

# 2026 Olympic Winter Games

## “Canadian Olympic Team Internal Nomination Procedures For Freestyle Ski Events”

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*Revision May 10, 2025: Clarification about date by which a qualified Method A athlete must meet the identified performance standard to confirm their quoa spot (see Section 8.1 v).*

*Revision March 25: Upon further review of Method A (Section 8), the OFSNC recognized that the language could be interpreted differently than originally intended when the clause was written for the 2022 Games. Both FC and ACA have consistently explained this clause to athletes in line with its original intent. When we identified that the 2026 wording lacked clarity, we revised it to better reflect the initial intent with the assistance of the original author and with the support of the COC. The changes in this document are shown in red and/or with strikethrough formatting.*

### 1. PREAMBLE

The 2026 Olympic Winter Games (2026 OWG) are scheduled to take place February 6 - 22, 2026 in Italy. The Freestyle Ski events will all be held in Livigno, Italy.

Freestyle Skiing consists of 15 Olympic events. In Canada there are two National Sport Associations (NSAs) that are responsible for the various disciplines. Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) is solely responsible for the operation of the Ski Cross disciplines while the other Freestyle Skiing disciplines are operated by Freestyle Canada (FC); these two NSAs operate independently from each other.

The Freestyle Ski events that will take place during the 2026 OWG are as follows:

Events	Responsible NSA
Men's Ski Cross Women's Ski Cross	ACA
Men's Moguls Women's Moguls Men's Dual Moguls Women's Dual Moguls Men's Aerials Women's Aerials Mixed Team Aerials Men's Freeski Halfpipe Women's Freeski Halfpipe Men's Freeski Slopestyle Women's Freeski Slopestyle Men's Freeski Big Air Women's Freeski Big Air	FC

- 1.1 ACA and FC have established a selection committee called the Olympic Freestyle Skiing Nomination Committee (OFSNC). Subject to available quota places and athletes satisfying the performance standards indicated herein, the OFSNC will nominate athletes in each of the above events to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the Canadian Olympic Winter Team based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

The OFSNC is comprised of five (5) individuals:

- Dave Ellis, High Performance Director, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)
- Christy Morrison, Manager, Team Operations, Ski Cross, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA)
- Todd Allison, High Performance Director, Freestyle Canada (FC)
- Kristen Lacelle, High Performance Manager, Freestyle Canada (FC)
- David Mirota, former Games Director as a selection advisor.

If any of the above individuals leave their position during the Selection Period (as defined in Section 5.0 below), the new individual filling the equivalent position will be named to the OFSNC. The OFSNC strives to operate on a consensus basis. Decisions that cannot be agreed upon by consensus will be decided by a majority vote.

All members of the OFSNC must be free of any conflict of interest and shall declare in writing any conflicts of interest, whether real or perceived, before any nomination discussions are held. The remaining members of the OFSNC shall determine whether a real or perceived conflict of interest arises and shall determine, based on a simple majority, whether the individual must recuse themselves from any discussions or decisions that relate to the real or perceived conflict of interest.

If, at any time, any OFSNC member becomes unavailable or ineligible to participate in nomination discussions related to the 2026 OWG (for example, due to a conflict), the remaining members of the OFSNC shall appoint an appropriate replacement from the discipline of the affected individual, who does not have a conflict of interest with any athlete or other individual with an interest in the nomination decision.

This INP details the criteria that will be used to a) determine the quota allocation for each Freestyle skiing discipline and; b), once such quota allocations are determined, to nominate athletes within each Freestyle skiing discipline to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Team by the OFSNC.

- 1.2 Final nomination of athletes to the COC into NSO earned quota spots may be based on different criteria established by ACA and FC for their respective disciplines.
- 1.3 Selection of coaches and other staff members will be managed by ACA and FC for their respective disciplines.

## 2.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 The COC is charged with the responsibility for approval of the selected Canadian athletes who will represent Canada at the 2026 OWG.
- 2.2 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognizes the International Ski Federation (FIS) as the international governing body for Freestyle Skiing. The FIS determines the overall maximum

number of Freestyle Ski athletes that may participate in the Freestyle Ski Events at the 2026 OWG, 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). This information is found in the [FIS Olympic Qualification System – Freestyle Skiing](#) for the 2026 OWG.

- 2.3. The OFSNC is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the COC based on selection criteria and a process that is fair and just, and that meets the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS.
- 2.4 After nominations have been made to the COC, any decisions that impact both FC and ACA will continue to be made by the OFSNC. However, any decision that is specific to a particular NSA, which may include, without limitation, health-related or unforeseen circumstances, or athlete replacements will be made by the respective NSA's HPP leadership team in a timely manner.
- 2.5 Discipline specific "at Games decisions" will be made by the HP Leadership of each specific NSA.

### 3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

For Canadian Freestyle Ski athletes competing in Aerials, Dual Moguls, Freeski Big Air, Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle, Mixed Aerial Team, Moguls and Ski Cross (SX), the OWG is the most significant competition held every four 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 the High Performance Programs of FC and ACA (SX).

The athletes representing Canada in the Freestyle Skiing events at the OWG are the best Freestyle Skiing athletes in the country and are amongst the best in the world.

