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Olympic Winter Games – Pyeongchang 2018
“Canadian Olympic Team Internal Nomination Procedures
For Freestyle Ski Events”

1.0 PREAMBLE

The 2018 Olympic Winter Games will take place **February 9-25, 2018** in Bokwong, South Korea. The Freestyle Ski events will be held at Phoenix Park ski resort.

1.1 The Freestyle Ski events that will take place during the 2018 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) include:

- Men’s Moguls
- Women’s Moguls
- Men’s Aerials
- Women’s Aerials
- Men’s Ski Cross
- Women’s Ski Cross
- Men’s Halfpipe
- Women’s Halfpipe
- Men’s Slopestyle
- Women’s Slopestyle

1.2 The Olympic Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee (OFSNC) will nominate athletes in each of the above events to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the Canadian Winter Olympic Team based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

The OFSNC is comprised of the following three (3) individuals:

- David Mirota, VP Sport (& HPD Slopestyle & Halfpipe), Freestyle Canada (FC)
- Marc-André Moreau, High Performance Program Director, Freestyle Canada (Aerials & Moguls)
- Willy Raine, Athletic Director Ski Cross, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)

If any of the above individuals leave their position during the Selection period, the new individual filling the equivalent position will be named to the OFSNC.

The OFSNC operates on a full consensus basis. If a decision cannot be made, a Canadian Olympic Committee designated staff member will be involved to mediate the situation. All matters that may not be resolved, will be differed to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

The following document details the criteria by which athletes will be nominated to the COC by the OFSNC.

2.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 The COC is charged with the responsibility for selecting the final list of Canadian athletes who will represent Canada at the 2018 OWG.
- 2.2 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognizes the International Ski Federation (FIS) as the international governing body for skiing. The FIS determines the overall maximum number of Freestyle Ski athletes that may participate in the Olympic Winter Games, establishes quotas for maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender and maximum number of athletes per discipline for Freestyle Ski athletes from each National Olympic Committee (NOC).
- 2.3 The Olympic Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the COC based on selection criteria and a process that is deemed to be fair and just, and that meets the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS.

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLE

For Canadian Freestyle Ski athletes competing in Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe and Slopestyle, the OWG is the most significant competition held every four (4) years. Results from this competition have an impact on funding received from various governmental and non-governmental sources for direct athlete funding and financial support for High Performance Programs of Freestyle Canada (FC) and Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA -Ski Cross).

The athletes representing Canada in the Freestyle Skiing events represent the best Freestyle Skiing athletes in the country and among the best in the world.

Our primary objective is to win medals at the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games.

4.0 KEY DATES

The 2018 Olympic Freestyle Ski Team Internal Procedures policy contains several key dates: The dates below may change depending on the final decisions of the COC and IOC.

March 1st, 2017 The OFSNC submits a long list of potential athletes for nomination to the COC for the 2018 OWG. This long list may contain more athlete names than the quota established by the IOC and FIS. The athletes listed will be those most likely to be nominated to the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team on the basis of the athlete rankings.

January 21, 2018 The OFSNC submits the final provisional list of nominated athletes for the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team to the COC. The final list will indicate the names of athletes nominated to compete in the Freestyle Skiing events at the 2018 OWG

January 22 to 25, 2018 The FIS informs the COC of the quota places for Canada in the Mogul, Aerial, Ski Cross, Halfpipe and Slopestyle events at the 2018 OWG. The OFSNC then confirms the final list to the COC, provided that the list of nominated athletes doesn't exceed the quota established by the IOC and FIS. The COC confirms to the FIS the use of the quota places.

January 28, 2018, 21:00 GMT The final date the COC must register the Canadian Olympic Team for the 2018 OWG.

For the official 2018 FIS Olympic Quota System, please see:

<http://data.fis-ski.com/special/olympic-winter-games-2018-quotas-information.html>

5.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

5.1 The selection period from which an athlete's placing in eligible competitions will be considered for establishing a ranking so athletes may be nominated by the OFSNC to the COC for selection to the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team is:

December 8th 2016 to January 21st 2018, inclusively.

5.2 Eligible competitions shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cups, FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships, and AFP Platinum competitions in the Olympic Freestyle Skiing disciplines.

