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HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL **ALPINE DISCIPLINE 2010-11 PROGRAM YEAR**

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INTRODUCTION

1. The High Performance Program consists of those athletes who receive support directly from the CSF (i.e., not through provincial snowboard associations or clubs). Athlete participants in the HPP are members of the National Snowboard Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Freestyle and Snowboardcross, or are members of Development Programs.
2. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol sets out the process of:
 - a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2010-11 High Performance Program in the Alpine discipline; and
 - b) From this group, determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2010-11 National Snowboard Team and Development Programs.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other CSF Selection Protocols are published on the CSF web site (www.csf.ca).
4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered NST and Development Program positions based on these rankings, in accordance with the specific procedures set out below.

TERMS

5. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
 - a) CSF: Canadian Snowboard Federation
 - b) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - c) HPP: High Performance Program
 - d) NST: National Snowboard Team
 - e) WC: World Cup



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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The HPP Director and Coaching Staff shall ordinarily meet on or before May 1 to identify those athletes who will be recommended for positions in the HPP for the coming year.
7. The CSF HPP Director's recommendations shall ordinarily be made on the basis of athletes' performances during the just-concluded season, in accordance with the procedures detailed in this document. Other factors which may be included in determining selections are athletes' progress towards established performance objectives, long term potential as measured against the discipline's Performance Curve, and athletes' physical conditioning.
8. All HPP athlete selections are for a one year period only.
9. All HPP athlete selections are contingent on the athlete's meeting the CSF minimum physical conditioning standards at a physical assessment which will be conducted no later than June 30, 2010.
10. The maximum number of available positions in the HPP shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. Ordinarily, this number will be based on the World Cup quotas earned during the program year just ended, and the constraints of the HPP budget.
11. Athlete rankings will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions. The CSF HPP Director and Coaching Staff have the right, however, to recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the general High Performance Program objectives.

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

12. To be eligible for selection to the HPP, an athlete must:
 - a) Be a member of his or her CSF recognized provincial snowboard association.
 - b) Be in good standing with the CSF and with her or his provincial snowboard association.
 - c) Have competed in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended.
 - d) Have competed in the Canadian National Championships in the program year just ended.
 - e) Have a minimum of 100 FIS points in PAR.

13. An athlete who does not meet the eligibility criteria set out above may be considered for selection if she or he meets the conditions of the Exceptional Circumstances provisions set out below.

SELECTION PROCESS

14. Athletes shall be ranked by the final FIS PAR Points List from the just concluded season.
15. Athletes shall ordinarily be offered NST and Development Program positions on the basis of their selection ranking.
16. Athletes shall ordinarily be offered NST and Development Program positions on or before May 31 of each program year.

ALTERNATES

17. The CSF may choose to identify as alternates athletes who, because of team size limitations, cannot be initially offered NST or Development Program positions.
18. Should an athlete decline an offered NST or Development position, that position shall then be offered to the highest ranked alternate. The alternate shall have one (1) week in which to confirm her or his acceptance of the position.
19. This process shall be continued until all available NST and Development Program positions are filled or until there are no more alternates.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

20. The CSF may, at any time, require an athlete who appears, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a CSF designated doctor. The purpose of this medical assessment is to determine the appropriateness of the athlete's selection to the HPP by determining the degree of the athlete's incapacity and the anticipated time of recovery.
21. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances (such as the death of an immediate family member), be unable to participate in the Canadian National Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection, provided that prior approval has been granted by the HPP Director.

22. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the High Performance Program Director.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

23. Selection to the NST or Development Program does not automatically provide an athlete with entry into World Cup, World Championship, or Olympic Winter Games competitions.
24. The selection of athletes for participation in the World Championships and Olympic Winter Games is done according to separate Selection Protocols, which are available on the CSF website.
25. The selection of athletes for participation in World Cups is done through the "CSF Selection Protocol - Alpine World Cups", which is available on the CSF website. Athletes are ordinarily selected for blocks of World Cups, with priority ordinarily given to NST members.
26. All HPP athletes will be entered into the Canadian National Championships as members of the NST or Development Program.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

27. Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be offered NST and Development positions shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer of the CSF, on the basis of recommendations by the HPP Director in consultation with the CSF coaching staff.
28. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Officer of the CSF, in consultation with the HPP Director.
29. Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any member of the CSF who is materially affected by that decision, and who is a member in good standing of her or his provincial snowboard association. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the CSF Appeals Protocol, which is available on the CSF website (www.csf.ca).