Based on the above, the guiding principles for this INP are as follows:

- Podium results are prioritized
- Top 8 results are valued by Sport Canada and are indicative of present or future OWG medal potential athletes
- Discipline specific quotas filled over the selection period are based on relevant discipline specific variables, i.e. # of events, sport needs, variables to be on podium or in the top 8
- Except as otherwise provided in this INP, all World Cup and World Championships results must be within the top 2/3 of the field size and earned during the Team Qualification Period (as defined below) to be considered for nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.
- X-Games/Dew Tour events are by invitation and have smaller fields than FIS events. Results from these events must be within the top 50% of the field size for consideration.
- Confirm podium performing athletes through Method A (see Section 8.1)
- An effective Exceptional Circumstance clause will help to ensure targeted athletes are in optimal state (physical, technical and mental) to return to competition and perform at the 2026 OWG.

## 4.0 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

### 4.1 FIS Eligibility

Pursuant to the FIS Olympic Qualification System, but subject to the eligibility criteria of each respective NSA, athletes are eligible for selection by their NOC if they fulfil the requirements listed below:

Aerials	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Aerials on the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of an Aerials competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
Moguls/Dual Moguls	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Moguls on the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Moguls competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
Ski Cross	Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Ski Cross on the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Ski Cross competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
Freeski Halfpipe	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Halfpipe on the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Halfpipe competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
Freeski Slopestyle	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Slopestyle on the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Slopestyle competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
Freeski Big Air	Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Big Air or Freeski Slopestyle as of the FIS point list published as of 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Freeski Big Air or Freeski Slopestyle competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.

### Participation in the Mixed Team Aerials Event

All athletes selected to participate in the individual Aerials event in the 2026 OWG are eligible for selection to participate in the Mixed Aerial Team event. If FC qualifies three (3) athletes in Aerials and they are eligible to form a team to participate in the Mixed Aerials Team event at the 2026 OWG, the NOC is entitled to a maximum quota of 32 athletes (maximum of 16 per gender).

## 4.2 Nomination Eligibility for Athletes

To be eligible for nomination to the COC for selection to the Canadian Olympic Winter Team, athletes must:

- Be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- Have a valid FIS licence
- Have valid athlete insurance that satisfies the requirements outlined by FIS in the [FIS Medical Guide](#).
- Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire before August 22, 2026 (six months after the Closing Ceremony of the 2026 OWG)
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIS, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination that will remain in force during the 2026 OWG.  
(<https://cces.ca/canadian-anti-doping-program>)

- Be a member of FC's High-Performance Program in the 2025-2026 competition season (includes NextGen group athletes) or a member of the Canadian Ski Cross Team (A, B or Next Gen Training Group) during the 2025-2026 competition season.
- Be a member in good standing with the FC or ACA (as applicable).
- Be born before:
  - January 1, 2010, for Ski Cross
  - January 1, 2011, for all other freestyle skiing events.
- Satisfy the medical requirements in accordance with the International Ski Federation Rules: Medical Services, Examinations and Doping of the International Ski Competition Rules (ICR).
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Milan Cortina 2026 / IOC Conditions of Participation Form, no later than January 19, 2026.
- Sign, submit and comply with Alpine Canada or Freestyle Canada's 2025-2026 athlete agreement (as applicable).
- Comply with all relevant FIS, COC and IOC requirements for eligibility.

## 4.2 Nomination Eligibility for Coaches

To be eligible for nomination to the COC for participation in Freestyle Ski events at the 2026 OWG, coaches must:

- be a registered or chartered professional coach with the CAC by January 15, 2026.
- have a valid passport that does not expire before August 22, 2026 (six months after the Closing Ceremony of the 2026 OWGs).
- be in compliance with all relevant COC, IF, and IOC requirements for eligibility.
- sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than January 15, 2026 (no later than COC registration requirement deadline).
- be 18 years of age or older.
- be a member in good standing of Freestyle Canada or Alpine Canada Alpin (as applicable).
- Comply with all relevant FIS, COC and IOC requirements for eligibility.

## 5.0 KEY DATES

The 2026 Olympic Freestyle Ski Team Internal Procedures policy contains several key dates which may change depending on the final decisions of the COC, FIS and IOC. Any date changes will be promptly communicated to any affected individuals.

The following dates are used by the FIS to determine the number of quota spots that are available per nation/event for the 2026 OWG. Note there is a maximum of four quota spots per gender per event.

The Aerial, Mogul/Dual Mogul, Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air/Freeski Slopestyle and Ski Cross FIS Qualification Period (for Quota Allocation) is from July 1, 2024-January 18, 2026.

For the official 2026 FIS Olympic Quota System, please see: [FIS Olympic Qualification System – Freestyle Skiing](#)

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The OFSNC submits a long list of potential athletes for nomination to the COC for the 2026 OWG. This long list may contain more athlete names than the quota established by the IOC and FIS. The athletes listed

	may be nominated to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team based on the athlete rankings. <sup>1</sup>
January 19, 2026,	Publication of Olympic Quota Allocation List and Continental Cup Olympic List by FIS. FIS informs NOCs and NFs of their allocated quota places through publication on the FIS Website and provide the login details to access the FIS online system for confirmation of quota places.
January 19-20, 2026,	The NOCs to confirm to FIS the use of the allocated quota places.
January 21-22, 2026, *	FIS to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 12 hours
January 21, 2026 *	The OFSNC submits the final provisional list of nominated athletes for the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team to the COC. The final list will indicate the names of athletes nominated to compete, and alternate athletes, in the Freestyle Skiing events at the 2026 OWG
January 26, 2026, 15:59 GMT	The final date the COC must register the Canadian Olympic Team for the 2026 OWG.

