



FISU UNIVERSIADE GAMES: SNOWBOARD 2023 SELECTION PROTOCOL: ALL DISCIPLINES

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Canada Snowboard is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact domestic nomination of athletes to the 2023 FISU Universiade Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Canada Snowboard will respect this published Selection Protocol as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Selection Protocol to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Protocol. In such circumstances, any modifications will come into effect as of the date of publication and will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Protocol to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Protocol, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Canada Snowboard will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

I. INTRODUCTION

- Canada Snowboard, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard events, including 2023 FISU Winter Universiade. Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
- The 31st Winter Universiade will take place in the city of Lake Placid, New York, USA from Jan 10th – Jan 22nd, 2023. Events: Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Parallel Slalom (PSL), Snowboard Cross (SBX), Slopestyle (SBS) and Big Air (BA).
- This document sets out the process for selecting which athletes will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games.
- For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (National Team, World Cups, Senior World Championships & Olympics, Junior World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard “Document Centre”:
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>
- Final decisions regarding athlete selection for the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games shall be ratified by



the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport Pathway Coordinator, Sport Pathway Manager, High Performance Freestyle Manager, High Performance Speed Manager, and where applicable the Youth Performance Program coaches will be included.

- Any exceptions to the procedures set out in this Selection Protocol must be based on the general policies of the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program (HPP). The HPP General Policies can be found in the Document Centre on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>
- Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection, however, they will only be registered upon commitment to attend this self-funded event and upon submission of a deposit in advance of the event.
- All selected athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and /or physio, team leader and the nominated coach(es) for their respective discipline(s).
- The Government of Canada continues to take unprecedented action to protect the health and safety of Canadians. New rules on international travel, in addition to the restrictions previously in place, were announced to prevent further introduction and transmission of Covid-19. These updated rules will continue to apply to traveling team members.
- Compliance with new and existing measures will be mandatory for all 2023 FISU Winter Universiade team members and any cost incurred as a result of the Government of Canada mandated measures and mandatory quarantine period(s) will be the sole responsibility of the traveller and incurred at their own expense.
- For updated information, please reference: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>
- All eligible athletes and coaches are required to submit their interest in the Universiade by August 31, 2022.
- Athlete selection for the Speed and Style for the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games will be determined no later than September 5th, 2022.

II. OBJECTIVE

Canada Snowboard's primary objective at the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games is to provide a high-level competitive experience to athletes who have demonstrated an ability to achieve podium success in North American competitions, and are now currently attending or attended a Universiade in the previous year.

III. ELIGIBILITY

- A detailed description of the eligibility rules and confirmation of eligibility forms may be found at: <https://usports.ca/en/international/universiades/winter-2023>
- The Canada Snowboard selection criteria are as follows, with a maximum of four (4) spots per discipline
- To be eligible for selection to participate in a 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games, an athlete must:
 - a) Be a member in good standing of Canada Snowboard, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied mutatis mutandis
 - b) Be at least 18 and less than 25 years of age on December 31st, 2023. Athletes must be born between January 1st 1998, and December 31st, 2005.
 - c) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a Universiade or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of Canada or a former student of the institutions mentioned who have obtained their academic degree in the year preceding the event.
 - d) Have a valid FIS license, Canada Snowboard membership, Advanced Competitor's provincial/territorial snowboard association membership and Level 1 or Level 2 SAIP Insurance



- coverage. If no SAIP coverage is active, athlete must purchase at minimum SAIP 2 if selected.
- e) Be a national of the country they represent.
 - f) Athletes participating in FISU Sport Events must represent the same country as in events of their respective International Federation, changes of sport nationality must follow respective IF rules.
 - g) No athlete or official under a current suspension from FISU, IF or the National Federation of his/her country may take part in the Winter Universiade.

**If Canada Snowboard does not receive a minimum of 3 athletes per discipline Canada Snowboard holds the rights to choose not to send a team.*

IV. TEAM SIZE

Each national association recognized by the FISU may enter a maximum of athletes in the Universiade Games, with the following restrictions:

- A maximum of 4 athletes per discipline per gender (e.g. Men's Alpine, Women's Style).
- Slopestyle and Big Air are considered one discipline, however; selection will be based off the Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List
- PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based off the Parallel FIS Points List.
- SBX selection will be based off the SBX FIS Points List.

V. Selection

- Speed Disciplines – (PGS, PSL, SBX): Speed athletes will be ranked in descending order of their FIS PAR or FIS SBX points on the most recent FIS points list as of the selection deadline.
- Style Disciplines - (SBS, BA): Style athletes will be selected based off of their ranking on the World Snowboard Points List as of the selection deadline.

VI. DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND APPEAL PROCESS

Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be named to the team shall be ratified by the Executive Director of CS, on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee.

In the event that an unforeseeable issue or exceptional circumstance arises that is not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol and this issue or circumstance will have a material impact on the selection process as outlined herein, the Executive Director of CS, in consultation with the Sport and System Development Director and the High Performance Director, shall determine how the issue or circumstance shall be addressed, taking into account the best interests of the SSD and HPP program from a performance perspective. Should any action be taken pursuant to this provision, CS will communicate directly with any individual impacted by such action, and provide reasons for any action taken.

Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any individual directly affected by a CS decision, as long as they are in good standing with CS and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association, and provided there are sufficient grounds for an appeal according to the CS 'Appeals Policy', available on the CS website at:

https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_Appeals_Policy_EN.pdf

Members in good standing are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard Appeals Process Map which is



available on the Canada Snowboard website at:

<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games all final decision-making authority will reside with the Head Coach(es) of each discipline, in consultation with the Team Leader, if applicable. The Team Leader shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Head Coach.

VII. STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS & SUPPORT STAFF)

The Canada Snowboard Sport Pathway Manager has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leaders and coach(s) for the 2023 FISU Winter Universiade Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of support staff that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the event.

VIII. GENERAL

This Selection Protocol was originally drafted in English and then translated into French. Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, which may be due to translation, then the English version shall be used to understand the intent of the drafting of the French version.

This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard'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 Canada Snowboard High Performance Director will, where possible, consult with the Executive Director to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High-Performance Director shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

This Selection Protocol is based on FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in the FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected parties as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol to comply with new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as soon as is reasonably possible as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website.

Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by Canada Snowboard's "Dispute Resolution Policy" which is available on the Canada Snowboard website

(<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>).