For the purpose of ranking athletes, only a final placing will be considered. The following parameters will be applied:

- i. Aerial events with a restricted degree of difficulty (see FIS International Competition Rules for Freestyle skiing; rule 3032.1.5) will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- ii. An aerial final placing coming from the team event individual 1 jump final phase competition, which counts towards individual athlete World Cup standings, will be eligible to count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- iii. Dual Mogul events will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- iv. Ski Cross events where the quarter-final phase has not been completed will not be eligible to count.
- v. Halfpipe events where wall height is 18ft or less will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- vi. Slopestyle events with less than four (4) judged features will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- vii. Slopestyle events with rail (*jib*) and jump sections that are judged over 2 separate runs will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- viii. The eligible events for **Slopestyle** and **Halfpipe** are limited to the following list:
 - a. 2016-17
 - FIS World Cups and FIS World Championships, (except SS WC in Italy overlapping the same week of Aspen X-Games);
 - X-Games (Aspen and Norway);
 - AFP Platinum level events
 - b. 2017-18
 - FIS World Cups;
 - AFP Platinum level events

- c. If an event listed in Subsection a. changes location, the placing will still count for rankings for Olympic nomination, provided that Subsection 5.2 i) to iv) are met.

5.3 The OFNSC will perform its due diligence to ensure the level of competitions eligible towards the selection of athletes include a competitive field and are approached in an ethical manner, and consistent with the guiding principle described in section 3.

The placing value of an eligible event may be capped if the OFNSC agrees that one or more of the following conditions are true:

- a) A significant amount of the Top 16 ranked athletes are missing from the field (Excluding known injured athletes and retirements), based on a combination of most recent FIS and/or AFP World rankings;
- b) There was a proven manipulation to control the outcome of a placing;
- c) Dangerous conditions caused a significant number of top ranked athletes remove themselves from competing (ex: Did Not Start (DNS)).

If the OFNSC decides, with justifying evidence, that one or more of the above conditions exist, a podium placing will be limited to a 4th position placing value, which would still be eligible to count towards the rankings and athlete nomination.

The OFNSC will take all possible measures to make the decision prior to the start of the implicated competition, based on early communication with the FIS, AFP, and the event Organizing Committee.

6.0 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

To be eligible for nomination to the COC for participation in Freestyle Ski events at the Pyeongchang 2018 OWG, freestyle ski athletes must:

- Be a member of FC's High Performance Program in the 2017-18 competition season (includes NextGen group athletes) **or** a member of the Canadian Ski Cross Team (A,B,C,D) during the 2017-18 competition season;
- Be a member in good standing with the FC or ACA
- Athletes are eligible for selection by the COC who have placed in the top 30 in a FIS World Cup event or FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships in the event concerned during the qualification period: Aerials, Moguls, Ski Cross, Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle, and

have the following minimum points in the event concerned on the FIS Points List published on 22 January 2018:

- Aerials, Moguls, and Ski cross: 80 FIS Points
- Halfpipe & Slopestyle: 50 FIS Points
- Have a valid Canadian Passport that expires on August 29th, 2018 or later.
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and PyeongChang 2018 / IOC Conditions of Participation Form, no later than January 21, 2018.
- Sign submit and comply with Alpine Canada or Freestyle Canada's 2017-18 athlete agreement.
- Comply with all relevant FIS and IOC requirements for eligibility.

7.0 QUOTA

The IOC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2018 OWG by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating in the Games.

7.1 For the 2018 OWG, the IOC has established the following Freestyle Skiing quotas for each country:

- Maximum of four (4) athletes per gender per event;
- Maximum of sixteen (16) athletes per gender;
- Overall maximum team size of thirty (30) athletes.

7.2 The FIS and IOC have also established a maximum quota of all athletes per event:

1. Men:

a. Moguls:	30
b. Aerials:	25
c. Ski Cross:	32
d. Halfpipe:	30
e. Slopestyle:	30

2. Women:

a. Moguls:	30
b. Aerials:	25
c. Ski Cross:	32
d. Halfpipe:	24
e. Slopestyle:	24

7.3 Quota places per National Olympic Committees (NOC) according to the above number of participants per event will be allocated using the

Olympic Quota Allocation List, which contains an addition of the FIS World Cup standings points per event per gender from July 1st, 2016 until January 21st, 2018 and the FIS Freestyle Skiing World Championship 2017 placing (using the same points calculation as for the World Cup).