\*Dates subject to modification by the FIS

## 6.0 ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS FOR CANADIAN ATHLETE NOMINATIONS IN FREESTYLE SKIING EVENTS

- 6.1 The Team Qualification Period during 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 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team is:

**Canadian Team Qualification period for Freestyle Skiing Events ("Team Qualification Period"): July 1, 2024, to January 18, 2026, inclusively.<sup>2</sup>**

- 6.2 Eligible events shall be defined as FIS Freestyle World Cups, FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships, and identified independent competitions in the Olympic Freestyle Skiing disciplines that are completed during the Team Qualification Period.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Inclusion on the long list does not guarantee that an athlete will be selected to the OWG.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that, as specified in Section 8.2.7, the Team Qualification Period **for ski cross only** for the purpose of nominations to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team under Method B is July 1, 2025-January 18, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> See the note immediately above.

For the purpose of ranking athletes, only the placing from the Official Results listing will be considered.<sup>4</sup> The following parameters will be applied:

- i. Aerial events with a reduced degree of difficulty (see [FIS International Competition Rules](#) for Freestyle skiing; rule 4116) will not count for rankings for Olympic nomination.
- ii. For the Mixed Team Aerial event, athletes will qualify through the Aerial event criteria and/or any additional quotas provided for the team event by FIS.
- iii. Halfpipe eligible events will only count where wall height is over 18 feet.
- iv. Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air, and Freeski Slopestyle events that that place during the Team Qualification Period and use a below quality venue (i.e., small hits, missing features) or format (i.e., allowing for an easier win), or have a low quality field (alternatively referred to as having “diminished” value in other FC selection documents) will be subject to assessment by the appropriate FC High Committee (HP or SS/BA). Results from such events may not be considered for the purpose of determining the quota allocation for each Freestyle skiing discipline under this INP or nominating athletes to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Team. The relevant FC High Performance Committee will inform all stakeholders of their decision once the event format, venue and/or field size is known and the committee has made its assessment. The decision of inclusion of results from an event will be made no later than after the first day of training at these events.
- v. The eligible events for Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Big Air and Freeski Slopestyle are limited to the following list (unless the FC High Performance Committee determines otherwise, as specified above):
  - 2024 – 25:
    - FIS World Cups,
    - FIS World Championships,
    - Winter X-Games,
    - Dew Tour, if it does not conflict with a FIS event.
  - b. Eligible 2025-26 events held during the Team Qualification Period:
    - i. FIS World Cups
    - ii. The Aspen Winter X-Games\*
    - iii. The first Dew Tour\* event on the schedule (if there is more than one event scheduled in a season).

\* X-Games and Dew Tour events are only eligible for consideration if they do not conflict with a FIS WC event in that discipline.
- vi. Results from both Mogul and Dual Mogul FIS events held during the Team Qualification Period will be included in the calculation of Mogul skier rankings.

6.3 The OFSNC will only consider results from completed competitions (see [ICR 2021.2](#))

If an event’s calibre is significantly diminished due to the absence of top FIS-ranked athletes for reasons other than injury or retirement, the OFSNC may cap the placing value of the event. These decisions will be based on the latest FIS Points List available before the event

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<sup>4</sup> Placings will include consideration of any athlete that receives a DSQ or DNF in any given competition but not a DNS.

(by discipline), excluding known injured or retired athletes, and will be communicated to any impacted individuals in a timely manner.

**Criteria for Event Validity:**

- a. FIS World Cup or World Championship Events
  - A FIS World Cup or World Championship event is valid for consideration for the purpose of nomination to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team if it meets the following participation requirements, based on the most recent FIS Points List prior to the event:
    - **Men:** At least **8 of the top 16** ranked athletes (in that discipline's current FIS World Cup Standings).
    - **Women:** At least **6 of the top 12** ranked athletes (in that discipline's current FIS World Cup Standings).

If these conditions are not met at eligible FIS events, the event will be deemed **“below the expected field quality”**, and the following adjustments will apply:

- Any male or female podium finish will be awarded the points value of a 4th place finish (4 points) and will not count as a medal for either Method A or Method B tiered ranking.
  - For male or female, any placings 4th or higher will have three placings added to the point value (i.e., a 4<sup>th</sup> place would be worth 7 points).
- b. X-Games Events. Due to the limited number of entries for X-Games and Dew tour events with no assurance that only top-ranked skiers will be invited by the organizer, the following consideration has been identified:
    - Men's and Women's results from eligible X-Games (Aspen) and Dew tour events will only be considered for ranking if they are in the top 50% of the field size.

These adjustments apply when top-ranked athletes are absent, except for reasons of injury or retirement (as described above).

The OFSNC will strive to make decisions before the competition begins, coordinating with FIS and the relevant Organizing Committee to ensure transparency and fairness. Any decisions will be communicated to impacted individuals in a timely manner.

- 6.4 Nomination of support staff and coaches to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team will be managed by the respective leadership teams of each NSA (FC and ACA) for their specific disciplines.

