



**SELECTION PROTOCOL**  
**2023-2024 WORLD CUP EVENTS: SNOWBOARDCROSS**

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**Canada Snowboard is revising the High Performance Program (HPP) General Policy as of the approval date of this Selection Protocol. Situations related to the revision of the HPP General Policy may arise that require this Selection Protocol to be modified. Any required modifications will be communicated as soon as possible and come into effect as of the publication date.**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Canada Snowboard, through its membership with the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events. Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, including Canada Snowboard, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be selected by Canada Snowboard to participate in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Snowboardcross discipline.
3. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (Jr. World Championships, World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the [Canada Snowboard 'Document Centre'](#):
4. Notwithstanding any athlete ranking resulting from this Selection Protocol, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to withhold competitive opportunities in accordance with the ["HPP Protocol for Return to Snow and Competition"](#).

Canada Snowboard further reserves the right to select athletes to participate in competitive opportunities in an order other than that indicated by the rankings, and/or to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum Quota provided to Canada by FIS. The grounds for any such decisions must be discussed and documented by the Selection Committee and must be in accordance with the HPP General Policy.

All policies referenced in this section can be found in the ['Document Centre'](#) on the Canada Snowboard website.

5. Except where otherwise specified herein, final decisions regarding athlete selection for FIS Snowboard World Cups in the Snowboardcross discipline shall be ratified by the Vice President, Sport (VPS) on the basis of recommendations by the Snowboardcross World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the High Performance Director - Speed, the Snowboardcross National Team Coaching staff, and other HPP staff as designated by the Selection Committee.



6. Except where otherwise specified herein, the Selection Committee's recommendations to the VPS shall be made on the basis of the athlete's FIS ranking and performances during the current competition season (as of the Selection Deadline), which is defined as the August 2023 – April 2024 competitive season.

## **OBJECTIVES**

7. Canada Snowboard's performance objectives during the 2023-24 FIS Snowboard World Cup Competition Season include:

**Primary Objective:** Support athletes who have either been consistently (>50%) ranked within the Top 32 Men or Top 16 Women at *individual* (not team) FIS Snowboardcross World Cup competitions during the last 12 months or, are ranked within the Top 32 Men or Top 16 Women in the FIS Overall World Cup Standings on the most recently published FIS WC Overall Ranking List.

**Secondary Objective:** Support athletes identified by Canada Snowboard as future National Team and Paralympic/Olympic hopefuls, who are 5 to 8 years away from podium performances at the Paralympic or Olympic Winter Games, based on Canada Snowboard's Podium Pathway and performance analysis by the Snowboardcross National Team Staff, relevant HPP Staff, and/or the Selection Committee.

These objectives are the guiding principles Canada Snowboard took into consideration when developing this Selection Protocol and will serve as the basis for guiding selection decisions made under this Protocol.

## **TERMS**

8. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:
  - a. EC: Europa Cup
  - b. FIS: International Ski and Snowboard Federation
  - c. HPP: High Performance Program
  - d. JWCH: FIS Junior World Championships
  - e. NAC: NorAm Cup
  - f. NSO: National Sport Organization
  - g. SBX: Snowboardcross
  - h. WCH: FIS Senior World Championships
  - i. WC: FIS Snowboard World Cup

## **ELIGIBILITY**

9. To be eligible to participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup, an athlete must:
  - a. Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied *mutatis mutandis*; and
  - b. Have a valid and active FIS License; and
  - c. Have purchased the appropriate class of [CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance \(SAIP\)](#) – Level 1 is mandatory for National Team members or those participating in any international World Cup competition(s) and a minimum of Level 2 is required



