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SELECTION PROTOCOL FOR WORLD CUP EVENTS

FREESTYLE

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INTRODUCTION

1. The CSF, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events.
2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by the CSF to participate in all FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Freestyle discipline (i.e., Halfpipe, Big Air, Slopestyle).
3. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document, please refer to the appropriate separate Selection Protocol. All CSF Selection Protocols are published on the CSF web site (www.csf.ca).
4. This Selection Protocol is established within the context of the general CSF High Performance Program policies. Any exceptions to the procedures set out in this Selection Protocol must be based on the general CSF High Performance Program policies.
5. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in Freestyle World Cups shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis of recommendations by the Freestyle World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the HPP Director, the Freestyle National Team Coaches, and the HPP Managers.



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TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
- a) BA: Big Air
 - b) CSF: Canadian Snowboard Federation
 - c) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - d) HP: Halfpipe
 - e) HPP: High Performance Program
 - f) SBS: Slopestyle
 - g) WC: World Cup
 - h) WCRL: World Cup Ranking List
 - i) WRL: World Ranking List

ELIGIBILITY

7. To be eligible to participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup, an athlete must:
- a) Be a member of his or her recognized provincial snowboard association.
 - b) Have a valid FIS license.
 - c) Have CSF approved medical insurance.
 - d) Be in good standing with the CSF and with her or his provincial snowboard association.
 - e) Have a minimum of 10 Points in the most recent FIS Points List for the Freestyle events.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

8. The number of competitive opportunities available to CSF athletes in each FIS World Cup event is established by FIS, and is described as the Canadian quota for that event. The CSF may choose to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the number allowed by the Canadian quota.
9. The 2009/10 Canadian Halfpipe quota is the basic 3 (1 man + 1 woman + 1 gender neutral), plus 3 additional women, 4 additional men, and reigning NorAm Champion Dan Raymond. In addition, an additional 6 “host quota” spots for each gender are available for the Canadian hosted World Cups.
10. The 2009/10 Canadian Slopestyle quota is the basic 3 (1 man + 1 woman + 1 gender neutral), plus an additional 6 “host quota” spots for each gender for the Canadian hosted World Cup.
11. The 2009/10 Canadian Big Air quota is 2 men plus an additional 6 “host quota” spots for the Canadian hosted World Cup.
12. On February 3, 2010 the FIS will allocate additional quota spots based on World Cup Freestyle event results to that date. Additional quota spots will be awarded

(but no spots will be taken away) on the basis of the top 30 athletes in the World Ranking List. The World Ranking List is available for reference in the Snowboard Cup Standings section of the FIS website (www.fis-ski.com). It is not to be confused with the World Cup Ranking List, which is also available for reference in the Snowboard Cup Standings section of the FIS website.

13. The opportunity to participate in World Cup competitions shall ordinarily be offered to athletes in the order of their ranking, as determined by the process set out below.
14. All invitations to athletes to participate in World Cup competitions are conditional on the athlete meeting the Minimum Performance Benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection. The Minimum Performance Benchmarks are attached to this document as "Appendix A" for reference. Athletes' ability to meet the Minimum Performance Benchmarks will be evaluated by the National Team coaching staff, with the help of Judges' scoring sheets and video footage.
15. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup or Continental Cup champions must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by the CSF.
16. Halfpipe World Cup competitive opportunities will ordinarily be determined at the following times:

Block	Competitions	Dates	Selection Deadline
Pre-Olympic	Cardrona, NZE	25-26 August	10 August, 2009
	Saas-Fee, SUI	4-5 November	
	Kreischberg, AUT	7 January	
Canada	Stoneham	23 January	11 January, 2010
	Calgary	29-30 January	
Europe	Valmalenco, ITA	14 March	05 February, 2010
WC Finals	La Molina, SPA	20 March	14 March, 2010

17. Big Air and Slopestyle World Cup competitive opportunities will ordinarily be determined at the following times:

Block	Competitions	Dates	Selection Deadline
Pre-Olympic	London, GBR (BA)	31 October	01 October, 2009
	Stockholm, SWE (BA)	11 November	
	Seoul, KOR (BA)	12 December	
Canada	Stoneham (BA)	23 January	14 March, 2010
	Calgary (SBS)	30 January	
WC Finals	La Molina, SPA (BA)	20 March	

RANKING PROCESS

Halfpipe - Pre-Olympic Block

18. Eligible athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to the World Ranking List.
19. All invitations to athletes to participate in World Cup competitions are conditional on the athlete meeting the Minimum Performance Benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection. The Minimum Performance Benchmarks are attached to this document as "Appendix A" for reference. Athletes' ability to meet the Minimum Performance Benchmarks will be evaluated by the National Team coaching staff, with the help of Judges' scoring sheets and video footage.

Halfpipe - Canada Block

20. Priority in the allocation of World Cup competitive opportunities for this block shall be given to athletes, in order of their ranking, in the top 40 men and top 30 women of the WRL as of the selection deadline.
21. For the remaining competitive opportunities, athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to their FIS Points from the better of their results at the following competitions:
 - ❏ Copper Mountain Grand Prix, 12 December, 2009
 - ❏ Mammoth Mountain Grand Prix, 07 January, 2010
22. Should a tie exist, the next best result – as measured by FIS Points - of each of the tied athletes shall be used.
23. All invitations to athletes to participate in World Cup competitions are conditional on the athlete meeting the Minimum Performance Benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection. The Minimum Performance Benchmarks are attached to this document as "Appendix A" for reference. Athletes' ability to meet the Minimum Performance Benchmarks will be evaluated by the National Team coaching staff, with the help of Judges' scoring sheets and video footage.