## 7.0 QUOTA

The IOC and FIS determine the number of athletes that may compete at the 2026 OWG by establishing quotas per discipline for each country participating in the Games.

- 7.1 For the 2026 OWG, the IOC and FIS have 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.
- The NOC is entitled to the maximum quota of 30 athletes (maximum 16 per gender). If an NOC qualifies at least three (3) athletes in Aerials and are eligible to form a team to participate in the Mixed Team Aerials event, the maximum available quota can be extended by the IOC to 32 athletes.

7.2 The IOC and FIS have also established a maximum quota of all athletes per event, less any applicable Host Quota:

Men:

- Aerials: 25
- Moguls/Dual Moguls: 30
- Ski Cross: 32
- Freeski Halfpipe: 25
- Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air: 30

Women:

- Aerials: 25
- Moguls/Dual Moguls: 30
- Ski Cross: 32
- Freeski Halfpipe: 25
- Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air: 30

7.3 Quota places per 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 1, 2024, until January 18, 2026, and the FIS Freestyle Skiing World Championship 2025 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 (includes Dual Moguls), Aerials, Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle (includes Freeski Big Air) per gender is reached. Once an NOC has achieved the maximum number of four (4) places for a particular discipline, its remaining competitors will no longer be counted, and the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List will be allocated a quota.

The first Quota Allocations will be based on a maximum team size of 30 athletes. Should an NOC qualify three Aerial athletes, the final Quota Allocations will be based on an expanded maximum team size of 32. 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 32 (max 16 per gender) competitors across the various events, between January 19-22, 2026. Following the allocation of quota places by FIS and confirmation of entries by the NOCs, a reallocation 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 (Aerials, Moguls/Dual Moguls, Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle/Freeski Big Air, Ski Cross) and gender.

*In the event of a discrepancy between the above summary and the actual FIS Olympic Qualification System, the Olympic Qualification Criteria as published by FIS shall prevail. The full details of the FIS Olympic Qualification System can be found [here](#).*

*Further, in the event FIS and/or the IOC make any changes to the 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 QUOTA ALLOCATION AND ATHLETE NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Methods A and B described in Section 8.1 and 8.2 below will be applied to determine the number of quotas that may be allocated to each of the five Freestyle skiing disciplines. The maximum number of quotas that may be allocated to any Freestyle skiing discipline (except as described in Section 7.3) is four (4) per gender.

Method A (Section 8.1) will be applied first to determine the priority allocation of quotas to each Freestyle skiing discipline, which may obtain a maximum of three (3) quotas each under Method A. Any athlete that earns a quota for their discipline under Method A, **shall be subject to satisfying the relevant and applicable conditions in Sections 8.1(ii)-(iv), earn the quota spot in their name and** will be entitled to priority nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

Any quotas not allocated under Method A (i.e., due to athletes not achieving the requisite level of performance as described in Section 8.1 to secure the quota allocation) will be available for allocation to all Freestyle skiing disciplines under Method B (subject to the maximum allocation of four (4) quotas per discipline per gender, except as specified in Section 7.3).

Method B (Section 8.2) will be applied to determine the allocation of the remaining quotas to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines (subject to the maximum allocation of four (4) quotas per discipline per gender, except as specified in Section 7.3). To do so, a single cross-discipline ranking list will be created using the criteria described Method B, pursuant to which the remaining quotas will be allocated to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines.

The remaining quotas will be allocated to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines using the tiers and related criteria indicated in Method B until all of the remaining quotas have been allocated to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines (subject to the maximum allocation of four (4) quotas per discipline per gender, except as specified in Section 7.3). Subject to Section 7.3, where a particular discipline has reached its maximum of four (4) quotas per gender, the quota will be allocated to the next highest ranked discipline pursuant to Method B.

Once quotas are allocated to each discipline under Method B, athletes from each discipline will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team according to the criteria specific to their discipline as described in Method B.

Any nominations to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team under Method A or B shall be subject to Section 9.1 (health-related circumstances).

### 8.1 METHOD “A”

- i. Subject to the maximum number of available quotas under Method A, any athlete that wins a minimum of two (2) medals at any of the identified Method A Competitions listed below that

take place during the 2024/25 season will secure that quota for their respective discipline and will, **subject to satisfying the relevant and applicable conditions in Sections 8.1(ii)-(iv), earn the quota spot in their name and will** be eligible for priority nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team under Method A. ~~Final nominations to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team under Method A shall be subject to the athlete satisfying the conditions indicated in Sections 8.1(ii) to (vii) and shall be subject to any health-related circumstances as specified in Section 9.~~

The Method A Competitions shall consist of the following identified competitions for each discipline (up to a maximum of 5). Replacement events are listed in priority order:

