in Section 6.

**Table 4.1.** Eligible Mogul Competitions and their Event Weighting used to calculate Mogul Ranking Scores; a “-” indicates that there will be no weighting or that the Event Round does not exist in the Competition Schedule.

Eligible Competitions Must fall within the Competitive Season/Ranking Season – November 1 to April 30	Event Weighting		
	Qualifications	Finals	Super Final
<b>Tier 1: International</b>			
<sup>1</sup> World Cups	150%	155%	160%
<b>Tier 2: International</b>			
<sup>1</sup> Sr. National Championship MO/DM	125%	127.5%	130%
<sup>1</sup> NorAms: MO/DM	125%	127.5%	130%
<b>Tier 3: National</b>			
FIS Apex Classic – FIS Event	105% of the top-Canadian athlete’s score.  Scores from athlete’s representing other countries will not be included in the RPA calculation.	110% of the top-Canadian athlete’s score.  Scores from athlete’s representing other countries will not be included in the RPA calculation.	-
<b>Tier 4: National or Equivalent</b>			
Canada Cup MO/DM	95%	100%	-
<sup>1</sup> Junior Nationals MO only	-	95%	-
<sup>1</sup> Canada Winter Games MO/DM	90%	100%	
<b>Tier 5: Provincial</b>			
Provincial Championships	-	50%*	-
FO Timber Tour	-	50%*	-
<b>Tier 6: Interclub</b>			
FO Jr. Jams and Freestylers		100 Mogul Ranking points for participation	

1. Invitation Only Event (Quota Limited)





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### NEW \*Adjustments to Mogul Ranking Score Allocation for FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events (Single Moguls only):

Provincial Timber Tour events are primarily targeted for the Train to Train (T2T) stage of development which includes Ontario Development Squad and Club Athletes. Identified Learn to compete (L2C) stage athletes (athletes invited to the 2022-23 Ontario Team) may also compete at some Timber Tour events. To reduce the impact these L2C athletes may have on the Mogul Ranking Scores of T2T stage athletes, the Adjustment outlined below will apply to FO Tier 5/Provincial events only.

For FO Tier 5/Provincial events the top T2T athlete's mogul ranking score will be 480 or higher using the procedure and calculations outlined below. All athletes who were invited to the 2022-23 Ontario Team are identified as L2C (or higher) stage athletes.

If the top T2T athlete's Mogul Ranking Score (calculated as outlined in section 3.1) is less than 480, then use these formulas to adjust the Mogul Ranking Scores for the event:

- a) "Boosted" Mogul Ranking Scores - applies to the Top T2T athlete and all athletes who ranked below them at the Tier 5 event:

$$\text{Athlete's "boosted" score} = \text{Athletes event score} / (\text{Top T2T athlete's score}) \times 1000 \times 48\%$$

- b) "Compressed" Mogul Ranking Scores - applies to any L2C athletes who ranked above the top T2T athlete at the Tier 5 event:

$$\text{L2C athlete's score} = 480 + (20 \times (\text{L2C athlete's score} - \text{Top T2T score})) / (\text{Top L2C score} - \text{top T2C Score})$$

NOTE: If the top T2T athlete's Mogul Ranking Score is already 480 or higher, no adjustment is required

EXPLANATION: This adjustment supports meaningful competition by maintaining alignment of the FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships with the T2T stage of Freestyle Canada's Long Term Athlete Development pathway. Ontario Team athletes in the L2C stage should primarily target Tier 4/National events and higher, however this "Mogul Ranking Score" adjustment allows L2C athletes to compete in provincial events if they need an additional ranking score or for developmental purposes, without significantly skewing rankings for the T2T stage athletes.



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APPENDIX B

SLOPESTYLE, BIG AIR, HALFPIPE COMPETITION & EVENT WEIGHTINGS

Below are the Base Point Totals for each ranked slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe competition and event.

