



**Canadian Nationality Criteria  
Riders Advancement and Development Program**

**1. OBJECTIVE**

**1.1.** To identify eligibility criteria for Canadian nationality for attendance and participation in Canada Snowboard's Riders Advancement and Development Program events.

**2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1.** The Riders Advancement and Development Program (RAD Program) aims to provide development opportunities to coaches and athletes that specifically target Canadian participants. As Canada Snowboard is primarily funded through the Government of Canada, Canada Snowboard's RAD focusses exclusively on the development of Canadian snowboarders who may represent Canada at major events such as Junior World Championships, World Cups, and the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. As a result, **each RAD event is exclusive to participants with a Canadian Nationality as defined by sections 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 of this document unless otherwise stated within the Event Notice and/or the Registration Pages for the respective RAD event.** The criteria outlined below is specific to Canada Snowboard's RAD Program and does not replace any other circumstance for where an athlete's nationality might be declared (Competitions, Citizenship, etc).

**2.2. Rational:** The criteria outlined in 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 provides International Athletes that are below the age of eligibility to compete in FIS competitions, or those who do not intend to compete for other nations, the opportunity to attend RAD events alongside their Canadian teammates. The aim is to ensure there is a priority of fun for all participants within this stage of development and to reduce barriers that may separate Canadian athletes from their teammates at a Long-Term Development stage where competing is not the priority.

**3. Definitions**

**3.1.** The following definitions of terms will be used for the throughout this document:

**3.1.1. Athlete:** The rider or participant that will be attending the RAD event with a coach for their own training or enjoyment purposes that may be located at any stage of the Long-Term Development Framework (LTD). The term "Athlete" does not mean to represent the specific location of the individual on the LTD or intend to infer goals on the participant by the competitive nature of the term, but instead to distinguish and identify the participant for the purpose of this document.

**3.1.2. Training Year Round with a club:** The Athlete must be registered for the club or team for the period of which the RAD event is to take place and be included on the yearly training plans of the club or team as outlined by their respective coach. If

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the athlete meets the required age criteria, the confirmation of training year-round with a Canadian Sanctioned Club or Coach will be subject to review by the Sport Pathway Coordinator alongside the coach attending the RAD event with the athlete or alongside the club administrator for the respective athlete.

## **4. Athlete Eligibility**

**4.1.** To be eligible to attend a RAD event as a Canadian Athlete, one of the following criteria must be met:

**4.1.1.** If the athlete has either an active or inactive FIS membership, **then the Athlete's Nationality on their FIS profile must be set to Canada.** The World Snowboard Points List or Social Media Accounts will not be used to assess nationality.

**4.1.2.** If the Athlete does not have a FIS license, **then the athlete must be training year-round with a Sanctioned Canada Snowboard/PTSA Club and an active Canada Snowboard/PTSA licensed coach.**

**4.2.** Any athletes who do not meet one of the above criteria will be considered an International Athlete and will not be eligible to participate in RAD program activations as a Canadian participant and must adhere to International Participation rules of the given RAD event.

## **5. International Participation**

**5.1.** If the respective RAD event does allow an International Athlete to attend, it will be declared in the Event Notice and Registration page. In this instance, there will likely be a separate registration category or page for the athlete and coach to register, as well as a charge associated with registration for the athlete. Any participants who do not meet the criteria for Canadian Nationality in 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 will be determined to be an international participant and must go through the International registration pages if applicable.