The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per competitor from the top of the **Olympic Quota Allocation List** downwards until the maximum total per event in Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle per gender is reached. Once a NOC has achieved the maximum number of four (4) places its remaining competitors will no longer be counted and the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List will be allocated a place.

In the event a NOC is allocated more than the maximum of 30 quotas, it is up to the NOC to select a team of maximum 30 (Max 16 per gender) competitors across the various events, between January 22nd and 24th, 2018. Following the allocation of quota places by FIS and confirmation of entries by the NOCs, a re-allocation of unused quota places per event will be made by FIS to the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List in the respective event (Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Ski Halfpipe, Ski Slopestyle) and gender.

*****In the event of a discrepancy between the above summary and the actual FIS Qualification System, the Olympic Qualification Criteria as published by FIS shall prevail. The full details of the FIS Qualification System can be found at:***

<http://data.fis-ski.com/special/olympic-winter-games-2018-quotas-information.html>

Further, in the event FIS makes any changes to their Olympic Qualification System, the OFSNC will be bound by those changes, and if such a change necessitates other changes to this internal nomination procedure, the OFSNC shall make those changes and inform all affected athletes and the COC at the earliest opportunity.

8.0 ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Eligible athletes from Freestyle Skiing will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games team by either of the following methods: Pre-Assigned “Method A & B” for Freestyle Canada and Alpine Canada Alpin and “Method C” for remaining quotas. “Method A & B” will have priority over athletes nominated on the basis of the criteria set out in “Method C”.

8.1 Method 'A' and 'B' pre-assigned Quotas for Alpine Canada Alpin (SX) and Freestyle Canada (AE, HP, MO, SS):

- Alpine Canada Alpin (for SX) has 5 quotas (Max 3 per Gender)
- Freestyle Canada (for AE, HP, MO, SS) has 20 quotas (Max 12 per gender)

8.1.1 To confirm a pre-assigned quota spot nomination within their sport, an athlete must meet the following performance benchmark:

- 3 placings with a sum of 23 points or less, including:
 - 1 podium from the selection period;AND
 - 1 Top 8 placing from the selection period
- All counting placings must be top 2/3rd of field size, rounded down to the nearest whole number, excluding DNS skiers

8.1.2 One (1) additional quota spot each is possible for ACA and FC if any of the following is true from Method A-B rankings:

- A 6th ranked SX athlete has 2 or more podiums from the selection period;
- A 21st ranked FC athlete has 2 or more podiums from the selection period;
- A 4th ranked SX athlete from one gender has 2 or more podiums from the selection period;
- A 13th ranked FC athlete from one gender has 2 or more podiums from the selection period;

**No podium placing from 2015-16 may be used, due to injury clause, towards counting 2 podiums specifically for this additional quota spot.

8.1.3 Tie-Break for additional quota within a same gender: If the 4th ranked SX athlete of the same gender (and ranked 6th) has two (2) podiums AND the 13th ranked FC athlete of that same gender also has two (2) podiums, the following tie-break rule will apply:

- The athlete with the lowest sum of the two (2) podiums will earn the spot. If still tied, the athlete with the single highest placing from the selection period will earn the quota. If still tied the next highest placing will be used, and so forth.

