



## 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 A

### 1-Year Revision Record:

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.

November 22, 2023 – Updates for the 2023-24 season. MO Ranking process changed to a placing-based system following the same method as Park & Pipe which allows single and dual mogul rankings to be better aligned. Removed adjustments to Ontario Ranking Score Allocation for FO Timber Tour and Provincial Championships Events. Added new table for base point values for eligible competitions and events for moguls. Added that P&P Ranking scores can come from either qualifications or finals, Base Point totals for Finals added to chart.

January 24, 2024 – Added clarification about field size including DNS and DNF competitors.

February 7, 2024 – Clarified what is “Finals” for Dual Moguls. Clarified how Ontario Ranking Scores are calculated if a finals round is cancelled. Suspended the Small Field size provision for the 2023-24 season due to inconsistencies in judging across P&P Timber Tour Events.

## 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.

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 Park & Pipe Team
- Ontario Mogul Team
- 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)
- MO NorAm Cup events - PSO discretionary spots (see separate Criteria for current year)
- Junior Nationals (see separate Criteria for current year)
- Canada Winter Games (year of next games 2027)



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### 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.

#### 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



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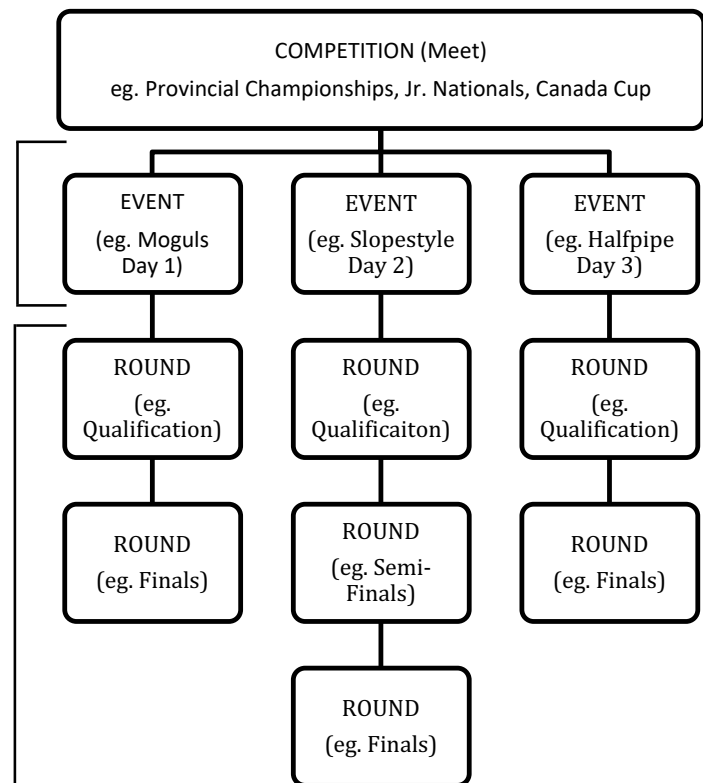
- P&P Rankings – Ranked list of slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe athletes from highest to lowest by gender, using the P&P Rankings system described in section 3.2
- Competitive Season/Ranking Season – November 1 to April 30
- Minimum Skill Level - athlete is *consistently capable of competently completing 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.

## 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 SYSTEM:

The Ontario Ranking System assigns ranking scores to convert athlete event performances into season-long Ontario Ranking Lists. The Ontario Rankings are comprised of Mogul Ranking Lists for each gender category and P&P Ranking Lists for each gender category. Mogul Ranking Scores and P&P Ranking Scores may not be combined to create a single ranking.

FO maintains Ontario Ranking Lists for Ontario Athletes as follows:

1. Male Mogul Rankings
  - Top 3 Mogul Ranking Scores from eligible Single Mogul and Dual Mogul events
2. Female Mogul Rankings
  - Top 3 Mogul Ranking Scores from eligible Single Mogul and Dual Mogul events
3. Male Park & Pipe Rankings
  - 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.
4. Female Park & Pipe Rankings
  - 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.

Allocation of Ontario Ranking Scores and updating of Ontario Ranking Lists will be completed weekly during the Competitive Season, contingent upon 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>

#### **Calculation of Ontario Ranking Scores (within each discipline and gender category):**

**For all disciplines, Ontario Ranking Scores are allocated based on an athlete's competition placing, and not the numerical value of their competition score from the judges (\*NEW\* for Moguls)**

Each tier of event assigns a **Base Point Total** for first place in that tier of event, and each subsequent placing receives fewer points in equal increments down to last place which always receives 30 points for all tiers of events.

**Ontario Ranking Scores** are **only** calculated for eligible Competitions/Events listed in this document. There must be at least 2 competitors in the same gender category in an Event for that Event to be eligible for Ontario Ranking Scores.

**Ontario Ranking Scores** for each event are calculated from all scores from all athletes within the same gender category and discipline at that event, they are **not** calculated based on Age Categories within an Event.

