



HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL **FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE** **2012-13 PROGRAM YEAR**

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TERMS

1. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
 - FIS Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - HPP High Performance Program
 - NST National Snowboard Team
 - HP Halfpipe
 - SBS Slopestyle

SELECTION PROCESS

Pro National Team

2. Proven medal potential in 2014 shown by multiple podiums at these type of events: TTR 6 stars, Dew Tour, WSF World Championships, X-Games

National and Development Team

3. To be eligible for selection to the National Team and Development Team an athlete must:
 - Be in good standing with Canada~Snowboard.
 - Have competed in a minimum of three (3) National or International level events in the program year just ended.
 - Be in the top 20 men and top 10 women athletes on the latest



Canadian Ranking list

- Have submitted their Skill Charts and videos by April 15th, 2012
4. 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.
 5. Eligible athletes will be ranked according to the following criteria:
 - Competition Results (1/3)
The athletes will be ranked based on the active Canadian Ranking List on April 5th, 2012.
 - Skill Based (1/3)
The athletes will be assessed by a Skill Based Assessment Chart (see Appendix A). The Skill charts will be compared and each athlete will receive a skill value.
 - Potential (1/3)
Each athlete will be assessed in the following potential criteria: Success at 2014 OWG, Success at 2018 OWG, Seasonal Progression, Elite Performance, and Consistency (for more details see Appendix B). Athletes will be receive a value based on the total of all criteria.

All 3 components (results, Skills, Potential) will be added together and sorted to create a final ranking.
 6. Athletes will be selected in order of their ranking for National Team and Development team positions in order of their final ranking.

ALTERNATES

7. Canada~Snowboard may choose to identify as alternates athletes who, because of team size limitations, cannot be initially offered NST or Development Program positions.
8. Should an athlete decline an offered NST or Development position, that position can 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.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Canada~Snowboard 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 Canada~Snowboard designated doctor. The purpose of this medical assessment is to determine the appropriateness of the athlete's selection to the HPP by determining the extent of the athlete's incapacity and the anticipated time of recovery.
10. 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 national or international level 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 Freestyle Program Director.

GENERAL INFORMATION

11. The High Performance Program consists of those athletes who receive support directly from Canada~Snowboard (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, Snowboardcross, and Freestyle, or are members of Development Programs.
12. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol sets out the process of:
 - a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2012-13 High Performance Program in the Freestyle discipline; and
 - b) Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2012-13 National Snowboard Team and Development Programs.
13. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Canada~Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Canada~Snowboard web site (<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/freestyle/>).
14. 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.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. The Selection Committee shall normally be comprised of the National

Team coaches, the HPP Management Staff, international judges and snowboard industry representative.

16. The Selection Committee shall meet on or before May 1 to identify those athletes who will be recommended for positions in the HPP for the coming year.
17. The Selection Committee'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.
18. All HPP athlete selections are for a one year period only, ending on April 30th.
19. The maximum number of available positions on the NST shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. Ordinarily, this number will be based on the constraints of the HPP budget and/or FIS quotas.
20. Athlete rankings will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions. The Selection Committee has 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.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

21. 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.
22. 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 Canada~Snowboard website.
23. All HPP athletes will be entered into the Canadian National Championships as members of the NST or Development Program.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

24. Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be offered NST and Development positions shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer of Canada~Snowboard, on the basis of recommendations by the HPP Director in consultation with Canada~Snowboard coaching staff.

25. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Officer of Canada~Snowboard, in consultation with the HPP Director.
26. Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any member of Canada~Snowboard who is materially affected by that decision, and who is a member in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada~Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on Canada~Snowboard website (www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/freestyle/).

