



Alpine Canada Alpin – Canada Ski Cross

2017 FIS Freestyle World Championships Selection Criteria

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1.0 PREAMBLE

The 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will take place in Sierra Nevada, Spain from March 6th – 19th, 2017.

The freestyle ski disciplines that will take place during the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships include:

- Men's & Women's Single and Dual Moguls
- Men's & Women's Aerials
- Men's & Women's Ski-Cross
- Men's & Women's Ski Half-Pipe
- Men's & Women's Ski Slopestyle

Alpine Canada Alpin - Canada Ski Cross (CSX) will select athletes to participate in the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships (Ski Cross discipline) based on the selection criteria outlined herein. The selection and entries for Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe and Slopestyle will be administered by Freestyle Canada (FC).

2.0 AUTHORITY

The FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships are conducted under rules established by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guiding principles have been taken into consideration in the development of the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships selection criteria:

- For CSX, the primary objective is to win medals at the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships;
- The freestyle ski athletes selected to represent Canada in the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships must demonstrate the ability to win medals and/or demonstrate the potential to medal at future major events, leading into the 2018 and 2022 Winter Olympic Games.



4.0 KEY DATES

CSX must submit a final list of athletes to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships Organizing Committee no later than 24 hours after the last FIS World Cup event preceding the FIS World Championships.

5.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

CSX will determine a selection period from which an athlete's results will be considered for establishing a ranking so athletes may be selected to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships Team.

The selection period for Ski cross internal ranking shall be defined as December 9, 2016 to March 6, 2017 (or 24 hours after the last scheduled World Cup event prior to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships). ***Eligible events for the "Combined Canadian Freestyle List" are World Cup events between Dec. 9th, 2016 to February 26th, 2017 inclusively.*

Eligible competitions shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cup competitions and other competitions identified in the selection criteria by CSX and FC.

Eligible ski cross competitions shall be: All FIS World Cup events between December 1st, 2016 and March 7th, 2017.

Athlete results from FIS Freestyle World Cup competitions held during the selection period will only be considered in the selection of athletes to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships.

6.0 ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

Freestyle ski athletes participating in the Ski Cross discipline will be considered eligible for selection to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships provided they:

- Are a member of the 2016/2017 CSCT (Canadian Ski Cross Team – A, B, C or D Teams)
- Are a member in good standing with Alpine Canada Alpin and CSX;
- Have a valid FIS license and athlete insurance.
- Have a valid Canadian Passport
- Have the minimum of 50 FIS points as per the FIS Rule precisions specific to the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard WSC 2017 in Sierra Nevada.



7.0 QUOTA

The FIS determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships for each country participating.

The FIS has established the following quotas for the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships:

- I. Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender, per event;
 - II. Maximum team size of twenty (20) athletes per gender;
 - III. Overall maximum team size of 36 athletes (excluding the reigning FIS World Champions);
- 7.1 Overall Maximum Team – Discipline and gender quota allocation process (if needed):

A combined ranking list between FC and CSX “Combined Canadian Freestyle List” will be created to determine the final quota spot(s) allocated per gender and discipline.

- a. Due to the overall maximum team size, the 4th ranked or lowest ranked athlete per gender per disciplines (excluding the reigning FIS World Champions) will be compared by a multi-discipline ranking (“Combined Canadian Freestyle List”)
- b. Eligible events from the 2016-17 World Cup/AFP Platinum schedule (placings must be in the top 2/3rds of the field size, excluding DNS skiers. Rounded down to the nearest whole number), obtained between December 9th, 2016 and February 26th 2017, inclusively, will be counted.
- c. Rankings will be based on:
 - i. Tier 1: Have one podium placing from the 2017 FIS Freestyle World Championship selection criteria posted by CSX and FC. If there is a tie within Tier 1, the next single highest placing will be compared from the Combined Canadian Freestyle List selection period.
 - ii. Tier 2: if there are still quota(s) available after Tier 1, the sum of their 2 best eligible placings as per the 2017 FIS Freestyle World Championship selection criteria posted by CSX and FC. If there is a tie within Tier 2, the next single highest placing will be compared from the Combined Canadian Freestyle List selection period. If



needed, the tie break will count backwards into 2015-16 season.