#### **Formula used to allocate Ontario Ranking Scores – Qualification Round:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Athlete's Ontario Ranking Score = Base Point Total for the event/round**

**Next athlete Ontario Ranking Score = Ontario Ranking Score 1 place higher – ((Base Point Total – 30) ÷ (Total competitors – 1))**



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The “Overall # of Competitors” includes DNF and DNS finishes, however a result of DNF or DNS will receive an Ontario Ranking score of zero (0).

Example of Ontario Ranking Score Calculation - QUALIFICATIONS
Event Base Point Total: 500 *Overall # of Competitors: 60 Athlete’s Event Placing: 17th  Incremental point reduction calculation: Ontario Ranking Score for First Place = 500 Ontario Ranking Score for 60 <sup>th</sup> (last) place = 30  Incremental score reduction per placing = $(500-30)/(60-1) = 7.967$ (create a table in excel for all placings)  17 <sup>th</sup> place out of 60 receives an Ontario Ranking Score of 373 for this event.

**Formula used to allocate Ontario Ranking Scores – Finals Rounds:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Athlete’s Ontario Ranking Score**

= Base Point Total for the event/round

**Next athlete’s Ontario Ranking Score**

= Ontario Ranking Score 1 place higher – ((Base Point Total – Ontario Ranking Score of 1<sup>st</sup> non-Finalist ) ÷ (# of Finalists))

Example of Ontario Ranking Score Calculation - FINALS
Finals Round Base Point Total: 570 # of Competitors in the Final: 16 Athlete’s Event Placing: 8 <sup>th</sup>  Incremental point reduction calculation: Ontario Ranking Score for First Place = 570 Ontario Ranking Score for 17 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> non-Finalist) place = 373  Incremental score reduction per placing = $(570-373)/(16) = 12.3125$ (create a table in excel for all placings)  8th place in Finals receives an Ontario Ranking Score of 484 for this event.



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**3.1 MOGUL RANKING LISTS**

The Mogul Ranking Lists rank athletes from the highest to lowest **Mogul Ranking Total** within their gender category and discipline (Moguls and Dual Moguls are considered a single discipline for Ontario Ranking Lists); Mogul Rankings are comprised of mogul and dual mogul event results only.

Events will have different weightings based on 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). **Base Point Totals for each ranked mogul competition are listed in the table below.** Competitions and Events must fall within the Ontario Rankings Season: November 1 – April 30.

**Calculation of Mogul Ranking Totals:** FO calculates each athlete’s **Mogul Ranking Total** athlete from the sum of their **Top 3 Mogul Ranking Scores** for the Competitive Season from the eligible Competitions and Events listed in Table 3.1.1 below. 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.

**TABLE 3.1.1 ELIGIBLE MOGUL COMPETITIONS AND BASE POINT TOTALS USED TO CALCULATE MOGUL RANKING SCORES**

TIER	ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS / EVENTS	BASE POINT TOTALS		
		Qualifications	Finals	Super Final
<b>TIER 1</b>	FIS World Cups (International)	900	930	960
<b>TIER 2</b>	FIS Nor-Am Cups (Continental)	675	690	700
<b>TIER 3 National</b>	Sr. Nationals (FIS)	675	690	700
	FIS Apex Classic	600	615	630
<b>TIER 4</b>	Canada Cups (Eastern)	405	425	
	Jr. Canadian Championships (National Jr.)	405		
<b>TIER 5</b>	Timber Tours & Timber Tour Provincial Championships	150		
<b>TIER 6</b>	Junior Jams, Freestylerz Festivals (and equivalent by HPPC approval)	30*		

\* All competitors in a Tier 6 event receive the same number of Ontario Ranking Points for participation

**Mogul Ranking Scores:** One **Mogul Ranking Score** is calculated for each athlete participating in an Event; an Event may consist of the following Rounds: Qualifications, Semi-Finals, Finals, and Super Finals.

**BEST OF 2 RUNS FORMAT:** At Events or Rounds (Qualifications 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/FINALS/SUPER-FINALS FORMATS:** At Events that include any combination of Qualifications, Finals, and/or Super-Finals, a **Mogul Ranking Score** will be calculated for each Round, however, only the single 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, finals, and super-finals rounds for that Event.

In events that have a single mogul qualifier round followed by a dual mogul round, the single mogul round and the initial duals rounds will both be counted as qualification rounds. The “Big Final” and “Small Final” medal rounds will be counted as “Finals” for calculation of Mogul Ranking Scores.



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If an event was scheduled to have a Final and/or Super Final round that round did not occur due to extenuating circumstances, the Mogul Ranking Scores for athletes who had qualified for that final round will still be calculated using the Base Point Total for the round that did not occur. For example, a qualification round was run, but poor weather caused the finals round to be cancelled. The athletes who had qualified for the finals round but did not compete due to the cancellation of finals will have their P&P Ranking Score calculated using the finals Base Point Total for that event.