Appendix A

Skill based Assessment

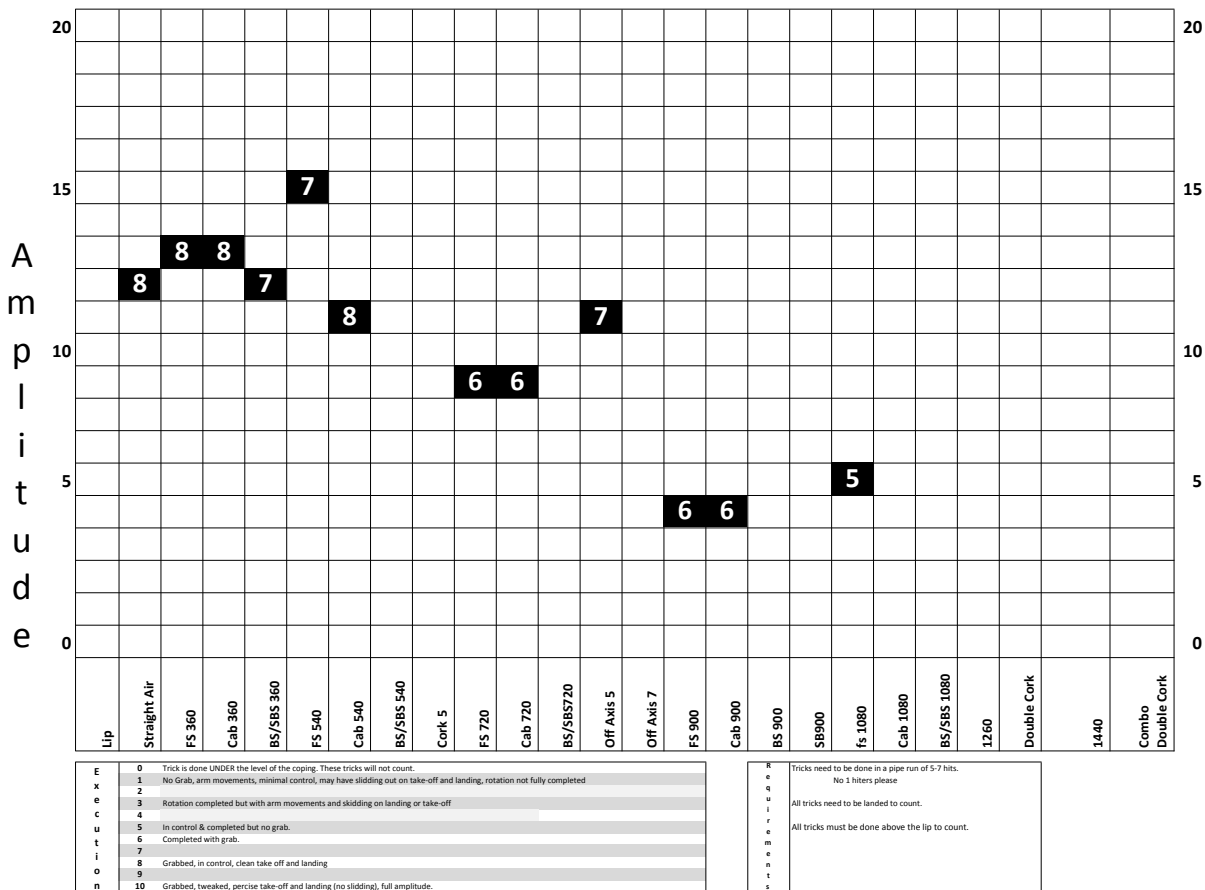
Athletes (or their coaches) will submit a completed Skill Based Assessment Chart as well a video of their best tricks by April 15th 2012 to leo@canadasnowboard.ca.

The Chart can be downloaded here:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/freestyle/> under the document section.