- iii. Tier 1 will be prioritized over Tier 2 athletes.
 - d. Injury results will not be used for the combined rankings list.
- IV. Internal Ranking for each discipline will be determined by FC and CSX as per their Nomination procedures outlined in their respective selection criteria.
- a. CSX internal ranking for Ski Cross is based on section 8.2 (b) of this document
 - b. FC internal ranking is based on their published selection criteria
- V. The reigning FIS World Champions have the right to participate in addition to the quota in the event they respectively won at the 2015 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships.

CSX is not required to fill the quota in any one discipline and reserves the right to select fewer athletes for a discipline than the FIS quota may allow.

8.0 ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Eligible freestyle ski athletes will be selected to compete in the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships by the following procedures:

8.1 General Information

- a. Eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline according to gender

8.2 Ski Cross

- a. All eligible ski cross athletes will be ranked in Tiers based on their 2016/17 FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup placings. The number of placings used from the selection period will depend on the number of competitions held during the selection period.
- b. Tiering priority – Tiers will be prioritized by Tier 1, then Tier 2, then Tier 3, then Tier 4, then Tier 5, then Tier 6
- c. The following tiered system will be used to rank athletes:
 - 1. Tier 1 – Two (2) podium placing(s) during the selection period. If there are more than four (4) athletes of one gender with two (2) podium placing(s), the lowest sum of the two (2) podiums will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is



still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2016-17 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.

2. Tier 2 – One (1) podium finish and one (1) top thirty-two (32) finish. The sum of the placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2016-17 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
3. Tier 3 – Two (2) top eight (8) placing(s). The sum of the placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2016-17 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
4. Tier 4 – One (1) top eight (8) finish and one (1) top twenty-four . The sum of the placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie the current 2016-17 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.
5. Tier 5 – Two (2) top thirty-two (32) placing(s). The sum of the best two (2) placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If necessary, results from the 2016-17 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used to break any final ties.
6. Tier 6 –Ranking according to the best result from 2015-16 and 2016-17 World Cup results. The sum of the best two (2) placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked first. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best three (3) placing(s) will be used to rank the athletes. If there is still a tie, the lowest sum of the best four (4) results will be used to rank the athletes. If necessary, results from the 2015-16 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used to break any final ties.

The number of athletes CSX can select is restricted by the quotas established by the FIS as outlined in Section 7.0 above.



9.0 EXTRA-ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

9.1 Injuries sustained during the Selection Period

- a. In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the selection period and unable to compete at eligible events, the following provisions will be made to permit athletes to be ranked for selection to the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships.
- b. For an eligible athlete to be considered for extra-ordinary circumstances, his or her physical injury must be medically documented by a physician mutually agreed upon by CSX and the athlete, or his or her representative. The CSX Leadership group, IST Lead and Medical Lead will validate all individualized return to podium plans to ensure the injured athlete will be able to compete at a level high enough to secure a podium placing.
- c. When an athlete has obtained the results to be named to the World Championship team, but has not competed in the last 1 or 2 events of the selection period due to injury; the athlete must obtain a written statement from CSX medical staff stating that the athlete may be in a position to return to full training by March 5th, 2017. Failure to receive the support of the medical team will result in the athlete not being named to the team. (Objective: If it is not reasonable for the athlete to be expected to return from injury by the start of training, they will not be named to the team)
- d. In extra-ordinary circumstances a panel may be brought together representing the Athletic Director – Canada Ski Cross, Head Coach – Canada Ski Cross and the ACA athlete representative or their designates to evaluate the merits of any extra-ordinary circumstances and the guiding principals as outlined in this document. The panel will be responsible for any extra-ordinary circumstances and the ranking of athlete(s) involved within these circumstance(s). The decision(s) of the panel will be final and not subject to appeals due to the timeline of the selection process for the FIS World Championships.

9.2 Athlete Withdrawal after Selection Period Concludes

- i) In the event that a selected athlete is unable to compete in the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships after the entry deadline, CSX will replace that athlete with the next highest ranked eligible athlete as defined herein who meets the event and gender quotas.



10.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where an unforeseen circumstance(s) (as determined by CSX) does not allow the Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, CSX reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

If the criteria results in fewer athletes than the quota allows, CSX reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes.

11.0 APPEALS

CSX selections for the 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the ACA Appeals Protocol.