8.2 Freestyle Canada METHOD “A” Nomination Process:

- i) A limited number of eligible athletes may be automatically nominated in 2016-17, on a provisional basis, to the COC based on their results in **Canadian Winter Olympic Selection Grand Prix** competitions. The **Canadian Winter Olympic Selection Grand Prix** shall consist of the following winter 2017 competitions for each discipline:
- a) For Aerials:
- FIS World Cup, Lake Placid, USA– January
 - FIS World Cup, Deer Valley, USA – February
 - FIS World Cup, Bokwong, KOR - February
 - FIS World Championships, Sierra Nevada, SPA – March
- b) For Moguls:
- FIS World Cup, Val St-Côme, CAN – January
 - FIS World Cup, Calgary, CAN – January
 - FIS World Cup, Bokwong, KOR – February
 - FIS World Championships, Sierra Nevada, SPA – March
- d) For Halfpipe
- X-Games, Aspen, USA – January
 - FIS World Cup, Bokwong, South KOR - February
 - FIS World Cup, Tignes, FRA - March
 - FIS World Championships, Sierra Nevada, SPA - March
- e) For Slopestyle:
- X-Games Aspen, USA - January
 - FIS World Cup, Quebec City (Stoneham) CAN - February
 - X-Games, Hafjell, NOR - March
 - FIS World Championships, Sierra Nevada, SPA - March
- ii) The maximum number of eligible athletes that may be nominated to the COC through the **Canadian Winter Olympic Selection Grand Prix** competitions (Method “A”) are:
- 3 athletes (maximum of 2 per gender) in Aerials
 - 3 athletes (maximum of 2 per gender) in Moguls
 - 3 athletes (maximum of 2 per gender) in Halfpipe
 - 3 athletes (maximum of 2 per gender) in Slopestyle
- iii) To be provisionally nominated to the COC through Method A an eligible athlete must:

- Earn a minimum of two (2) podiums in his or her Freestyle Ski events (e.g. Aerials, Single Moguls, Halfpipe or Slopestyle) at the identified **Canadian Winter Olympic Selection Grand Prix** competitions; and
- iv) Eligible athletes who have competed in at least two (2) **Canadian Winter Olympic Selection Grand Prix** competitions and who have won at least two (2) medals at those competitions will be ranked according to the following procedure:
- Four (4) ranking lists will be created, one for each discipline:
 - Moguls
 - Aerials
 - Halfpipe
 - Slopestyle
 - An athlete's best two (2) placings will be used to determine a ranking.
 - Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete's two (2) best podium placings. For example, if an athlete's 2 best placings are 2nd and 3rd, their sum will be 5. The athlete with the lowest aggregate total will be ranked highest.
 - Only podium placings in the top 2/3rd of field size, rounded down to the nearest whole number (excluding DNS competitors) may be used in the athlete's best two (2) counting placings.
 - An athlete must count at least one (1) placing from the 2017 FIS World Ski Championships OR 2017 WC Korea test event (or Norway X-Games for SS only since they do not have a test event) in his or her 'best two podium' placings.
 - In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest placing from 8.2 i) events will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 2nd highest placing from 8.2 i) events will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 3rd highest placing from 8.2 i) events will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 4th highest placing from 8.2i) events will be selected. If the tie still exists after the four (4) placings have been compared, then a comparison will be done from the next best Method B eligible placing from 2016-17. At that point the athletes best placing from eligible events will be compared (then 2nd, then 3rd) until the tie is broken.
- v) Athletes nominated through Method "A" must also meet a minimum performance criterion at an eligible event during the 2017-18 Competition season. He or she must:
- Place in the Top 12 and Top 2/3rd of the field size (excluding DNS competitors) in at least one (1) WC competition in Aerials or Single Moguls;

- Place in the Top 12 and Top 2/3rd of the field size (excluding DNS competitors) in at least one (1) WC or Platinum AFP Platinum eligible competition in Halfpipe or Slopestyle.
- vi) As set out in Section 8.1 ii., the top 3 ranked athletes in each discipline (max 2 per gender) who meet the criteria in Method “A”, will be nominated before Freestyle Canada athletes considered for nomination under Method “B”.
 - vii) Athletes who were ranked in the top three (3) under Section 8.1 ii), but who failed to meet the minimum performance criterion under section 8.1 v) by the date FC is required to submit the team list to COC will remain eligible for nomination through Method “B” only.
 - viii) There will be no alternates identified under Method “A”. If an athlete selected by Method “A” is not able to compete or meet the minimum performance criterion, no replacement will be named under Method “A”.
 - ix) If events are cancelled, there will be no replacement events. If more than 2 events for a discipline are cancelled, athletes from that discipline may only be nominated by Method “B”.

8.3 Freestyle Canada - METHOD “B” NOMINATION PROCESS:

Eligible athletes who are not nominated through the procedures outlined in Method “A” may be nominated through the following process.