- for out of country coverage; and
- d. Have a minimum of 75 SBX FIS Points to be selected for a Basic Quota (BQ) spot or a Personal JWCH-WC-NAC/WC Host/Host Nation Spot, and a minimum of 125 SBX FIS Points to be selected for Additional Quota (AQ) spots, on the most recently published FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline (as outlined in the Rules for the FIS Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski World Cups (FIS World Cup Rules), at: [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/WC\\_Rules\\_SBFSFK\\_2024\\_clean.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/WC_Rules_SBFSFK_2024_clean.pdf)); and
  - e. Have submitted a participation request via the Canada Snowboard website, as outlined in Section 11, below, prior to the stated deadline(s); and
  - f. Have a valid Canadian Passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel (if applicable); and
  - g. Upon Selection, must read, agree to, and sign the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct, which outlines the expectations an athlete representing Canada must follow; and
  - h. Comply with all relevant FIS requirements for eligibility.

### **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

10. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FIS and is described as the 'Canadian Quota' for that competition. Although FIS establishes the quota, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota), that is, to nominate fewer athletes than the number designated as the 'Canadian Quota' for a particular competition.

The grounds for any such decision must be discussed by the Selection Committee, clearly documented, and communicated to the impacted parties.

Examples of situations where the Selection Committee would offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota) than established by FIS for a competition may include, but are not limited to:

- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements and who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period to satisfy the selection process for nomination, and/or
- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, whose performances demonstrate that they have the potential to achieve the performance objective indicated in Section 7, above, and/or
- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who are able to successfully and safely complete a World Cup Snowboardcross course, as assessed by the Selection Committee in their sole discretion.

The Selection Committee will review eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans (YTPs) and communicate with their current coach before a Quota is allocated. This ensures that the athlete has the appropriate preparation to be ready for a World Cup competition.

The Canada Snowboard Snowboardcross National Team Coaching Staff has final and absolute authority to revoke an athlete's nomination for any competition (otherwise known as 'pulling' the rider off the start list), either prior to or at a competition, if it is determined the athlete is a safety risk to themselves or others on course during the training or competition period.



11. All interested athletes (or their personal coach) are required to submit a participation request for the block of World Cups they are interested in attending at least two (2) weeks before the stated competition Selection Deadline(s), as outlined in Section 18 below. The deadlines to submit a participation request for each block of World Cup competitions are provided immediately below.

Participation requests received after the below stated deadlines **will not** be considered.

Participation requests can be sent through the Canada Snowboard website, at:  
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>

The deadline to submit a participation request for

- a. Block A World Cups is November 1, 2023.
- b. Block B World Cups is December 19, 2023.
- c. Block C World Cups is January 29, 2024.
- d. Host Nation Quota for the Mt. St. Anne World Cup is February 19, 2024.

Submission of a participation request online by the respective deadline, as outlined above, does not automatically guarantee selection to a specific or block of World Cup competitions. Interested athletes must meet all conditions of eligibility, as outlined in Section 9.a-h, above, and be allocated a Quota spot as outlined in Sections 19 - 35, below.

12. The total 2023/24 Canadian Snowboardcross World Cup Quota, subject to the Selection Criteria outlined in Sections 21 - 35, below, are:
  - a. Three (3) – Basic Quota (BQ) (maximum of two (2) per gender)
  - b. Two (2) – Additional Women (AQ)
  - c. Five (5) – Additional Men (AQ)
  - d. Two (2) – Personal Quota Spot(s) from 2022/23 NorAm Overall Tour Champions:
    - i. Kennedy Justinen
    - ii. Lily Bellaar Spruyt

As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup Quota, per gender, for the Mt. St. Anne, QC World Cup March 22 – 24, 2024, as outlined by FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.1. Please refer to Section 32 - 35 of this selection criteria for allocation of additional Quota related to this event.