TIER	EVENTS	BASE POINT TOTAL
TIER 1	FIS World Cup	900
TIER 2	Currently no Tier 2 Competitions	n/a
TIER 3	Nor-Am Cup	675
TIER 4	Canada Cup, Canada Winter Games, Jr Nationals, <b>Step Up Tour – Sommet Avila Feb 2023</b>	<u>Canada Cup:</u> 500  <u>Canada Winter Games:</u> 470  <u>Jr. Nationals:</u> 405  <b>Step Up Avila: 300</b> <b>TBC following the event</b>
TIER 5	Timber Tour, Provincial Championships	<u>Provincial Championships:</u> 150  <u>Timber Tour:</u> 150
TIER 6	Junior Jams, Freestylers Festival, and Axis Jr. Games	30*

\* All competitors in a Tier 6 event receive the same number of P&P Ranking points for participation

Competitions and Events must fall within the Ontario Rankings Season: November 1 – April 30.

Tier 1, 2, 3, 4 Slopestyle / Big Air / Halfpipe Event Base Point Totals are Subject to Change Based on the Following Criteria: National and international Slopestyle, Big Air, and Halfpipe events are susceptible to a change in competition caliber. The HPPC is dedicated to ensuring weightings are fair to all Ontario competitive athletes, therefore, the HPPC may change the base point value and tier of a tier 1, 2, 3, or 4 Event up or down depending on the actual competition caliber. The base points of tier 5 and 6 events cannot be adjusted.

The HPPC will consider the following guiding principles to determine a change in an event’s base points. Such adjustments should only be made in extenuating circumstances, and should be rare in their occurrence:

- CALIBRE OF ATHLETIC FIELD: Did the athlete field who competed in the event deviate notably from the event’s expected position in the LTAD? Did this deviation effect the event’s results? Did this deviation skew the value of the final results?
- CONSISTENCY OF ATHLETIC FIELD OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON: Did the athletic field at one event significantly deviate from the standards of other events of that base score? Does this deviation justify the event receiving a different base score?



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Weather, terrain, format, and judging panel will not be considered as valid contributing factors when adjusting an event's base score. The only time such factors may impact an event's base score is in the very rare circumstance that the event's sanctioning body changed the event's sanctioning level (e.g. FIS determining an event that was marketed as a NorAm will lose its NorAm sanctioning, or deciding that the event's results are invalid.) For further clarity, decisions made to adjust an event's value in other ranking systems will *not* influence the decision to adjust an event's base score under the FO P&P Rankings (e.g. Freestyle Canada deciding to boost an event's value in the High Performance Program Rankings).

### **\*Adjustments to P&P Ranking Score Allocation for FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events (SS/BA/HP):**

For FO Tier 5/Provincial events, the "base points" for first place will be assigned to the **Top Ranked non- Ontario Team athlete** and each subsequent placing position receives incrementally fewer points based on the calculations outlined in section 3.2.

Any Ontario Team athletes who rank higher than the "**Top Ranked non- Ontario Team athlete**" will also be assigned the base point total of **150 for** Timber Tours and Provincial Championships.

EXPLANATION: This adjustment supports meaningful competition by maintaining alignment of the FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships with the "Train to Train" stage of Freestyle Canada's Long Term Athlete Development pathway. Ontario Team athletes in the "Learn to Compete" stage should primarily target Tier 4/National events and higher, however this "P&P Ranking Score" adjustment allows Ontario Team athletes to compete in provincial events for developmental purposes without skewing rankings for Train to Train stage athletes.

Only Timber Tour and Provincial Championship events may be adjusted in this way.

### **Small Field Size provision for Timber Tour P&P Ranking Score calculation (\*NEW\*)**

Due to small field sizes, all **Female P&P Timber Tours** will have 3 placeholder scores added to the P&P Ranking for the event's ranking (but not to the event's results sheet).

These placeholder scores are to be 60, 40, and 20 (out of 100).

NOTE: This will impact the event's P&P ranking score calculations by compressing ranking scores upward for athletes who score higher than the placeholder scores, and could lower the ranking scores of low-scoring athletes only if more than one athlete scores lower than all three of these placeholder scores at an event.



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### APPENDIX C

#### HISTORIC REVISION RECORD OF THIS CRITERIA

Revised and approved by Board of Directors / High Performance Program Committee

March 5, 2003, December 2004 and June 8, 2004

January 2008: Creation of the Park & Pipe ranking criteria.

