



SELECTION PROTOCOL 2012 FIS SNOWBOARD JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Canada~Snowboard, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard events, including Junior World Championships. Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
2. The 2011 Junior World Championships will be held 25 March – 31 April, 2011 in Sierra Nevada, Spain for the events of men's and women's PGS, PSL, HP, SBS and SBX.
3. This document sets out the process for identifying which athletes will be invited by Canada~Snowboard to participate in the 2012 FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships.
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document, please refer to the appropriate separate Selection Protocol. All Canada~Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Canada~Snowboard web site (www.canadasnowboard.ca).
5. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in the JWC shall be made by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the JWC Selection Committee, which shall consist of the High Performance Program Director, the High Performance Program Manager, and one National Team coach in each discipline.

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
 - a) **FIS:** Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - b) **HP:** Halfpipe
 - c) **HPP:** High Performance Program
 - d) **JWC:** Junior World Championships
 - e) **PGS:** Parallel Giant Slalom
 - f) **PSL** Parallel Slalom
 - g) **SBS:** Slopestyle
 - h) **SBX:** Snowboardcross



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OBJECTIVE

7. Canada~Snowboard's objective at the 2012 JWC is to provide a high level competitive experience to athletes who have demonstrated an ability to achieve podium success in North American competitions. "*Podium success in North American competition*" is generally considered to be consistently on the podium at FIS races; two or more podium results in Continental Cup and Junior National Championships; participant at Canadian WC or TTR 5 and 6 star competitions.

ELIGIBILITY

8. To be eligible to be selected to participate in the 2012 FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships, an athlete must:
 - a) Be a member in good standing of Canada~Snowboard and his or her provincial/territorial snowboard association.
 - b) Be born no earlier than 01 January 1992 and no later than 31 December 1996.
 - c) Have participated in the 2011 Canadian National Snowboard Championships (only for SBX and Parallel athletes).
 - d) Have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in his or her discipline on the FIS Points List published most recently prior to the Selection Date (only for SBX and Parallel athletes).

TEAM SIZE

9. Each national association recognized by the FIS may enter a maximum of 30 athletes in the Junior World Championships, with the following restrictions:
 - a) A maximum of 6 athletes per event (e.g. Men's SBX).
 - b) A maximum of 16 athletes per gender.
10. Athletes may be selected to compete in more than one event.
11. Canada~Snowboard shall ordinarily select up to three male and up to three female athletes in each of the Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Alpine, and Snowboardcross disciplines. However, as provided for in Section 20 below, a smaller or larger number of athletes may be selected, provided that the grounds for any such decisions are set out in detail, and are in accordance with the general High Performance Program objectives.

RANKING PROCESS - SPEED

12. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to the sum of the FIS Points earned in their two best results from all North American competitions entered during the period from November 1, 2011 through the Selection Date.
13. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from November 1, 2011 to the

Selection Date (as measured by FIS Points) shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result shall be used until the tie is broken.

RANKING PROCESS - FREESTYLE

14. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, within their discipline and by gender, according to the latest Canadian Ranking List.
15. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result from November 1, 2011 to the Selection Date (as measured by the Canadian Ranking List Points) shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result shall be used until the tie is broken.

SELECTION PROCESS

16. The Selection Date for the 2012 Junior World Championship Team shall be:
March 1st, 2012: SBX, Alpine
March 5th, 2012: SBS, HP
17. Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the Junior World Championships in the order of their ranking. However, the following sections also have a bearing on the final selection.
18. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada~Snowboard shall have the power to withhold any athlete from participation in the Junior World Championships if doing so is warranted, in the view of the Canada~Snowboard's medical advisors, by the pace of that athlete's rehabilitation from a health related curtailment of activities.
19. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada~Snowboard shall have the power to select athletes to participate in the Junior World Championships in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. Canada~Snowboard shall also have the power to select fewer or more male or female athletes, in any or all disciplines, than the number indicated in Section 11. The grounds for any such decisions must be set out in detail in the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee, and must be in accordance with the general High Performance Program objectives.
20. Grounds which may be considered in such decisions shall include, but may not be limited to:
 - ☞ The athlete's commitment to a long term training program, as demonstrated by training logs, evaluations, and other documentation maintained by the athlete and her or his coach.
 - ☞ The athlete's level of physical conditioning, evaluated in terms of the strength and conditioning benchmarks established for the High Performance Program, which are available for reference on the Canada~Snowboard website (www.canadasnowboard.ca).
 - ☞ The athlete's level of mental training, evaluated in terms of the maintenance of a daily log book, and in terms of the recommendations for psychological and lifestyle development in Stage 5 of *Vision 2020: The Long Term Athlete Development Plan for Snowboarding in Canada*, which are available for reference on the Canada~Snowboard website (www.canadasnowboard.ca).

- ☞ The athlete's level of technical skill in one or more of the Freestyle events, evaluated – in part - in terms of the Halfpipe Technical Minimum Standards, which are available for reference on the Canada~Snowboard website (www.canadasnowboard.ca).
 - ☞ Anomalies in competitions, arising from factors such as weather or abnormally small field sizes, or the gross inflation of the points value of the event, which are determined to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain results.
 - ☞ Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability. For instance, if three athletes have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 85 points, a gap may be said to exist which indicates an athlete's potential ability or inability to compete at the same level as other Canada~Snowboard athletes in the same discipline.
 - ☞ The financial capacity of Canada~Snowboard to properly support a team at this level of international competition.
21. Any decision to select an athlete in an order other than indicated by the rankings shall be done through consultation with the coaches of the athletes involved.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

22. It may be that an athlete who is otherwise selected to participate in the Junior World Championships is or becomes, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, unable to compete. In such circumstances Canada~Snowboard shall have the right to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete.
23. Canada~Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who appears, by reason of a health curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a Canada~Snowboard recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's ability or inability to compete and the anticipated time of the athlete's recovery.

APPEALS

24. Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any member in good standing of Canada~Snowboard who is materially affected by that decision. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada~Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on the Canada~Snowboard website (www.canadasnowboard.ca).

GENERAL

25. Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Executive Director of Canada~Snowboard, in consultation with the High Performance Program Director.