Discipline	Five Identified Competitions	Should one or more of the identified events be cancelled, the following events will act as replacements (in order):
Aerials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 FIS World Cup #1, Lac Beauport, CAN</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup #2, Lac Beauport, CAN</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup Deer Valley, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup, Livigno, ITA</li> <li>2025 FIS World Ski Championships, Engadin, SUI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 FIS World Cup Lake Placid, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Almaty, KAZ</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Beidahu, CHN</li> </ol>
Moguls / Dual Moguls)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup - Moguls, Val St.-Come, CAN</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Dual Moguls, Val St.-Come, CAN</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Moguls, Livigno, ITA</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Moguls, Engadin, SUI</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Dual Moguls, Engadin, SUI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Moguls, Deer Valley, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Dual Moguls, Deer Valley, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Dual Moguls, Livigno, ITA</li> <li>2024 FIS Freestyle World Cup – Moguls, Ruka, FIN</li> </ol>
Ski Halfpipe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 FIS World Cup Copper Mountain, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup Aspen, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup #1 Calgary, CAN</li> <li>2025 Winter X-Games, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Halfpipe, Corvatsch, SUI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 FIS World Cup #2 Calgary, CAN</li> <li>2024 FIS World Cup Secret Garden, CHN</li> <li>2024 FIS World Cup Cardrona, NZL</li> </ol>
Men: Freeski Slopestyle and Freeski Big Air	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 FIS Freestyle World Cup Freeski Big Air, Beijing, CHN</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup Freeski Slopestyle, Laax, SUI</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup Freeski Slopestyle #1, Stoneham, CAN</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Freeski Slopestyle, Silvaplana, SUI</li> <li>2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Freeski Big Air, Silvaplana, SUI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 FIS World Cup Freeski Slopestyle, Stubai, AUT</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup Freeski Slopestyle, Aspen, USA</li> <li>2025 Winter X-Games, Freeski Slopestyle, USA</li> <li>2025 FIS World Cup Freeski Big Air, Aspen, USA</li> </ol>

Women: Freeski Slopestyle and Freeski Big Air	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2025 Winter X-Games Freeski Slopestyle, Aspen, USA</li> <li>2. 2025 Winter X-Games Freeski Big Air, Aspen, USA</li> <li>3. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup Freeski Slopestyle #1, Stoneham, CAN</li> <li>4. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Freeski Slopestyle, Silvaplana, SUI</li> <li>5. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships Freeski Big Air, Silvaplana, SUI</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 202 FIS World Cup Freeski Slopestyle, Stubai, AUT</li> <li>2. 2025 FIS World Cup Freeski Slopestyle, Aspen, USA</li> <li>3. 2025 FIS World Cup Freeski Big Air, Aspen, USA</li> </ol>
Ski Cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Championships</li> <li>2. 2024 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Val Thorens, FRA (Race #2)</li> <li>3. 2024 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Innichen, ITA (Race #1)</li> <li>4. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Val di Fassa, ITA</li> <li>5. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Craigleith, CAN (Race #1)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup Craigleith, CAN (Race #2)</li> <li>2. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Veysonnaz, SUI (Race #1)</li> <li>3. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Idre Fjall (Race #1)</li> <li>4. 2025 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Reiteralm, AUT (Race #2)</li> <li>5. 2024 FIS Freestyle World Cup, Innichen, ITA (Race #2)</li> </ol>

ii. The maximum number of eligible athletes that may be nominated through the identified **Method A Competitions** are:

- The top 3 ranked Freestyle Skiing athletes in Moguls / Dual Moguls (maximum 2 per gender)
- The top 3 ranked Freestyle Skiing athletes in Aerials (maximum 2 per gender)
- The top 3 ranked Freestyle Skiing athletes in Ski Cross (maximum 2 per gender)
- The top 3 ranked Freestyle Skiing athletes in Freeski Halfpipe (maximum 2 per gender)
- The top 3 ranked Freestyle Skiing athletes in Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air (maximum 2 per gender)

The top three (3) ranked athletes in each discipline, who meet the criteria in Method A, will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team before athletes are considered for nomination under Method B.

iii. If there are more than three (3) eligible athletes per discipline that earn two (2) podium results at any of the identified Method A Competitions, all such athletes will be ranked according to the following procedure:

Five (5) ranking lists will be created, one for each discipline:

- Moguls (includes Dual Moguls)
- Aerials

- Ski Cross
- Freeski Halfpipe
- Freeski Slopestyle (includes Big Air)

An athlete's best three (3) placings at any of the identified Method A Competitions will be used to establish a ranking.

Rankings will be calculated according to the sum of each athlete's three (3) best placings. For example, if an athlete's three (3) best placings are 2nd, 3rd, and 10th, their sum will be 15. The athlete with the lowest aggregate total will be ranked highest.

For results to be considered under Method A, they must be in the following percentages of field:

- FIS event placings must be in the in the top two thirds of the field;
- X-Games/Dew Tour event placings must be in the top half of field size.

For calculation purposes, all results are rounded down to the nearest whole number (field size includes DNF and DSQ competitors but excludes DNS competitors).

In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest placing at any of the identified Method A Competitions listed in Section 8.1(i) will be selected. If a tie remains, the athlete with the 2nd highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 3rd highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 4th highest placing will be selected. If still tied, the athlete with the 5th highest placing will be selected (please note that, if one athlete has only done 4 events, the athlete who has done a fifth event will be selected).

- iv. Subject to Section 9.1, athletes nominated through Method A must also meet minimum performance criteria at the following events during the 2025/26 competition season to secure their nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Games Team. He or she must:
  - Place in the Top 16 and Top two thirds of the field size (including DNF and DSQ competitors but excluding DNS competitors) in at least one (1) World Cup (WC) competition in Aerials, Ski Cross, Dual Moguls or Single Moguls; and
  - Place in the Top 16 and Top two thirds of the field size (including DNF and DSQ competitors but excluding DNS competitors) [in at least one \(1\) WC competition or in the top 16 and Top 1/2](#) in at least one (1) identified independent competition, as described in Section 6.2 (vi), in Freeski Halfpipe, Freeski Slopestyle or Freeski Big Air.