Example of a completed Chart:

Halfpipe

Name: Leo Stance: Goofie Date: Jan 11, 2012



Slopestyle

Name: Leo		Date: Jan 11, 2012														
Stance: Goofie																
SBS			5													8
BS		8	8	5				5				3				
Cab		7	8	9		9				5						
FS	8		9	8		9				5						
	Straight Air	180	360	540	Cork 5	720	Inverted 720	Rodeo	900	1080	Double Cork 1080	1260	Double Cork 1260		Double Cork 1440	Triple Cork
Execution	1	No Grab, arm movements, minimal control, may have skidding out on take-off and landing, rotation not fully completed														
	2															
	3	Rotation completed but with arm movements and skidding on landing or take-off														
	4															
	5	In control & completed but no grab.														
	6	Completed with grab.														
	7															
	8	Grabbed, in control, clean take off and landing														
	9															
	10	Grabbed, tweaked, precise take-off and landing (no skidding), full amplitude, Adding variation to trick														
equirements	All tricks need to be landed to count.															
	Place Jump Size after Execution, in feet, knuckle to lip															
	For NST Selection:															
	Tricks are done on a minimize size of feature WOMEN: 40 Feet lip to knuckle MEN: 55 feet lip to knuckle															
	Inverted is when the board is above the head.															

Appendix B

Potential Chart

	Potential 0 to 4 0=best 4=lowest						TOTAL	Of 20
	Success at 2014 OWG	Success at 2018 OWG	Seasonal Progression	Elite Performance	Consistency			
Athlete 1	0	0	1	3	0	4	3.2	
Athlete 2	4	1	4	2	4	15	12	
Athlete 3	2	2	2	2	2	10	8	
Athlete 4	2	2	2	4	1	11	8.8	

0	Podium	Podium	6 new trick	8 to 9	On results
1	Top 10	Top 10	4 new trick	6 to 7	On results
2	Top 20	Top 20	2 new trick	4 to 5	On results
3	Top 30	Top 30	No new trick	2 to 3	On results
4	Not There	Not There	Regression	0 to 1	On results

Criteria Breakdown and Values

1. Success at 2014 OWG

- a. Athlete is considered the Top Canadian. Realities of Quota spots is not considered.
 - i. 4 = Does Not Attend
 - ii. 3 = Top 30
 - iii. 2 = Top 20
 - iv. 1 = Top 10
 - v. 0 = Podium

2. Success at 2018 OWG

- a. Athlete is considered the Top Canadian. Realities of Quota spots is not considered.
 - i. 4 = Does Not Attend
 - ii. 3 = Top 30
 - iii. 2 = Top 20
 - iv. 1 = Top 10
 - v. 0 = Podium

3. Seasonal Progression

- a. From Skill Based Assessment Charts and coach discussion, video, other methods. New tricks are considered tricks that are above 720's and above. Pipe amplitude of 2 feet is considered 1 trick.
 - i. 4 = Regression in tricks
 - ii. 3 = No Progression
 - iii. 2 = 2 new tricks
 - iv. 1 = 4 new tricks

- v. 0 = 6 or more new tricks

4. Demonstrates elite performance characteristics.

- a. These are all items that are desirable in a National and Olympic athlete. Some items are done by a coach which gives athletes in training programs an advantage. All aspects are possible with or without a program. **Aspects include:** Has Onsnow Training Plan, Incorporates Dryland, Incorporates Recovery/Regeneration, Identifies Performance Gaps, Follows structured plan to address gaps, Has easy, available communication, Has good time management, Creates an annual plan, Follows plan prioritization.

- i. 4 = 0 – 1 Aspects
- ii. 3 = 2 – 3 aspects
- iii. 2 = 4 – 5 aspects
- iv. 1 = 6 – 7 aspects
- v. 0 = 8-9+ aspects

5. Producing Consistent high level results

- a. High level is defined here as Top 15 in an event of CS ranking value 5 or more. If there is large spreads in results consistency is worse, if the ranking is lower it is worse. Taken from last 52 weeks results on ranking list.

- i. 4 = 50% or more results below 40th or a spread of 30 or more
- ii. 3 = 50% results below 25th or a spread of 25 or more
- iii. 2 = Top 20's within a spread of 15, 20% exception
- iv. 1 = Top 10's within a spread of 10, 20% exception
- v. 0 = Top 5's within a spread of 5, 20% exception