May 10, 2008: revised by the HPPC and approved by the Board of Directors

October 15, 2008: Event selection revisions; Nor Am, Jr & Sr Nationals, Canadian Series, Ontario Winter Games

December 1, 2009, December 2, 2010, January 16, 2011

January 31, 2012: Park and Pipe Rankings changed due to unanimous disagreement on previous weighting.

January 10, 2013 – Revision to weightings of World Cups and NorAm/equivalent competitions

December 10, 2013 – Reduction to 3 RPA from 4 RPA for RPA Ranking; Major revision for clarity; Update Events

September 10, 2014 – Selection Criteria added for the 2016 Ontario Winter Games

December 2, 2014 – Updated 2015 Events/Weightings; Updated Event Selection Opportunities

January 20, 2015 – Section 4.2: Park: Rev tours changed; Section 4.1: Moguls Tier 2 weightings for 2 finals

November 4, 2015 – Updated dates; updated HPPC members; inclusion of 'super finals' in mogul rounds; eligible competition tables 4.1 and 4.2 updated; footnotes for table 4.2 updated; athlete ranking requirements for Tier 3 park & pipe events changed.

March 9, 2016 – Table 4.2 – Eligible Competitions: Le Relais Summit event renamed to “Step Up (Le Relais only) SS (AFP Gold)”, and its weighting raised.

November 23, 2016 – Tables 4.1 and 4.2 updated for 2016-17 season; “CFSA” and “FSO” changed to “FO” and “FC”; some minor wording changes made for clarity

November 22, 2017 – Tables 4.1 and 4.2 updated for 2017-18 season; Section 5.4 and 5.5 updated to include High Performance Program Statement of Interest requirement for provincial team selections.

December 22, 2017 – Due date added for HPPSI forms (section 5.4).

November 22, 2018 – HPPC member list updated (section 1); website URLs updated; event and round weightings updated (sections 3 & 4); Provincial team time frames updated (section 5.3);

January 23, 2019 – Section 4.2 Park & Pipe Athlete Ranking table updated to include Edelweiss Axis Jr. Games event.

April 2, 2019 – Sections 5.2 and 5.4 updated to protect against potential conflicts of interest in athlete selection processes;

November 27, 2019 – DRAFT for 19-20 season. Removal of Canadian Series being listed as a quota limited event to reflect open entry format of Mogul Canada Cup's. Step Up Pro event moved to a Canada Cup Weighting.

January 16, 2020 – DRAFT converted to FINAL for 19-20 season. Removal of “averaging” in dual mogul RPA calculations (Section 3). For adjusting the weightings for park & pipe events based on the caliber of the athlete field, AFP ranking replaced with a more current process.

March 25, 2020 – Developmental Programs added to Table 5.1 and Program section created in 6.4.

March 11, 2021 – Minor wording updates to accommodate to changes in team names, dates, etc...; Updates to the process described in Section 6.4 (Ontario Development Squad Selections).

December 6, 2021 – MAJOR CHANGE: New ranking system created for P&P events (section 3.2), replacing the RPA Rankings for P&P events. RPA Rankings stays in place for mogul events, under the new title of “Mogul Rankings” (section 3.1); Sections 4.1 and 4.2 merged with 3.1 and 3.2; Appendix A and Appendix B created to include weightings and base point values; New method for adjusting rankings for Timber Tour and Provincial Championship events, in certain scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete (Appendix A and B); New dual mogul ranking chart for Tier 5 events ( table 3.2); Additional minor changes throughout the criteria to align with this major change.

January 7, 2022 – Change to New method for adjusting “Top Event Score” for MO (Appendix A) and P&P Ranking Point Allocation for SS/BA/HP (Appendix B) in scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete at FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events.

January 20, 2022 – Change to R-value for men's Tier 4 SS/BA events to reflect to the typical depth of the athlete field at that tier (Appendix B)



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February 10, 2022 – REMOVED New method for adjusting “Top Event Score” for MO (Appendix A) in scenarios where Ontario Team athletes compete at FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events. (Moguls only)