Halfpipe - Valmalenco

24. Priority in the allocation of World Cup competitive opportunities for this block shall be given to athletes, in order of their ranking, in the top 35 men and top 35 women of the World Cup Ranking List as of the selection deadline.
25. For the remaining competitive opportunities, athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to the sum of their FIS World Cup Points earned at the Stoneham and Calgary World Cups.
26. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the single best result at either Canadian World Cup – as measured by FIS Points - shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the athlete with the single best result from the competitions

listed in Section 21 above – as measured by FIS Points – shall be given the higher ranking.

27. All invitations to athletes to participate in World Cup competitions are conditional on the athlete meeting the Minimum Performance Benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection. The Minimum Performance Benchmarks are attached to this document as “Appendix A” for reference. Athletes’ ability to meet the Minimum Performance Benchmarks will be evaluated by the National Team coaching staff, with the help of Judges’ scoring sheets and video footage.

Halfpipe – WC Finals

28. To be eligible to compete in the WC Finals, an athlete must be ranked in the top 50 men or top 50 women of the WCRL as of the selection deadline.

Slopestyle and Big Air

29. Athletes interested in competing in Slopestyle and Big Air must submit a competition résumé and portfolio at least 14 days before the Selection Date. Competition résumés must include a minimum of three Slopestyle or Big Air competition results including the name, location, and date of each competition.
30. Athletes shall be evaluated, by the Freestyle Selection Committee, on their results and portfolio, out of a maximum of 100 points. Slopestyle and Big Air athletes shall ordinarily be selected in the order of their ranking.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

31. Athletes shall ordinarily be selected for participation in the order of their ranking. However, the following sections also have a bearing on the final selection.
32. Selection rankings notwithstanding, the CSF shall have the power to withhold any athlete from participation in any competition if doing so is warranted, in the view of the CSF’s medical advisors, by the pace of that athlete’s rehabilitation from a health related curtailment of activities.
33. Selection rankings notwithstanding, the CSF shall have the power to select athletes to participate in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The CSF shall also have the power to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota provided by FIS. 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 policies.
34. The allocation of any ‘gender neutral’ quota positions shall be determined by the Selection Committee. 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 policies.

35. Grounds which may be considered in decisions such as those indicated in Sections 32, 33, and 34 shall include, but may not be limited to:
- a) 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.
 - b) The athlete's level of physical conditioning, evaluated in terms of the physical conditioning benchmarks established for the High Performance Program, and available for review on www.csf.ca.
 - c) 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 6 of Vision 2020: The Long Term Athlete Development Plan for Snowboarding in Canada. These are available for review on www.csf.ca.
 - d) The athlete's level of technical and tactical skill.
 - e) 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.
 - f) 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 CSF athletes in the same discipline.
 - g) The financial capacity of the CSF to properly support a team at this level of international competition.
36. 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.

COACHING

37. An athlete may not participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup unless he or she is coached by a CSF approved coach. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity, to the CSF High Performance Program Operations Manager.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

38. It may be that an athlete who is otherwise selected to participate is or becomes, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, unable to compete. In such

circumstances the CSF shall have the right to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete.

39. 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 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.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

40. It may be that an athlete is unable, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities of which the CSF has been notified, to participate in FIS sanctioned competitions for a period of at least four consecutive weeks since the start of the WRL qualifying period, and that the athlete would ordinarily have been selected by the CSF to participate in at least one World Cup or Grand Prix event during that period. In such circumstances the athlete's ranking for selection shall be established through an assessment by the Selection Committee. This assessment shall, in addition to any other factors, give due consideration to the factors set out in Section 35 above.

APPEALS

41. 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).

GENERAL

42. Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Officer of the CSF, in consultation with the High Performance Program Director.

Appendix A

Halfpipe Minimum Performance Benchmarks		
<i>As of 04 August, 2009</i>		
<u>GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS</u>		
1. Maneuvers and Airs will NOT count that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are below the lip - are 90+ degrees skidded finish - are NOT grabbed 2. All Performance Benchmarks are evaluated in an entire run. (i.e. skills are not evaluated independently)		
Canadian World Cup Benchmarks		
MEN		
Description	Spin Amplitude	Straight Air Amplitude
2x720's or more plus 1x540 or more. At least 1 spins must be different or switch	5'	6'
Switch Air	n/a	4'
Consistency: 70% in training		
Performance on demand: Athletes will be assessed at set dates/times		
WOMEN		
Description	Spin Amplitude	Straight Air Amplitude
2x540's or more At least 1 spins must be different or switch	2'	3'
Switch Air	n/a	2'
Consistency: 70% in training		
Performance on demand: Athletes will be assessed at set dates/times		
International World Cup Benchmarks		
Athletes on the National Team must meet these benchmarks to be eligible for selection to a World Cup staged outside of Canada after January 31, 2007.		
MEN		
Description	Spin Amplitude	Straight Air Amplitude
3x720's or more At least 1 spins must be different or switch	7'	10'
Consistency: 70% in training, 50% in competition		
Performance on demand: Athletes will be assessed at set dates/times		
WOMEN		
Description	Spin Amplitude	Straight Air Amplitude
3x540's or more At least 1 spins must be different or switch	3'	5'
Consistency: 70% in training, 50% in competition		
Performance on demand: Athletes will be assessed at set dates/times		