- i) All eligible athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle, male and female, will be ranked according to a single list. For the purposes of ranking athletes, eligible final placings from Single Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle will be used.
- ii) Only placings in the top 2/3rd of the field (excluding DNS competitors), rounded down to the nearest whole number are included in the rankings.
- iii) **Tiers** – All eligible athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle, male and female, will be grouped into Tiers, as noted in the table below: 8.3 (v). Subject to event and gender quotas, Tier 1 athletes will be nominated first, followed by Tier 2 athletes, then Tier 3 athletes, then Tier 4 athletes, etc., until the pre-assigned FC quota has been filled. Unfilled quotas will then be made available in Method C (See section 8.5).

iv) **Rankings**

- a. All Tiers will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete's three (3) best counting placings in accordance with the defined qualification and the stipulations of section 8.3 (ii) and 8.3 (v). For example, an athlete who places 1st, 3rd, and 10th in his/her counting placings will have a sum of 14 points.
- b. The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1st within that Tier and so forth.

v) **Tier Definitions – Freestyle Canada Method B available quotas:**

Sections 5 and 8 apply to the following table:

Tier 1	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 podiums from the selection period
Tier 2	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 podium in 17-18 AND 1 podium from the selection period AND 23 points or less
Tier 3	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 podiums from the selection period AND one (1) Top 12 placing• 1 placing must come from 17-18
Tier 4	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 podium in 17-18 AND 1 Top 8 from the selection period AND 23 points or less
Tier 5	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 podium AND 1 Top 8 from the selection period AND 23 points or less

- vi) In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 1 to 5 (based on the sum of 3 best counting placings), the athlete with the single highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the tie is not broken (from the 3 counting placings), the next best placing (4th, then 5th, then 6th, etc.) placing from the selection period will be considered until the tie is broken. Note: The next best placing will be the next highest eligible placing from the selection period.
- vii) The number of athletes the OFSNC can nominate is restricted by the quotas established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 7.0 above.

Once the quota for an event or for a gender has been met, remaining athletes in that event or of that gender will no longer be eligible for nomination regardless of their Tier or ranking.

8.4 Alpine Canada (SX) - METHOD “A-B” NOMINATION PROCESS:

Eligible athletes may be nominated through the following process.

- i) All eligible athletes for Ski Cross, male and female, will be ranked according to a single list. For the purposes of ranking athletes, eligible final placings from Ski Cross will be used.
- ii) Only placings in the top 2/3rd of the field (excluding DNS competitors), rounded down to the nearest whole number (excluding DNS competitors) are included in the rankings.
- iii) **Tiers** – All eligible athletes for Ski Cross, male and female, will be grouped into Tiers, as noted in the table below: 8.4 (v). Subject to event and gender quotas, Tier 1 athletes will be nominated first, followed by Tier 2 athletes, then Tier 3 athletes, then Tier 4 athletes, etc., until the pre-assigned ACA quota has been filled. Unfilled quotas will then be made available in Method ‘C’ (See section 8.5).
- iv) **Rankings within a tier**
 - a. All Tiers will be calculated according to the stipulations of section 8.4 (ii) and 8.4 (v).
- v) **Tier Definitions – Alpine Canada (SX) Method B available quotas:**

Sections 5 and 8 apply to the following table:

Tier 1	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 podiums from the selection period Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 3 results, with ties being decided by single best result until broken
Tier 2	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 podiums in 2017-18 AND a sum of 23 or less Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 2 results in 2017-18, with ties being decided by single next best result in 2017-18 and then the single next best result until broken
Tier 3	From four (4) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium in 2017-18 AND 1 podium AND 2 Top 8 placings from the selection period

	Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 4 results with 2 results from 2017-18, with ties being decided by single best results until broken
Tier 4	From four (4) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 podiums AND 2 Top 8 placings from the selection period Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 4 results with 2 results from 2017-18, with ties being decided by single best results until broken
Tier 5	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium in 2017-18 AND 1 Top 8 AND 23 points or less placings from the selection period Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 3 results with 2 results from 2017-18, with ties being decided by single best results until broken
Tier 6	From three (3) counting placings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium AND 1 Top 8 AND 23 points or less placings from the selection period Ranking within the tier: Athletes will be ranked by the sum of the best 3 results with 2 results from 2017-18, with ties being decided by single best results until broken

vi) The number of athletes the OFSNC can nominate is restricted by the quotas established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 7.0 above. Once the quota for an event or for a gender has been met, remaining athletes in that event or of that gender will no longer be eligible for nomination regardless of their Tier or ranking.