**IMPORTANT:** Athletes nominated under [Method A will be permitted to meet the required minimum performance standards indicated immediately above up to and including on January 25, 2026.](#)<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> **Update May 10, 2025:** Following the publication of the 2025–26 FIS competition calendars, the the final qualification opportunities for athletes are confirmed. Based on the 2025-26 FIS competition calendar published as of May 10, 2025, aerials, moguls and freeski slopestyle and big air will have completed their final eligible World Cup event before January 18, 2026. The final eligible events for Ski Cross and Halfpipe are scheduled for January

- v. 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(iv) by the date FC and ACA are required to submit nominations to the COC will remain eligible for nomination through Method B only. **Such athletes shall not be entitled to rely on the fact that they earned the quota in their name under Method A when being considered under Method B.**
- vi. 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.
- vii. If, following allocation of quotas by the FIS, all available quotas (per discipline) are not filled by athletes (per discipline) through Method A, remaining quotas will be allocated to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines using the process described in Method B (up to a maximum of four (4) quotas for each discipline, except as specified in Section 7.3). Once quotas are allocated **to the respective disciplines** under Method B, any athlete not already nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team under Method A may be nominated under Method B.

## 8.2 METHOD B

- 8.2.1 In order to determine how remaining available quotas will be allocated to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines under Method B, all eligible male and female athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe, and Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air will be ranked on a single cross-discipline list.
- 8.2.2 Only placings in the top two thirds of the field (including DNF and DSQ competitors but excluding DNS competitors) achieved during the Team Qualification Period, rounded down to the nearest whole number (including DNF and DSQ competitors but excluding DNS competitors) will be included in the rankings.
- 8.2.3 Freeski Slopestyle and Freeski Big Air athletes can draw their ranking score using a combination of Freeski Slopestyle and Freeski Big Air results. Ranking scores for Slopestyle and Big Air athletes can be comprised from any combination of Big Air and Slopestyle events.
- 8.2.4 Mogul and Dual Mogul athletes can draw their ranking score using a combination of Mogul and Dual Mogul results. Ranking scores for Mogul and Dual Mogul athletes can be comprised from any combination of Mogul and Dual Mogul events.
- 8.2.5 **Tiering** – All eligible male and female athletes for Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross, Freeski Halfpipe, and Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air will be grouped into Tiers according to the criteria

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25, 2026, and it remains possible that an additional event may be added prior to the Olympic Games registration deadline of January 26 at 15:59 GMT. This process ensures equitable access to qualification opportunities, supports athletes returning from injury, and upholds the intent of the Method A criteria. If further modifications are made to the 2025-26 FIS competition calendar, these dates may be further modified by the OFSNC.

indicated in the table in Section 8.2.7 below. Quotas will be allocated to each of the Tiers, starting with Tier 1, followed by Tiers 2-7 until all remaining quotas have been allocated to each Freestyle skiing discipline to a maximum of four (4) quotas per discipline (subject to Section 7.3). Once quotas have been allocated to each discipline, FC and ACA shall determine which athletes to nominate to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team for each of their respective disciplines.

#### 8.2.6 **Rankings**

- i. The chart in Section 8.2.7 details the results required for inclusion in each of the tiers.
- ii. All tiers will be calculated according to the sum of the athlete's eligible placings achieved during the Team Qualification Period, as described in the table in Section 8.2.7. 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.

#### 8.2.7 **Tier Definitions:**

The following seven Tiers will be used to determine how to allocate remaining quotas under Method B to each of the Freestyle skiing disciplines (subject to a maximum of four (4) quotas per discipline per gender, except as specified in Section 7.3). To be considered for tiering under Method B, results must be earned at and be within the following ratios of field sizes (rounded down) at a FIS World Cup, FIS World Championships, X-Games and Dew Tour competitions held during the Team Qualification Period:

- FIS World Cup and World Championships: within the top two thirds; and
- X-Games/Dew Tour: within the top half.

**Note:** *only two results are required for calculations for Tier 1; in all other tiers, three results at eligible events during the Team Qualification Period are required.*

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Results required for quota allocation and team nomination</b>
1	Two (2) Top 3 placings during the 2025-2026 season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two (2) medals won in the 2025-2026 season</li> </ul>
2	From 3 counting placings, including:  1 Top 3 placing during the 2025-2026 season AND 1 Top 3 placing from the Team Qualification Period AND 22 points or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One (1) medal from 2025-2026.</li> <li>One (1) additional medal won during the Team Qualification Period; and</li> <li>One (1) additional top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of field at a FIS World Cup or World Championships or a top ½ of field result at the X-Games/Dew tour during the Team Qualification Period</li> </ul> <p>*All three results must total 22 points or less</p>
3	From 3 counting placings, including: 1 top 3 placing AND 22 points or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One (1) medal won during the Team Qualification Period; and</li> <li>Two (2) additional results in the top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of field at a FIS World Cup or World Championships or a top ½ of field result at the X-Games/Dew tour during the Team Qualification Period.</li> </ul> <p>*All three results must total 22 points or less.</p>
4	From 3 counting placings, including: 2 top 8 in the top during the 2025-2026 season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two top eight results from 2025-2026;<sup>6</sup> and</li> <li>One (1) additional result in the top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of field at a FIS World Cup or World Championships or a top ½ of field result at the X-Games/Dew tour during the Team Qualification Period</li> </ul> <p>*All three results must total 22 points or less</p>
5	From 3 counting placings: 3 Top 16 placings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three top sixteen results from the Team Qualification Period that fall within the top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of field at a FIS World Cup or World Championships or a top ½ of field result at the X-Games/Dew tour</li> </ul>
6	From 3 counting placings: All in top 50% of field size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three top half of the field results from the Team Qualification Period</li> </ul>
7	From 3 counting placings Must be in top 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the field results from the Team Qualification Period<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>

