



Freestyle Saskatchewan

2027 Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria

February 27-Mar 14, Quebec City

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the Saskatchewan Canada Winter Games (CWG) team, an athlete must:

- Have an active membership with Freestyle Canada indicating that they are part of a Freestyle Saskatchewan (FS) registered club
- Have no outstanding debt with Freestyle Saskatchewan or a Freestyle Saskatchewan registered club.
- Meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's Athlete Eligibility Policy



CWG's Athlete
Eligibility Policy.htm

AGE CRITERIA

The eligible age window for CWG is 13-19 years of age as of December 31, 2026 (YOB 2007-2013)

TEAM SIZE

The number of athletes selected for CWG is based on a pre-determined team size allocation according to the CGC. According to this, FS can send a maximum of four (4) male and four (4) female athletes.

The number of coaches selected for CWG is based on a pre-determined team size allocation according to the CGC. Team Saskatchewan will consist of two (2) coaches; one (1) female and one (1) male. There is also a Manager position available, which FS has the option of filling.

SELECTION METHOD

Selection to the Freestyle Saskatchewan CWGs team will be based primarily on the RPA Ranking List. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their three (3) highest eligible ranking events from the 2025/2026 season. The ranking list will be calculated using the relative point average (RPA) method, where an athlete's ranking points are determined by their competition score relative to that competition's overall winner. The table of eligible events and the corresponding values can be found in the accompanying appendix.

Athletes who compete at the FIS level (i.e. Canada Cup) will be given priority before non-FIS athletes will be considered. Only after there are no eligible FIS athletes within a spot's assigned gender/discipline (i.e. female moguls) will "wildcard" spots open up to non-FIS athletes.

The CWGs Committee reserves the right to select athletes based on Special Rankings considerations or the Extraordinary circumstances clause. The Freestyle Saskatchewan CWGs Committee, with input from the team coaches, reviews all matters related to selection. The chair of the CWGs committee will hold the tie breaking vote.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

The Freestyle Saskatchewan CWGs Committee may in some cases choose to select athletes out of the initial ranking order. In such cases the committee must record in detail the reasons for its decisions. Special Ranking Considerations include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- An athlete who is showing excellent results and increasing their performance results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics and/or technical capability; may be moved higher than their calculated ranking. (Rational: in some stages of development an athlete may focus on training and not perform as well at competition.)
- An athlete who might have demonstrated high achievement of KPIs/benchmarks but may not have a competition ranking reflective of their ability.
- An athlete who has had opportunities and is not advancing towards the program goal may move lower than their calculated ranking.
- When there is a relatively narrow point spread between two athletes, there is greater chance of "out of order" selection.
- An athlete with strong work ethic and commitment to training opportunities may move ahead of an athlete who has not demonstrated these traits.
- Athletes who have reached major event podiums in recent years.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to circumstances such as injury, or death in the family. The CWGs Committee will nominate athletes they feel do qualify under this clause 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.
- An athlete misses a portion of the competition season due to health-related curtailment of activities; the selection period will be extended backwards.
- The Selection Committee has the discretion to make exceptions to injury clause for special cases. This may include expanding the selection period backwards, or other adjustments to meet the special case.

- The Selection Committee may nominate an athlete at its discretion if extraordinary circumstances beyond the athlete's control significantly impacted their training or competition opportunities during the 2025/2026 season.

GENERAL

Issues not otherwise covered by this document are subject to the decision of the chair of the Freestyle Saskatchewan CWGs Committee, in consultation with committee members and other affected parties.

SELECTION TIMELINES

Eligible athletes who are seeking consideration for selection to the Games will inform the CWGs Committee verbally or in writing. An evaluation of the athletes' skill level and competitive readiness must be provided to the committee from a qualified coach. Please send any materials supporting the athletes' selection to GM@freestylesaskatchewan.ca

The selection committee will determine and communicate to the nominated athletes for CWGs Team Saskatchewan 2027, as well as identify possible alternates, no later than September 30th, 2026. Athletes must accept or decline their nomination within one week of receiving their nomination. Any athlete who declines their nomination will lead to the alternate (in priority rank) being provided the opportunity to accept nomination.