Information on FIS Snowboard Quota can be referenced on the FIS website:

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas:

[https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/1st\\_calculation\\_Alpine\\_SB\\_SBX\\_Quotas\\_2024.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/fis-prod/assets/1st_calculation_Alpine_SB_SBX_Quotas_2024.pdf)

Description of Quota Allocation:

[https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1565255441/fis-prod/assets/Description\\_SB\\_Quotas.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1565255441/fis-prod/assets/Description_SB_Quotas.pdf)

13. FIS will recalculate World Cup Quotas based on the 2024 FIS Points List as of the end of January 2024, with an increase in Quotas only being possible as outlined in the FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.1. Any Personal Quota spots will not change during the season. The FIS Points Lists are available for reference online at: <http://data.fis-ski.com/snowboard/fis->



[points-lists.html](#)

14. Except as otherwise stated herein, the opportunity to participate in World Cup competitions shall be offered to athletes who satisfy all of the eligibility requirements set out at Section 9.a-h, above, in the order of their ranking as determined by the “Ranking Process” detailed in Sections 21 through 35, below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into four (4) blocks: ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘Host Nation’ as outlined in Section 18 below.

NOTE: World Cup Finals are subject to [the FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.3](#), limiting participation to the Top 16 Women and Top 32 Men in the World Cup Standings after the conclusion of the World Cup race immediately prior to World Cup Finals. Please refer to Sections 32 – 35 for the methods utilized to allocate these Additional Quotas.

15. Only the eligible final results achieved from individual Snowboardcross competition will be considered in the ‘Ranking Process’ detailed in Sections 21 through 35 below. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions.
16. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as a defending World Cup, Continental Cup, Senior or Junior World Champion must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard upon verification that the athlete satisfies all eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 9.a-h, above.
17. When determining if an athlete has satisfied a threshold field placing result, as outlined from time to time within this document, Canada Snowboard does not round to the nearest whole number because the given priority is looking for the actual final finish position within the field. As a practical example, the dividing line between the Top Third (1/3) and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 58 competitors is at 19.33, so all those who finished 19<sup>th</sup> place or better are considered to be in the Top Third (1/3) and those who finished beyond 20<sup>th</sup> are not. DNFs and DSQs are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in the event; DNS does not count toward determining the field size and will be removed from the field size calculation.
18. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2023-2024 season will be determined based on the World Cup competitions currently scheduled, including:

Block	Competitions	Competition Dates	Participation Request Deadline	Selection Deadline
A	Les Deux Alps, FRA	December 1 – 3, 2023	November 1, 2023	November 15, 2023
	Cervinia, ITA	December 15 – 17, 2023		
B	St. Moritz, SUI	January 25 – 26, 2024	December 19, 2023	January 2, 2024
	Gudauri, GEO	February 2 – 4, 2024		



	Kayseri, TUR	February 9 – 11, 2024		
C	Sierra Nevada, ESP	March 1 - 3, 2024	January 29, 2024	February 12, 2024
	Cortina d’Ampezzo, ITA	March 8 – 9, 2024		
	Montafon, AUT	March 15 – 18, 2024		
Finals: Host Nation Quota Only	Mt. St. Anne, CAN	March 22 – 24, 2024	February 19, 2024	March 4, 2024

19. This ranking process and the indicated opportunities are based on FIS rules, regulations, and current schedules, and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Should Canada Snowboard become aware of any changes to FIS rules, regulations, and schedules, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol as necessary to comply with the changes. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as reasonably possible.
20. Notwithstanding the identified Selection Deadline for each block of competitive opportunities, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to select athletes on a date other than the stated Selection Deadline where the Selection Committee considers, in its sole discretion, that such change is desirable to field the team most capable of achieving Canada Snowboard's performance objectives. Where Canada Snowboard selects athletes on a date other than the stated Selection Deadline, all applicable references to the Selection Deadline that follow will be taken to mean the amended date.

### **RANKING PROCESS**

Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to participate in World Cup competitions will be based on the criteria below. The Selection Committee is restricted by the Quotas allocated by the FIS as outlined in Section 12 above. Nominations will be made starting at the highest priority level (Priority 1) unless there are no athletes, or until there are no further athletes, who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period at that priority level, in which case the Selection Committee will move on to the next priority level (Priority 2), and so on.