\*DNS competitors are not included in the calculation of field size; however, competitors who are DSQ or DNF are included in the calculation of field size.

<sup>6</sup> Please see the exemption due to health-related circumstances applicable to Ski Cross in Section 9.1. If a ski cross athlete that has been impacted by health-related circumstances satisfies the conditions in Section 9.1, they will only need one top eight result from 2025-26 to be considered for nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Team under Tier 4.

<sup>7</sup> The three top 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the field results may be outside the top half of the field if earned at an X-Games or Dew Tour event during the Team Qualification Period.



- i. In the event of a tie in rankings for Tier 1, the athlete with the best placing will be ranked ahead. If the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next best placing from his or her discipline's 2025-2026 eligible events will be considered to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the best placing from the Team Qualification Period will be ranked ahead (this process will continue until the tie is broken).
- ii. In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 2 to 7, the athlete with the best placing will be ranked ahead. If the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next best placing will be ranked ahead. If the tie is not broken, the next best (5th, then 6th, then 7th) placing from the Team Qualification Period will be considered until the tie is broken. Note: the next best result will be the next highest eligible placing from the Team Qualification Period.

#### **8.2.8 – Athlete Nominations**

- i. Once all available quotas are allocated under Method B, FC and ACA will be responsible for nominating athletes to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team based on their respective quota allocations.
- ii. For Moguls, Aerials, Freeski Halfpipe, and Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air, FC will create a ranking list using the Tiers in Method B (without Ski Cross athletes included) and will nominate athletes in priority order through Tiers 1-7 until all of its available quotas have been allocated. All such nominations shall be subject to Section 9.1 (health-related circumstances).
- iii. For Ski Cross, ACA will create a ranking list using the Tiers in Method B (without Moguls, Aerials, Freeski Halfpipe, and Freeski Slopestyle / Freeski Big Air included). However, for the purpose of creating such a ranking list, notwithstanding the definition of Team Qualification Period (July 1, 2024-January 18, 2026) in this INP, only results from July 1, 2025-January 18, 2026, from Ski Cross will be considered for the purpose of nominating athletes to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Games Team under Method B. All such nominations shall be subject to Section 9.1 (health-related circumstances).
- iv. The number of athletes that can be nominated is restricted by the quotas established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 7.0. Once the quota for an event or for a gender has been met, up to two remaining athletes in that event or from that gender may be nominated as alternates.
- v. If a nominated athlete is unable to participate:
  - a. Until January 26, 2026, the next eligible athlete in the ranking, using the tiers outlined in section 8.2.7, will be used to nominate a replacement athlete.
  - b. After January 26, 2026, the next ranked athlete in the gender and discipline of the athlete unable to participate will be nominated subject to the Late Athlete Replacement Policy; the tiers in 8.2.7 will be used for the ranking.

### **8.3 MIXED TEAM AERIAL NOMINATIONS**

Any aerial athlete selected to the Canadian Olympic Team based on their individual results will be eligible for selection to compete in the Mixed Team Aerial event at the 2026 OWG. The criteria to determine which aerial athletes named to the 2026 OWG team will compete in this event will be published by November 1, 2025.

## 9.0 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

### 9.1 Health-Related Circumstances status sustained during the 2025/26 Competition Season

An athlete may still be considered for nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team through Method B (Section 8.2.7) if they are unable to compete in 50% or more of the competitions listed in Section 6 during the 2025/26 season (July 1, 2025, to January 18, 2026) due to health-related circumstances, provided they meet the requirements outlined in this Section 9.1 and Section 9.2.

Section 9.1 seeks to ensure that, if athletes with potential to medal at the 2026 OWG suffer an injury or illness that prevents them from competing in 50% or more of the competitions during the 2025/26 season, they may nevertheless remain eligible for nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team despite not achieving the relevant and applicable criteria in Methods A or B.

In order to be eligible to be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team through either Methods A or B, an athlete that is unable to compete in 50% or more of the competitions listed in Section 6 during the 2025/26 season (July 1, 2025 to January 18, 2026) due to a health related circumstance must achieve the following minimum level of performance (“Minimum Level of Performance Level”)<sup>8</sup> during the 2025/25 season:

- The athlete must compete in at least one competition listed in Section 6 during the 2025/26 season and achieve:
  - A finish in the top 2/3 of the field at a World Cup event; or
  - A finish in the top 1/2 of the field at the Dew Tour or X-Games.