8.5 METHOD “C” NOMINATION PROCESS:

Eligible athletes may be nominated through the following process for remaining quotas.

- i) All eligible athletes for Aerials, Halfpipe, Moguls, Slopestyle and Ski Cross, male and female, will be ranked according to a single list. For the purposes of ranking athletes, eligible final placings from the selection period will be used.
- ii) Only placings in the top 2/3rd of the field (excluding DNS competitors), rounded down to the nearest whole number (excluding DNS competitors) are included in the rankings.
- iii) **Tiers** – All eligible athletes from all disciplines not nominated in Methods ‘A’ or ‘B’, male and female, will be grouped into Tiers, as noted in the table below: 8.5 (v). Subject to event and gender

quotas, Tier 1 athletes will be nominated first, followed by Tier 2 athletes, then Tier 3 athletes, then Tier 4 athletes, etc., until the all remaining quota has been filled.

iv) **Rankings**

- a. Tier 1, 4, and 7 rankings will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete’s two (2) best counting placings, in accordance with the defined qualification and the stipulations of section 8.5 (ii) and 8.5 (v). For example, an athlete who places 1st and 5th in his/her counting placings will have a sum of 6 points.
- b. Tier 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 rankings will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete’s three (3) best counting placings, in accordance with the defined qualification and the stipulations of section 8.5 (ii) and 8.5 (v). For example, an athlete who places 1st, 4th and 8th in his/her counting placings will have a sum of 13 points.
- c. The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1st within that Tier and so forth.

v) **Tier Definitions – Method ‘C’ for available quotas:**

Tiers Method C - Sections 5 and 8 apply to the following table:

Tier 1	<p>From two (2) counting podium placings only, both earned in 2017-18.</p> <p>Athletes ranked within this tier, based on sum of 2 podium placings.</p>
Tier 2	<p>Targeted for athletes who have met the pre-assigned quota benchmark, but no quota spots were remaining in Method ‘A-B’.</p> <p>Athletes ranked in this tier based on sum of three (3) best placings, based on meeting the following:</p> <p>SX athletes: must have (4) counting placings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium in 2017-18 AND 3 Top 8 placings from selection period. <p>FC athletes (AE, HP, MO, SS): must have from three (3) counting placings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium in 2017-18 AND 2 Top 8 placings from selection period.
Tier 3	<p>Targeted for athletes who have met the pre-assigned quota benchmark, but no quota spots were remaining in Method ‘A-B’.</p>

	<p>Athletes are ranked in this tier based on sum of three (3) best placings, based on meeting the following:</p> <p>SX athletes: must have four (4) counting placings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium AND 3 Top 8 placings from selection period. <p>FC athletes (AE, HP, MO, SS): must have from three (3) counting placings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium AND 2 Top 8 placings from selection period.
Tier 4	<p>Athletes are ranked in this tier, based on the sum of two (2) best counting placings:</p> <p>If there are 4 or less eligible events in 17-18 for a discipline, the athlete will need the following to meet this tier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) Counting placings in 17-18, including one (1) podium AND sum of 12 or less <p>If there are 5 or more eligible events in 17-18 for a discipline, the athlete will need the following to meet this tier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) Counting placings in 17-18, including one (1) podium and sum of 21 or less
Tier 5	<p>Athletes are ranked in this tier, based on the sum of three (3) best counting placings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podium from selection period, unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An athlete, due to a documented injury, missed 50% or more of the eligible events (rounded up to the nearest whole number of eligible events from the selection period, excluding cancelled events). In this situation, he or she may count a podium placing from 2015-16 (WC or AFP Platinum level events only) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sum of three (3) counting placings of 23 or less
Tier 6	<p>Athletes are ranked in this tier, based on three (3) counting placings from the selection period, with a sum of 19 or less.</p>
Tier 7	<p>Athlete are ranked in this tier, based on two (2) counting placings, from 17-18 only, including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Top 8 placing AND sum of counting placings of 21 or less.
Tier 8	Athletes are ranked in this tier, based on three (3) counting placings from the selection period, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Top 16 placing.
Tier 9	Athletes are ranked in this tier, based on two (2) counting placings from the selection period, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Top 12 placing.