Eligible athletes will be ranked by gender and in descending order based on the order of priorities, per Block of competitions, as outlined in Section 18 above. Once the Quota has been met in a gender, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be considered for nomination regardless of their performance(s) or ranking. However, notwithstanding the aforementioned, in accordance with Section 10 above the Selection Committee is not required to fill all Canadian Quotas.



As indicated in the Ranking Process below, when a competition level is referenced, it shall be taken to mean FIS Snowboardcross competitions according to the Competition Levels and Corresponding Points Scales as defined by the Rules of the [FIS Points Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski \("FIS Points Rules"\)](#), Rule 4.2.2.

Only Level 2 competitions, or higher, are considered within the Ranking Process:

- Level 1: Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships, FIS World Cups
- Level 2: Junior World Championship, Continental Cups (Europa Cups, NorAms), or World University Games.

As also indicated in the Ranking Process below, when a priority level states “advance to the final round” as a required result, advancing to the final round shall be taken to mean advancing from Qualifications (time trials) into final heat brackets of Top 16 Women (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 32 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) when finals are in heats of four (4), or Top 24 Women (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 48 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) when finals are in heats of six (6). If time trials do not occur, and athletes are seeded directly into final heat brackets through pre-heat races (Holistic Format), advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing through pre-heat brackets into the Quarterfinal (1/4) bracket for Women and into the Eighth final (1/8) bracket for Men.

Block A: Les Deux Alps (FRA), Cervinia (ITA)

21. The first priority in the allocation of Block ‘A’ World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team (NT) and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

Men:

Eliot Grondin (NT)  
Liam Moffatt (NT)  
Evan Bichon (NT)

Women:

Meryeta O’Dine (NT)  
Audrey McManiman (NT)  
Kennedy Justinen (Personal)  
Lily Bellaar Spruyt (Personal)

22. The second priority in the allocation of Block ‘A’ World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to members of the 2023/24 Snowboardcross NextGen Team (NG):

Men:

Colby Graham (NG)  
Tristan Bell (NG)  
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by gender, as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete’s FIS Points as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
  - b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2022 through April 2023 competitive season.
  - c. If a tie remains, the athlete’s next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2022 through August 2023 competitive season will be used, until the tie is broken.
23. Remaining Block ‘A’ World Cup competitive opportunities shall be allocated to the next ranked eligible athlete(s), by gender and in descending order, based on the FIS Snowboardcross Base List 2024 as of the Selection Deadline.



In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2022 through April 2023 competitive season. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2022 through April 2023 competitive season will be used, until the tie is broken.

Block B: St. Moritz (SUI), Gudauri (GEO), Kayseri (TUR)

24. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

Men:

Eliot Grondin (NT)  
Liam Moffatt (NT)  
Evan Bichon (NT)

Women:

Meryeta O'Dine (NT)  
Audrey McManiman (NT)  
Kennedy Justinen (Personal)  
Lily Bellaar Spruyt (Personal)

25. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to members of the [2023/24 CS Snowboardcross NextGen Team](#).

Men:

Colby Graham (NG)  
Tristan Bell (NG)  
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by gender, as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's FIS Points as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
  - b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2023 through April 2024 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
  - c. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2023 through August 2024 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) will be used, until the tie is broken.
26. The third priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s) who advance to the final round in any of the following individual Block 'A' World Cup competitions:
- December 1 – 3, 2023: Les Deux Alps, FRA
  - December 15 – 17, 2023: Cervinia, ITA

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above.
  - b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second-best result will be used.
  - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking as of the Selection Deadline.
27. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' World Cups shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending





order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Points awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the August 2023 through April 2024 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results which will be considered in the ranking process:

- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
- Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, University Games): Results from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (½) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following calculation: (field placing = result / field size x 100). If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

Block C: Sierra Nevada (ESP), Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Montafon (AUT)

28. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

<u>Men:</u>	<u>Women:</u>
Eliot Grondin (NT)	Meryeta O'Dine (NT)
Liam Moffatt (NT)	Audrey McManiman (NT)
Evan Bichon (NT)	Kennedy Justinen (Personal)
	Lily Bellaar Spruyt (Personal)

29. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to members of the [2023/24 CS Snowboardcross NextGen Team](#).