**Important:** Section 9.0 protects athletes with the highest potential for success, ensuring that health-related circumstances that occur during the 2025/26 season do not prevent them from being considered for nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Games Team. However, any such athletes must maintain and demonstrate strict performance and readiness standards to prioritize medal contention at the 2026 OWG, as set out below.

#### 9.1.1 Quota Allocation

For the purpose of quota allocation, if an athlete is unable to compete in 50% or more of the competitions listed in Section 6 during the 2025/26 season (July 1, 2025, to January 18, 2026) due to health-related circumstances, their results may nevertheless be considered provided that they achieve the Minimum Level of Performance.

#### 9.1.2 Method A

Notwithstanding Section 8.1(iv), athletes that otherwise satisfy the criteria under Method A may still be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Games Team in their

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<sup>8</sup> The term “Minimum Level of Performance” only applies this Section 9.

respective discipline despite missing 50% or more of the 2025/26 competitions due to health-related circumstances if they achieve the Minimum Level of Performance.

### 9.1.3 Method B

Notwithstanding the criteria indicated for Method B (Section 8.2.7), athletes that satisfy the Minimum Performance Level will be permitted to use their performances from the 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons for the purpose of being ranked under Method B and in order to be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Winter Olympic Games Team in their respective discipline.

For the purpose of Section 9.1.3, the following considerations apply:

- i. Freestyle Canada nominations: Athletes that are impacted by health-related circumstances in the 2025/26 competition season (July 1, 2025-January 18, 2026) will still be ranked based on results achieved during the Team Qualification Period in accordance with Section 8.2.7; however, they must achieve the Minimum Performance Level in order to be considered for nomination under Method B if they are impacted by health-related circumstances in the 2025/26 competition season.
- ii. Ski Cross nominations: Ski Cross only uses results from the 2025/26 season for the purpose of nominations within the discipline.
  - However, if a Ski Cross athlete is unable to compete in 50% or more of the competitions listed in Section 6 during the 2025/26 season due to health-related circumstances, they may include up to two results from the 2024-25 season to their ranking score under the Tiers listed in Section 8.2.7.<sup>9</sup>
  - To qualify for this exception, the health-related circumstances must be documented by the lead physician of ACA.

**Important:** Results achieved before July 1, 2024 are not eligible for ranking calculation.

## 9.2 Medical Clearance

Athletes that satisfy the conditions set out in Sections 9.1, must receive medical clearance as follows:

- The athlete's current health status, prognosis for return to full training, and expected ability to return to prior performance levels must be assessed by the lead physician (ACA or FC).
- The physician's evaluation will inform the OFSNC, which will determine whether to nominate the athlete. If consensus is not reached, the OFSNC will decide by majority vote.

## 9.3 Tie-breaking – applicable only for Health-Related Circumstances (Section 9.1)

In circumstances when Section 9.1 applies, all counting ranking competitions will be used to break any ties (including results from health-related circumstance situations).

- I. Athletes who qualify for nomination to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team through Method B despite having health-related circumstances, will be prioritized by the tier in which they qualify (3 before 4, etc.).

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<sup>9</sup> Please see the exception to Tier 4 indicated in Note 5.

- a) In the event of a tie in the rankings for Tiers 3 to 7, the athlete with the highest placing (from the 3 counting placings) will be ranked ahead. If the athletes are still tied, the athlete with the next highest placing (from the 3 counting results) will be ranked ahead. If the tie is not broken (from the 3 counting placings), the next best (5th, then 6th, then 7th) placing from the Team Qualification Period will be considered until the tie is broken. Note: the next best result will be the next highest eligible placing from the Team Qualification Period.
- b) If the tie still cannot be broken despite applying the procedures described immediately above, the athlete with the best World Cup ranking during the 2025-2026 season will prevail.
- c) If the tie cannot be broken because the tied athletes do not have a World Cup result from the 2025-2026 season, but they do have a result from the Dew Tour and/or X Games from the 2025-2026 season, the athlete with the best result at the Dew Tour and/or X Games will prevail.

#### 9.4 Late Athlete Replacement Policy - applicable only for Health-Related Circumstances (Section 9.1)

Substitutions after the sport entry deadline is 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 2026 OWG decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner due to a health-related circumstance, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked alternate (or alternates) in his or her event (or events) (see Section 8.2.7(iv)(b)). In the case of discrepancies between this Section 9.3 and the LAR Policy, the LAR Policy will prevail.

### 10. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen health related circumstance or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond ACA's or FC's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the OFSNC will meet to determine if the circumstances justify competition, or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the OFSNC shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

In addition, the OFSNC reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best possible teams for the 2026 OWG. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes 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 that does not allow this document to be applied as written and in a fair manner, considering the performance objective stated in Section 3.0.

This section may also be used to make 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 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 any impacted individuals and the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

## 11. APPEALS

Final nominations to the COC for the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games must be appealed directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) in accordance with the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code before the SDRCC. Notwithstanding any other appeal deadline specified in ACA or FC's Appeal Policy, or the Canadian Sport Dispute Resolution Code, appeals must be filed with the SDRCC by 11:59pm on January 22, 2026.

## 12. LANGUAGE

This INP was originally drafted in English. Where there is a discrepancy between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall be used to understand the intended drafting in the French version.