### 3.2 P&P RANKING LISTS

The P&P Ranking Lists rank athletes from highest to lowest **P&P Ranking Total** within their **gender category** and **discipline** (Slopestyle, Big Air and Half Pipe are considered a single discipline for Ontario Ranking Lists); P&P Rankings are comprised of slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe event results only.

**Calculation of P&P Ranking Totals:** FO calculates 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 listed in table 3.2.1 below. 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.

Events will have different weightings based on 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). **Base Point Totals** for each ranked slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe competition and event are listed in the table below. Competitions and Events must fall within the Ontario Rankings Season: November 1 – April 30.

**TABLE 3.2.1 ELIGIBLE SLOPESTYLE, BIG AIR, and HALFPIPE COMPETITIONS AND BASE POINT TOTALS USED TO CALCULATE P&P RANKING SCORES**

TIER	ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS / EVENTS	BASE POINT TOTAL	
		Qualifications	Finals
TIER 1	FIS World Cups (International)	900	1000
TIER 2	FIS Nor-Am Cups (Continental)	675	750
TIER 3	Canada Cups (National)	500	570
TIER 4	Jr. Canadian Championships (National Jr.)	405	
TIER 5	Timber Tours & Timber Tour Provincial Championships	150	
TIER 6	Junior Jams, Freestylerz Festivals (and equivalent by HPPC approval)	30*	

\* All competitors in a Tier 6 event receive the same number of Ontario Ranking Points for participation

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 calibre. The HPPC is dedicated to ensuring weightings are fair to all Ontario 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 calibre. 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 point total. Such adjustments should be rare and only be made in extenuating circumstances.



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- CALIBRE OF ATHLETIC FIELD: Did the field of athletes who competed in the event deviate notably from the event's expected position in the LTAD framework? Did this deviation effect the event's results? Did this deviation skew the value of the final results for ranking purposes?
- 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 with the same of that base score? Does this deviation justify the event receiving a different base point total?

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 point total 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).

### P&P Ranking Scores:

One **P&P Ranking Score** is calculated for each athlete participating in an Event; an Event may consist of the following Rounds: Qualifications (Heats), and Finals.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS/HEATS/FINALS FORMAT:** At Events that include any combination of Qualifications, Heats, and Finals, P&P Ranking Scores will be calculated for each Round, however, only the athlete's single best P&P Ranking Score from that Event will be used. In other words, athletes get **one (1) P&P Ranking Score from a single Event** even if they compete in the qualifications, and finals rounds for that Event.

**QUALIFICATION ROUND P&P RANKING SCORES BASED ON HEATS:** P&P Ranking Scores may alternatively be calculated separately for each heat, **ONLY** if the full-field qualification rankings are not possible to create accurately from qualification results across multiple heats. In such a case, the **Base Point Total** for first place in each heat would be reduced to the P&P Ranking Score that would have been given to the placing equivalent to the number of heats. That is if there were 3 heats in the qualification round, the Base Point Total for each heat would be equivalent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranking in the full field of competitors.

If an event was scheduled to have a Finals round that round did not occur due to extenuating circumstances, the P&P Ranking Scores for athletes who had qualified for that final round will still be calculated using on the Base Point Total for the round that did not occur. For example, a qualification round was run, but poor weather caused the finals round to be cancelled. The athletes who had qualified for the finals round but did not compete due to the cancellation of finals will have their P&P Ranking Score calculated using the finals Base Point Total for that event.

### 3.3 SMALL FIELD SIZE PROVISION FOR ONTARIO RANKING SCORE ALLOCATION

**\*\* The Small Field Size provision described below will not be implemented for the 2023-24 Season, due to unanticipated inconsistencies in judging across Timber Tour events.**





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In the event of a field size that drops to less than 6 athletes, all events of the same Tier, discipline and gender category will have 3 placeholder scores added to the results when calculating of the event's Ontario Ranking Scores (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 Ontario 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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**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/Freestylerz/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 Cups, NorAm Cups, Canada Winter Games.

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

#### **5.1 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM GOALS (Mogul, Park & Pipe):**

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**

##### **5.2.1 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (HPPC)**

The 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.

##### **5.2.2 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 5.3.1 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 5.3.1:** 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
Nor Am Cups (Ontario spots)	See Nor Am Selection Criteria	24 hours
Canada Winter Games	See Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria	24 hours
Ontario Team	April	7 days
Ontario Development Squad	May	6 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



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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, 2024** in order to be considered for the first round of invites for the Ontario Team or Ontario Development Squad.

### 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 CIRCUMSTANCE/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 as 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 High Performance Director (HPD) as soon as they become injured and before **April 1st** each season. The FO HPD 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 Ontario Ranking Score calculated 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



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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.

### 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 CANADA CUP SERIES:

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

#### 6.3 SELECTION FOR NOR AM CUP (PSO SPOTS):

See separate Selection Criteria: FO Ontario Athlete Nor Am 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 High Performance Director at [heather@freestyleontario.ski](mailto:heather@freestyleontario.ski).

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



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### **7. APPEALS**

Please refer to the FO appeals process.

### **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 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.





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### APPENDIX A

#### 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 it’s 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.

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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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