



Whistler Slopestyle Training Camp Selection Criteria

Riders Advancement and Development Program and Canadian National and Next Gen Slopestyle Team

1. Objective

1.1. To identify eligibility criteria, selection criteria, and requirements for selected athletes to attend an invitational Slopestyle camp hosted by the Canadian National Slopestyle Team in Whistler, BC, Spring of 2024.

2. Background

2.1. The Canada Snowboard Riders Advancement and Development (RAD Program) aims to provide discipline specific development opportunities to Canadian coaches and athletes who are in the Learn to Train, Train to Train, and Train to Compete stages of the LTD.

2.2. Slopestyle has a large pool of athletes in the development stages, and providing a clear process to identify and assess potential future Next Gen and National Team athletes and coaches to be incorporated into a High Performance environment is important for their future development.

2.3. The Whistler Invitational Camp is a joint initiative by Canada Snowboard's Sport and System Development Department and the Slopestyle High Performance Program to provide future Next Gen team athletes and their coaches the opportunity to attend a camp alongside current National Slopestyle Team coaches, athletes, and staff.

2.4. The purpose of the Camp is to provide individualized and deliberate ancillary athlete and coach support to facilitate an athlete's transition towards greater on- and off-snow performance.

3. Definitions

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

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| 3.1.1. NorAm (NAC): | North American Cup |
| 3.1.2. RAD Program: | Riders Advancement and Development Program |
| 3.1.3. HAP: | Health and Athletic Performance |
| 3.1.4. WSPL: | World Snowboard Points List |
| 3.1.5. LTD: | Long Term Development Framework |

4. Athlete Eligibility





4.1. For athletes to be eligible to participate, they must:

- 4.1.1.** Be a Canadian athlete as identified by section 4.1.1 of the RAD Program Canadian Nationality [Criteria](#); and
- 4.1.2.** Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their Provincial / Territorial Snowboard Association, as that term is understood in section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied *mutatis mutandis*; and
- 4.1.3.** Have a current and valid FIS license; and
- 4.1.4.** Not be a current named athlete to the Canadian Slopestyle Next Gen or Canadian Slopestyle National Team for the 2023-2024 Winter Season; and
- 4.1.5.** Have their own coach to travel and attend the camp with the athlete throughout the entire duration of time on snow

5. Selection Committee

- 5.1.** The committee that will oversee the selection of athletes strictly using the eligibility and selection criteria outlined within this document in Section #7.
- 5.2.** The Selection Committee will consist of the Canadian National Slopestyle Team coaches, the High Performance Director - Freestyle and the RAD Program Slopestyle Coach.

6. Quota

- 6.1.** There will be a maximum of 1 athlete for men and 1 athlete for women selected to participate in the camp.
- 6.2.** Under discretion of the Selection Committee, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to not fulfill the allotted quota spots for the camp invite. Reasons for not fulfilling the quota may include:
 - 6.2.1.** If the top ranked Canadian athletes are not in the top ½ of the NorAm Slopestyle Overall Standings on the selection date.
 - 6.2.2.** HPP Logistics outside the control of Canada Snowboard or RAD Program that may force the cancellation or modification of the training camp, such as weather or conditions.

7. Selection Process

- 7.1.** Selection will be completed using exclusively the total slopestyle and big air NorAm points accumulated between January 1st, 2024 to April 4th, 2024, exclusively. The single





highest ranked Canadian man and single highest ranked Canadian woman athlete of the NorAm Overall standings who meet all eligibility criteria (Section #4) will be invited to participate, for a total of 2 participants. WSPL Overall rankings will not be considered for selection.

7.2. If the selected athlete in either gender rejects the invitation, the invitation may be extended to the next highest ranked Canadian athlete on the NorAm standings for the respective gender, provided they meet all of the eligibility criteria (Section #4) and their NorAm Overall rank is not significantly less (>10 places).

7.3. If the top ranked athletes in a respective gender rejects the invitation, the Selection Committee reserves the right to not send an invitation to the next highest ranked Canadian NorAm athlete if their NorAm Overall rank is significantly less (>10 places).

8. Exclusion Criteria

8.1. For the safety of the athlete, the Selection Committee in consultation with the athlete and their individual coach, has the expertise and authority to determine the scope of features and maneuvers to be included during the training sessions.

9. Participation Requirements

9.1. Invitations will be emailed following the last NorAm of the season (Stoneham, Québec, April 2-3, 2024).

9.2. Athletes will have 1 week (seven (7) calendar days) to accept or decline their invitation to the camp from when the invitation email is sent before it will be passed to the next eligible individual. Should there be no response from the athlete, it will be assumed that they are declining their invitation and no further action is required by the Selection Committee.

9.3. Communication will be done through email and will be sent to the athlete, parent, coach, and PTSA of which the athlete is affiliated. Athletes should confirm their SnowReg profile is up to date with the correct contact and affiliation information.

9.4. The participating athletes must attend for the entirety of camp with their own coach and may be responsible for all expenses including, but not limited to, the costs of travel, accommodations, food, and lift tickets for both themselves and their coach.

9.5. Upon arrival, the participating athletes must undergo an off-snow physical assessment as directed by Director of Health and Athletic Performance Jeremy Sheppard to ensure the safety baseline health and fitness of all athletes. Participants must be physically and mentally cleared to ride on snow prior to access to any venues.