<u>Men:</u>
Colby Graham (NG)
Tristan Bell (NG)
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by gender, as follows:

- d. Taking the athlete's FIS Points as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
  - e. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2023 through April 2024 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
  - f. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the August 2023 through August 2024 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) will be used, until the tie is broken.
30. The third priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s) who advance to the final round in any of the following individual Block 'B' World Cup competitions:



- January 25 – 26, 2024: St. Moritz, SUI
- February 2 – 4, 2024: Gudauri, GEO
- February 9 – 11, 2024: Kayseri, TUR

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- d. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'B' World Cups listed above.
  - e. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second-best result will be used.
  - f. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking as of the Selection Deadline.
31. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'C' World Cups shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Points awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the August 2023 through April 2024 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results which will be considered in the ranking process:
- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
  - Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, University Games): Results from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (1/2) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following calculation: (field placing = result / field size x 100). If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

#### World Cup Finals: Mt. St. Anne (CAN)

32. As per the [FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.3](#), the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the Snowboardcross World Cup Standings will be eligible for inclusion into World Cup Finals in Mt. St. Anne.

All eligible Canadian athletes in the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the Snowboardcross World Cup Standings after the conclusion of Block 'C' competitions will receive a Quota allocation for participation in World Cup Finals.

NOTE: All eligible Canadian athletes with Personal Spots from NAC, injury status, or other protections must fall within in the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men of the Snowboardcross World Cup Standings in order to receive a Quota allocation for World Cup Finals.

NOTE: As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup Host Nation Quotas, per gender, for the Mt. St. Anne World Cup. The methods utilized to allocate these additional Host Nation Quotas are outlined in Sections 33 – 35, below.

33. The first priority in the allocation of Host Nation World Cup competitive opportunities shall



be given to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National and NextGen Teams, and those with earned Personal Quota spots, who were not allocated a Quota by falling within the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the Snowboardcross World Cup standings (as per Section 32):

Men: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eliot Grondin (NT)  
Liam Moffatt (NT)  
Evan Bichon (NT)  
Colby Graham (NG)  
Tristan Bell (NG)  
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

Women: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meryeta O'Dine (NT)  
Audrey McManimann (NT)  
Kennedy Justinen (Personal)  
Lily Bellar-Spruyt (Personal)

34. The second priority in the allocation of Host Nation World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s) who advance to the final round in any of the following individual World Cup competitions during the 2023/24 competition season:

- December 1 – 3, 2023: Les Deux Alps, FRA
- December 15 - 17, 2023: Cervinia, ITA
- January 25 – 26, 2024: St. Moritz, SUI
- February 2 – 4, 2024: Gudauri, GEO
- February 9 – 11, 2024: Kayseri, TUR
- March 1 – 3, 2024: Sierra Nevada, ESP

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the World Cups listed above.
  - b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second-best result will be used.
  - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking as of the Selection Deadline.
35. Any remaining competitive opportunities for the Host Nation World Cup shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Points awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the August 2023 through April 2024 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results which will be considered in the ranking process:
- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
  - Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, University Games): Results from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (½) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following calculation: (field placing = result / field size x 100). If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

#### Mixed Gender Team Event



36. The currently scheduled Snowboardcross Mixed Team (BTX) competitions for the 2023-24 season are:

a. Cervinia, ITA: December 17, 2023

Should additional BTX competitions be added to the calendar following the publication of the Selection Protocol, selection into teams will follow the same process as outlined below.

