The eight (8) allocated Canadian players as of November 5, 2021, will not utilize an international slot. The eight (8) players listed below will not count as an international player or use an international slot, until they retire or depart NWSL. If they depart NWSL and return to the league, they would then be considered an international player.

The eight (8) players who are grandfathered in and will not count as international players are:

- Allysha Chapman
- Nichelle Prince
- Quinn
- Sophie Schmidt
- Desiree Scott
- Kailen Sheridan
- Christine Sinclair
- Bianca St. George

Previously grandfathered in, Erin McLeod, retired from NWSL on January 14, 2023. Should Erin McLeod return to NWSL, she will be considered an international player and occupy an international spot.