



## Precisions to the 2020-21 Freestyle Competition Guide

**Important NorAm Criteria Update: On November 16th, 2021, the Freestyle Executive committee voted to adopt the following updates to the NorAm Criteria and the 2020-21 Freestyle/Freeski Points List Schedule.**

Updates are highlighted below. These updates were adopted in response to COVID-19 impacts to the 2020-21 season and to clarify the criteria revisions passed this spring.

If you have any questions or concerns on NorAm Criteria please reach out to Ashley Deibold at [ashley.deibold@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:ashley.deibold@usskiandsnowboard.org).

### NorAm Start Group Criteria

The following athletes will be prequalified for the 2021 NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.

1. U.S. Team Athletes
2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings
3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from 2021 FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2.
4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.
5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury.
6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events.
7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.

Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard office by **December 15, 2020** to accept their spot. Please email Elise Saarela at [elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org). If spots are not accepted by the **December 15** deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.

### In-Season Qualification Criteria

1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) will be determined using athletes two best results via place points from U.S. Selection Results. Athletes can use either their two best Moguls results or their best Mogul and Dual Mogul result.

- Ties will be broken using the athletes best finishes from U.S. Selections, starting with first best finish, then second best finish, then third best finish. If the tie still cannot be broken using the finishes from U.S. Selections the athlete with the highest FIS points on the FIS MO points list valid on Jan 30, 2021 will prevail.

2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.



**Updated Feb. 7, 2021**

Additionally, the following updates will be made to the Freestyle/Freeski Points List Schedule dates:

New List	Comp Period	FFSP Close	FFSP Valid	
FALL/BASE	July 1 – Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	
List 1	Nov. 11 – Dec. 22	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	
List 2	Dec. 23 – Jan. 12	Jan. 12	Jan. 14	
List 3	Jan. 13 – Jan. 31	Jan. 31	Feb. 2	
List 4	Feb. 1 – Feb. 12	Feb. 12	Feb. 16	
Unofficial	Feb.13 - 26	Feb. 26	Not valid for events	Juniors list
List 5	Feb. 13– Mar. 2	Mar. 2	Mar. 4	Nationals list
List 6	Mar. 3 – Mar. 16	Mar. 16	Mar. 18	
List 7	Mar. 17 – Mar. 30	Mar. 30	Apr. 1	
List 8	Mar. 31 – Jun. 30	Jun. 30	Jul. 1	