

2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships Ski Cross Selection Criteria

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The following information is posted in accordance with the International Ski Federation (FIS) online calendar. Should FIS change dates or locations of the event, the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships Ski Cross Selection Criteria will also be updated and re-posted.

1.0 PREAMBLE

The 2025 FIS Junior World Ski Cross Championships will take place in Isola 3000 (FRA) between April 4th and April 6th, 2025.

The Canadian Ski Cross Team (CSCT) will select athletes to participate in the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships (Ski Cross discipline) based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

2.0 AUTHORITY

The FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski 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 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships selection criteria:

- The primary objective of CSCT is to win medals at the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships;
- The freestyle ski athletes selected to represent Canada in the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships must demonstrate the ability to win medals.
- The long-term benefits of competing and gaining international experience will also be considered.

4.0 KEY DATES .

- CSCT will submit a preliminary number of team members no later March 5, 2025 (Provisional Deadline) 1st as per FIS Junior WJC Rule 9.2.
- CSCT will announce the final list of competitors for the FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships no later than March 25, 2025 (Final Deadline).
- Athletes must confirm their intent to participate in the FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships by no later than March 1, 2025 to <u>cmorrison@alpinecanada.org</u>
- CSCT must submit a final list of athletes to the FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships Organizing Committee on March 25, 2025.



5.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

All FIS competitions with valid FIS point results between October 15, 2025 & March 20, 2025, will be considered eligible competitions for the selection procedures outlined in section 8.0.

6.0 ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

Freestyle ski athletes participating in the Ski Cross discipline will be considered eligible for selection to the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships provided they:

- Are a member of a recognized Alpine or Ski Cross Club based in Canada
- Have a Year of Birth between 2004 and 2008
- Are a member in good standing with the ACA
- Have a valid FIS freestyle license, travel insurance and passport

7.0 QUOTA

- The FIS determines the maximum number of athletes that may compete at the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships for each country participating.
- A maximum of four (4) ski cross athletes per gender, per event may be entered.
- CSCT 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 SELECTION PROCEDURES

Eligible freestyle ski athletes will be selected to compete in the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships by the following process:

8.1 Eligible ski cross athletes will be ranked separately per gender based on a single list:

8.2 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.

8.3 **Tiering** – All eligible male and female Ski Cross, will be grouped into Tiers according to the criteria indicated in the table in Section 8.5 below. Tier 1 athletes will be nominated first, followed by Tier 2 athletes, then Tier 3 athletes, then Tier 4 athletes, and so on.

8.4 Rankings

- i. The chart in Section 8.5 details the results required for inclusion in each of the tiers.
- All tiers will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete's counting placings achieved during the Team Qualification Period, as described in the table in Section 8.5. For example, an athlete who places 1st, 2nd and 10th in his/her counting placings will have a sum of 13 points (within that Tier).
- iii. The athlete with the lowest sum will be ranked 1st within that Tier and so forth.

8.5 Tier Definitions:

The following 5 Tiers will be used to rank athletes for nomination. To be considered for tiering, results must be within the Top 2/3rd within the field sizes (rounded down):



Tier	Criteria	Results required for nomination
1	Previous World Junior Championship individual medalists.	 Any athlete that has achieved an individual podium result at a previous World Junior Championships
2	World Cup competition finals phase result	 Top 32 World Cup Result – MEN Top 16 World Cup Result - WOMEN
3	From 2 counting placings in Europa Cup Competition: including 2 top 16 during the 2024-2025 season	
4	From 2 counting placings in NorAM Cup Competition: 2 Top 3 placing during the 2024- 2025 season	
5	The average of an athlete's best 2 FIS points results at eligible competitions.	The average of an athlete's best 2 FIS points results at eligible competitions. i. In the event of a tie the average of the 2 best results, the athletes single best result will be used to break the tie, if still tied the athletes third best result will be used to break the tie, if still tied then the FIS base list for 2024-2025 will be used to break the tie.

*DNS competitors are not included in the calculation of field size.

- 1. All eligible athletes with **less than 100 FIS points will be reviewed** by CSCT staff to ensure they have the necessary skills to compete in the FIS Junior World Ski Championships event.
- 2. CSCT will use its expert's opinions in the final selection process.
- 3. ACA Team Operations Manager Ski Cross and Ski Cross NextGen Leadership Team will create a recommendation list of eligible competitors for the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships and submit this list to the CSCT High Performance Director
- 4. CSCT High Performance Director will approve the final selection of athletes for the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships



9.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

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

If the selection criteria result in fewer athletes than the quota allows, CSCT reserves the right to adjust the criteria to include additional athletes.

10.0 APPEALS

CSCT selections for the 2025 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the CSCT Appeals Protocol.

11.0 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Athletes selected by CSCT for the 2025 FIS Freestyle World Junior Championships will be responsible for expenses associated with the 2025 World Junior Championships. CSCT is unable to provide funding for any expense associated with the event.