



## **SELECTION PROTOCOL FOR FREESTYLE EVENTS**

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### **TERMS**

1. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
  - a) BA: Big Air
  - b) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
  - c) HP: Halfpipe
  - d) HPP: High Performance Program
  - e) SBS: Slopestyle
  - f) WC: World Cup
  - g) WSF: World Snowboard Federation

### **ELIGIBILITY**

2. To be eligible to participate in a FIS Snowboard event, an athlete must:
  - a) Have a valid FIS license.
  - b) Have Canada~Snowboard approved medical insurance.
  - c) Be in good standing with the Canada~Snowboard and with her or his provincial snowboard association.
  - d) Have a minimum of 10 Points in the most recent FIS Points List for the Freestyle events (World Cups only)
3. To be eligible to participate in a WSF Snowboard event where the Canadian delegation is determined by Canada~Snowboard, an athlete must:
  - a) Be a member of his or her recognized provincial snowboard association.
  - b) Have Canada~Snowboard approved medical insurance.
  - c) Be in good standing with the Canada~Snowboard and with her or his provincial snowboard association.



## **RANKING PROCESS**

### **FIS World Cups**

4. Interested athletes must communicate their intentions to participate at an event by registering online at <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/athletes/>
5. Interested athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to the most recent Canadian Ranking List in the respective discipline. The Canadian Ranking List is based on FIS, TTR and other professional events and can be found online at <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/athletes/> under Slopestyle and Halfpipe Ranking List.
6. Participation at a World Cup competition is conditional on the athlete meeting the following Canadian Ranking list benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection:
  - a) Top 20 HP Men
  - b) Top 10 HP Women
  - c) Top 30 SBS Men
  - d) Top 15 SBS Women

Exceptions can be made. 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.

### **All other events**

7. Interested athletes must communicate their intentions to participate at an event by registering online at <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/athletes/>.
8. Interested athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to the most recent Canadian Ranking List in the respective discipline. The Canadian Ranking List is based on FIS, TTR and other professional events and can be found online at <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/athletes/> under Slopestyle and Halfpipe Ranking List.

## SELECTION DATES

	List	Selection date	Applicable Events
HP	List 2	October-10-11	Saas Fe, Oct 27
			Grand Prix CO, Dec 10
			Rev Tour 1 CO, Dec 19
			Ruka WC, Dec 17
	List 3	December-12-11	Youth Olympics Jan 12
			Rev tour 2 CA, Jan 12
	List 4	January-03-12	Rev Tour 3 MI, Feb 2
			TTR WCH Feb 19
	List 5	February-07-12	Stoneham WC Feb 26
			Mammoth GP Mar 4
			Bardonecchia WC, Mar 4
			Rev Tour 4 VT, Mar 14
	List 6	March-05-12	Junior Worlds, Mar 27
List 7	April-01-12	Nat'l Team Selection HP	
		NZ World Cup	
		Events until Oct 1st	
List 8	October-01-12	Saas Fe 2012, Oct 27	
		Grand Prix CO 2012, Dec 10	
		Rev Tour 1 CO 2012, Dec 19	

	List	Selection date	Applicable Events
SBS	List 5	October-10-11	London Freeze : Oct 28
			Stockholm Nov 19
			US Rev Tour Dec 22
			Youth Olympics Jan 12
	List 6	January-03-12	Jasna WC Feb 3
			TTR WCH Feb 19
	List 7	February-07-12	Stoneham Feb 26
			Mammoth GP Mar 4
	List 8	March-05-12	Junior Worlds, Mar 29
	List 9	April-01-12	Nat'l Team Selection
NZ World Cup			
Events until Oct 1st			
List 10	October-01-12	London Freeze 2012: Oct 28	
		Stockholm 2012 Nov 19	
		US Rev Tour Dec 22	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

9. Canada~Snowboard, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS and WSF the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS or WSF sanctioned Snowboard events.
10. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Canada~Snowboard to participate in some FIS sanctioned events and some WSF events with limited quota spots in the Freestyle discipline (i.e., Halfpipe, Big Air, Slopestyle).
11. 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 Canada~Snowboard web site ([www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).

12. This Selection Protocol is established within the context of the general Canada~Snowboard High Performance Program policies. Any exceptions to the procedures set out in this Selection Protocol must be based on the general Canada~Snowboard High Performance Program policies.
13. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to participate in Freestyle events shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis of recommendations by the Freestyle Selection Committee, which shall consist of the HPP Director, the Freestyle National Team Coaches, and the HPP Manager.

### **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

14. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada~Snowboard athletes is established by FIS or WSF, and is described as the Canadian quota for that event. Canada~Snowboard may choose to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the number allowed by the Canadian quota.
15. The opportunity to participate in freestyle competitions shall ordinarily be offered to athletes in the order of their ranking, as determined by the process set out below.
16. 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 Canada~Snowboard.
17. The selection for the competitive opportunities will ordinarily be determined one month before the event.
18. These competitive opportunities include, but are not limited to:
  - a) All FIS World Cups
  - b) The FIS World Championships
  - c) The WSF World Championships
  - d) All international FIS events where entry is limited
  - e) All FIS US Grand-Prix where entry is limited
19. These competitive opportunities exclude:
  - f) The Canadian National Championships
  - g) The FIS Junior World Championships
  - h) The Olympic Games

i) The Youth Olympic Games

**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

20. 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.
21. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada~Snowboard shall have the right to select athletes to participate in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. Canada~Snowboard shall also have the right 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.
22. 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.
23. Grounds which may be considered in decisions such as those indicated in Sections 20, 21, and 22 shall include, but may not be limited to:
  - a) 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.
  - b) 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.
  - c) The financial capacity of the Canada~Snowboard to properly support a team at this level of international competition.
24. 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**

25. An athlete may not participate in a FIS Snowboard Event unless represented by a coach approved by Canada~Snowboard. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity, to Canada~Snowboard High Performance Program Director.

### **EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

26. 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 Canada~Snowboard shall have the right to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete.
27. 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 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**

28. 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 of her or his provincial snowboard association. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with Canada~Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on the Canada~Snowboard website ([www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).

### **GENERAL**

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