



Alpine Canada Alpin – Canada Ski Cross

2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships Selection Criteria

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document outlines the criteria and process of Alpine Canada Alpin (“ACA”) and Canada Ski Cross (“CSCT”) to nominate athletes as members of the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships Team (“the Team”) in Zhangjiakou, China.
- 1.2 The selection criteria shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

The 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will take place in Zhangjiakou, China from February 17th to 28th, 2021.

The freestyle ski disciplines that will take place during the 2021 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
- Men’s & Women’s Big Air
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Alpine Canada Alpine and The Canadian Ski Cross Team will select athletes to participate in the 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships (ski cross discipline) based on the selection criteria outlined herein. The selection and entries for Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air will be administered by Freestyle Canada (FSC).

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The Canadian objectives at the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships in Zhangjiakou, China are:
 - I. To achieve podium success for Canada
 - II. To provide experience and international exposure to Canadian athletes identified as potential future medalists at the elite level.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. “ACA” means Alpine Canada Alpin;
- 3.2. “Athlete” means a Federation Internationale De Ski/ International Ski Federation (“FIS”) carded Athlete that is a Canadian resident or citizen as defined in the *Citizenship and Immigration Act* (Canada);
- 3.3. “CSCT” means the Canadian Ski Cross Team;
- 3.4. “CSCT Leadership” means any one of the following: Ski Cross, Athletic Director, Ski Cross, Team Operations Manager, Head Coaches, IST Lead or any other individual that is designated as CSCT Leadership, from time to time, by ACA;
- 3.5. “CSCT Medical Staff” means any one of the following CSCT IST members: CSCT IST Lead, CSCT Lead Physician, strength and conditioning coach, physiotherapist and mental performance consultant;



3.6. “Fit to Race” means an assessment by the CSCT Staff, in consultation with the CSCT Medical Staff, of a number of factors including, physical fitness, level of health, competitive readiness and consistency of training and performance prior to the Event.

4. QUOTA

The FIS determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships for each country participating.

The FIS has established the following quotas for the 2021 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);

CSCT will have the ability to name a maximum of four (4) athletes per gender (excluding the reigning FIS world champion) to the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Championships Team.

CSCT is not required to fill the quota in any one gender and reserves the right to select fewer athletes than the quota may allow.

The reigning FIS World Champions have the right to participate in addition to the quota in the event they respectively won at the 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships (art. 9.3).

5. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to the team, an athlete must:

- Are a member of the 2020/2021 CSCT (Canadian Ski Cross Team)
- Are a member in good standing with Alpine Canada Alpin and CSCT
- 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 2021 in Zhangjiakou.

6. CRITERIA

Eligible freestyle ski athletes will be selected to compete in the 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships by the following procedures:

6.1 General Information

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

6.2 Ski Cross

- a. All eligible ski cross athletes will be ranked in Tiers based on their 2020/21 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. The selection period for the 2021 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will include World Cup Races between December 1, 2020 and February 8th, 2021
- c. World Cup races will be considered eligible for consideration only if they reach the quarter final round in heat racing. Results stemming from a qualification only event will not be considered.



- d. Tiering priority – Tiers will be prioritized numerically with Tier 1 taking priority and so on.
- e. The following tiered system will be used to rank athletes:

Tier 1	<p>Two (2) podium placings during the selection period.</p> <p>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 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 2	<p>One (1) podium finish and one (1) top thirty-two (32) finish.</p> <p>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 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 3	<p>Two (2) top eight (8) placing(s).</p> <p>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 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 4	<p>One (1) top eight (8) finish and one (1) top twenty-four (24).</p> <p>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 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 5	<p>Two (2) top thirty-two (32) placing(s).</p> <p>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 there is still a tie the current 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 6	<p>Ranking according to the best two (2) results from 2020-21 World Cup results.</p> <p>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 2020-21 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used to break any final ties</p>



7. SELECTION PROCESS

- 7.1 The CSCT Leadership shall conduct the Selection meeting, immediately following the conclusion of the last World Cup competition of the Qualifying Period.
- 7.2 Selections will be forwarded to the ACA President & CEO for final review.
- 7.3 The Ski Cross, High Performance Director immediately following final approval, will notify by phone or email those athletes that were eligible for selection, whether or not those athletes were selected.

8. COVID-19

ACA is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact selection of athletes for the 2021 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, CSCT will respect the published Selection Criteria as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require the Selection Criteria to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Criteria. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow the Selection Criteria to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Criteria, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives as stated herein.

9. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS

- 9.1 In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be applied in the manner set out in this policy, the Ski Cross, Athletic Director reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action and has the final decision-making authority.
- 9.2 The Ski Cross, Athletic Director may exercise discretion to revise this agreement prior to the end of the qualifying period with any revisions as may be reasonably necessary to avoid disputes over the interpretation of the Selection Process. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Team Selection Criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This 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.
- 9.3 The Ski Cross, Athletic Director may, at any time, and at his/her/their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Team based on current or past behavior of the athlete which is inconsistent with Alpine Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the ACA Athlete Agreement. ACA will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of his/her/their decision.
- 9.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by ACA, International Ski Federation (FIS), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).



8. APPEALS

Any dispute in relation to the nomination procedures for the 2021 World Championships must be brought directly to the SDRCC to be heard pursuant to the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code.

An Athlete who wishes to appeal the team nominations shall, within 24 hours, commencing from the time of notification, file an appeal with the SDRCC