37. The number of teams per Nation will be determined according to [FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.](#)
38. Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event (at the same venue) are also eligible for potential selection to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross event.

Mixed Team event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:

- a. Team #1 and #2 will be determined by the Snowboardcross National Team Co-Head Coaches by consensus considering the factors listed below. Selection remains at the discretion of the Co-Head Coaches, with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result.

Factors that will be considered by the Co-Head Coaches in the selection of Team #1 and #2 include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH, OLY);
- Team composition requirements and technical demands of the specific course;
- Demonstrated strong field of play (race tactics) decision making;
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Snowboardcross races at the international level; and
- Consideration of performance during the individual race at the same venue.

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible team pairings, it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) may not be selected.

If Canada is allocated three or more teams, participation for remaining team positions will be determined as follows:

- b. Team #3: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers (not previously selected to Team #1 or #2) according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.

If there are any team positions remaining after fielding Team #1, #2 and #3, as described above, remaining team(s) positions will be determined based on the next ranked male and female finishers according to the final results in the individual race at the same venue.

NOTE: Mixed Team event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions as outlined in this document.



## **HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

39. There may be occasions when an athlete who is otherwise selected to participate is or becomes, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, unable to compete. In such circumstances, provided that the injured athlete with the health-related curtailment has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision, Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to replace the injured athlete with another eligible athlete.
40. Canada Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who is unable to participate in training or competition due to injury, to obtain a medical assessment from a team physician. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.

## **COACHING**

41. Unless otherwise approved by Canada Snowboard in accordance with the criteria listed in the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement, an athlete who is not coached by a currently certified Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP) Coach may not participate in a FIS sanctioned snowboard competition.

The CS Coaching Program Minimum Standards can be found at:

[https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada\\_Snowboard\\_CSCP\\_Scope\\_of\\_Practice\\_Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_CSCP_Scope_of_Practice_Policy_EN.pdf).

The Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP) Policies can be found at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/technical/coaching/policies/>

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis. The coach will need to accept and sign a liability form, provide proof of current coaching membership from their relevant certification body, provide a current background check, and agree to abide by Canada Snowboard's relevant policies (including the Code of Conduct and Ethics, which can be found in the '[Document Centre](#)' on the Canada Snowboard website). Coaches must also agree to sign the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) Informed Consent Form if requested by Canada Snowboard. All requests must be submitted for prior approval to Kim Krahulec, High Performance Director – Speed at: [kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca). Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

## **ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

42. During the actual competition period onsite at any of the FIS Snowboard World Cup competitions outlined herein, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Canada Snowboard National Team Coaching Staff, in consultation with the High Performance Director - Speed, whenever possible and practical. The High Performance Director - Speed shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Canada Snowboard HPP Coach(es).



## APPEALS

43. Any appeal of any decision of the Selection Committee may be made by any Canada Snowboard member in good standing who is directly affected by the decision. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada Snowboard Appeals Policy, which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:  
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>.

Individuals wishing to appeal a decision of the Selection Committee are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard 'Appeals Policy Process Map' which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:  
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>

## GENERAL

44. 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 drafter's intent.
45. This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted. Unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control may arise which prevent relevant competitions from taking place or from taking place in a fair manner, and/or where the procedure for nomination as described in this Selection Protocol would result in a nomination process which is unfair or not in the best interests of Canada Snowboard's performance objectives and the general principles for selection, as indicated in this Selection Protocol.
46. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Canada Snowboard High Performance Director – Speed will, where possible, consult with the Vice President, Sport to determine if the circumstances justify competition and/or nomination taking place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High Performance Director - Speed shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible. In the event an alternative selection or nomination process takes place, the Selection Committee remains responsible for making selection decisions, in accordance with the revised protocol as determined by the High Performance Director - Speed.
47. In accordance with Section 19 above, amendments to this document necessitated by changes to FIS rules, regulations, and schedules will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as is reasonably possible.