



Alpine Canada Alpin – Canada Ski Cross

2023 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 2023 FIS Freestyle World Championships Team (“the Team”) in Bakuriani, GEO.

1.2 The selection criteria shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

The 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will take place in Bakuriani, GEO from February 20th, to March 5th, 2023.

The freestyle ski disciplines that will take place in Bakuriani, GEO during the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships include:

- Men’s & Women’s Ski-Cross
- Men’s & Women’s Moguls
- Men’s & Women’s Aerials

Alpine Canada Alpine and The Canadian Ski Cross Team will select athletes to participate in the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships (ski cross discipline) based on the selection criteria outlined herein.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. The Canadian objectives at the 2023 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships 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, High Performance Director, Ski Cross, Team Operations Manager, Head Coaches, IST Lead or any other individual that is designated as CSCST 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 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships for each country participating.

The FIS has established the following quotas for the 2023 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 2023 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 2021 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 2022/2023 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 a minimum of 50 FIS points as per the FIS Rule precisions specific to the FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard WSC 2023.

6. CRITERIA

Eligible freestyle ski athletes will be selected to compete in the 2023 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 2022/23 FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup placings.
- b. The selection period for the 2023 FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships will include World Cup Races between November 1st, 2022 and February 17th, 2023
- 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. A race is considered completed in accordance with World Cup rule 5703.2 and the race winner has a time above 40 seconds.
- f. 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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 2	<p>One (1) podium finish and one (1) top 8</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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 3	<p>One (1) podium and top 16</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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 4	<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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 5	<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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 6	<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 2022-23 FIS World Cup overall standings will be used.</p>
Tier 7	<p>Ranking according to the best two (2) results from 2022-23 World Cup results.</p> <p>The sum of the best two (2) placing(s) will be used with the lowest total sum being ranked</p>



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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. HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT

If an athlete is injured during the 2022-23 season and is unable to complete in 75% or more of those events, they may have up to three results from the 2021-22 season included in the calculation for the World Championships allocation ranking. In addition, the athlete must:

- Have started in at least one eligible event in the 2022-23 season.
- Have their NSO's Medical Staff documentation of the injury

Only top 2/3 results will be considered for calculation.

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, High Performance Director reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action and has the final decision-making authority.
- 9.2 The Ski Cross, High Performance 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, High Performance 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).

10. APPEALS



Any dispute in relation to the nomination procedures for the 2023 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