vi) In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 1, 4, 7, and 9 (based on the sum of 2 best counting placings), the athlete with the single highest placing (from the 2 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 2 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the tie is not broken (from the 2 counting placings), the next best placing (4th, then 5th, then 6th, etc.) from the selection period will be considered until the tie is broken.

vii) In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 (based on the sum of 3 best counting placings), the athlete with the single highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. In the event that the tie is not broken (from the 3 counting placings), the next best placing (4th, then 5th, then 6th, etc.) placing from the selection period will be considered until the tie is broken.

viii) The number of athletes the OFSNC can nominate is restricted by the quotas established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 7.0 above. Once the quota for an event or for a gender has been met, remaining athletes in that event or of that gender will no longer be eligible for nomination regardless of their Tier or ranking.

9.0 EXTRA-ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

9.1 Injuries sustained during the Selection Period

In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the Selection Period and is unable to compete for a significant amount of time during that period, the following accommodations will be made to permit that athlete to be ranked for nomination to the COC for the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

For an eligible athlete to be considered for extra-ordinary circumstance consideration, his or her physical injury must be medically documented by the athlete's physician and approved by the applicable Lead physician of FC or ACA Medical Lead.

i) Injuries related to 2017/18 Competition Season:

- a) Provisionally nominated Method "A" athlete (8.2) unable to meet the Top 12 placing in 17-18 due to a documented injury, preventing them from competing by January 21st 2018, will still be eligible for nomination if:
- FC medical team (IST) recommends not to compete in order to best prepare the athlete for the 2018 Olympics.

The OFNSC will then make a decision by January 22nd 2018, based on an individualized return to podium plan established by the IST and coaching staff.

- b) For Method "B" (8.3 and 8.4). If an athlete has obtained a ranking which would make him or her eligible to be nominated, but has missed more than 50 % of the events during the 2017-2018 competition season due to injury; the athlete must obtain and submit a written statement from their physician as to the nature of the injury and prognosis for recovery. The written statement submitted must be independently verified by the applicable FC or ACA Lead Physician. The Lead Physician will detail the current state of the injury, prognosis for return to full training intensity, and the expectations as to whether the athlete will be able to return to performance levels achieved prior to their injury for the start of the Olympic discipline's training period. Following the Lead Physician's decision, the OFNSC will then determine if the athlete will be nominated.

ii) For Method 'B' tiers and Tier 5 of Method 'C' only, injuries which prohibit athletes from competing during the selection period, but only for athletes with a Top 3 result in 2015-16:

In the event that an athlete, due to medically documented health-related injury, has missed 50% or more of the eligible competitions during the selection period will be able to count a 2015-16 podium placing. The podium placing must come from an AFP Platinum level event or a FIS World Cup, which corresponds to the parameters defined in section 5.2. *The “50% or more” calculation will be rounded up to the nearest whole number of eligible events from the selection period, excluding cancelled events*). The OFNSC will consider this athlete for nomination under the following circumstances:

- a. The athlete is expected to return to competition and participate in an eligible competition during the 2017-18 competition season;
- b. If a. is not possible, due to FC's or ACA's medical team (IST) recommending not to compete to best prepare the athlete for the first training day of the 2018 Olympics. The OFNSC will then make a decision by January 22nd 2018, based on an individualized return to podium plan established by the IST and coaching staff.

9.2 Late Athlete Replacement Policy

Substitutions after the Sports Entries deadline are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline and the sport technical meeting for the *2018 Winter Olympic Games*, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to injury, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked Alternate (or Alternates) in his or her event (or events).

10. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

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

The OFSNC reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the

2018 OWG. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athlete eligible for nomination. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document FC and ACA shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

11. APPEALS

Final nominations to the COC for the 2018 Canadian Olympic Winter Games must be appealed in accordance with the SDRCC appeals procedures. Any dispute relating to the "*Canadian Olympic Team Internal Nomination Procedures For Freestyle Ski Events*" for the 2018 Olympic Games must be brought directly to the SDRCC on the consent of all parties in the discretion of the SDRCC.

12. LANGUAGE

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.