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SELECTION PROTOCOL FOR WORLD CUP EVENTS

Alpine

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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 Alpine discipline.
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.canadasnowboard.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 Alpine World Cups shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis of recommendations by the Alpine World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the HPP Director, the ALPINE National Team Coaches, and the HPP Managers.

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
 - a) CSF: Canadian Snowboard Federation
 - b) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski



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- c) HPP: High Performance Program
- d) Alpine: PGS and PSL
- e) WC: World Cup
- f) WCRL: World Cup Ranking List
- g) 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 the High Performance Program.
 - b) Be a member of his or her recognized provincial snowboard association.
 - c) Have a valid FIS license.
 - d) Have CSF approved medical insurance.
 - e) Be in good standing with the CSF and with her or his provincial snowboard association.
 - f) Have a minimum of 50 in the most recent FIS Points List in the Parallel discipline.

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 alpine quota is the basic three (one man + one woman + one gender neutral), plus three additional women and reigning NorAm Champion Alexa Loo, plus three additional men and reigning NorAm Champion Jasey Jay Anderson. As well, an additional six "host quota" spots for each gender are available for the Canadian hosted World Cups.
10. On February 3, 2010 the FIS will allocate additional quota spots based on World Cup alpine 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 Cup Ranking List (WCRL). The World Cup 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 Ranking List, (WRL) which is also available for reference in the Snowboard Cup Standings section of the FIS website.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. World Cup competitive opportunities will ordinarily be determined at the following times:

Block	Competitions	Dates	Selection Deadline
Block 1	Landgraaf, NED	9 -10 October 09	3 September, 09
	Limone Piemonte, ITA	06 December 09	14 October, 09
	Telluride, USA	17 December, 09	
Block 2	Kreischberg, AUT	06 January, 10	20 December, 09
	Nendaz, SUI	17 January, 10	
Block 3	Stoneham, CAN	24 January 10	19 January, 10
	Sudelfeld GER	06 February, 10	
Block 4	Moscow, RUS	6 March, 10	10 February, 10
	Valmalenco, ITA	14 March, 10	
WC Finals	La Molina, SPA	21 March, 10	14 March, 10

RANKING PROCESS

ALPINE – Block 1

14. Priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team.
15. Remaining competitive opportunities shall be awarded to other eligible athletes ranked, by gender, as measured by the 1st FIS points list published July 1, 2009.

ALPINE - Block 2

16. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team.
17. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible athletes who have achieved exceptional results at the Limone Piemonte or Telluride World Cups. An exceptional result in Alpine World Cups is considered to be a top 20. If more athletes achieve a top 20 than there are competitive opportunities, athletes shall be ranked based on their placing.
18. Remaining competitive opportunities shall be awarded to other eligible athletes ranked, by gender, according to their two best result, as measured by FIS Points, from the following Alpine NorAm events:
- a) 12Nov09 Copper, CO ... PGS
 - b) 13Nov09 Copper, CO ... PGS

- c) 11Dec09 Steamboat Springs, CO ... PGS or PSL
 - d) 12Dec09 Steamboat Springs, CO ... PGS or PSL
19. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the second best single result, as measured by FIS Points, shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the athletes' FIS points at the time of selection shall be used as tiebreaker.

ALPINE – Block 3

20. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team.
21. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to athletes selected for the Block 2 World Cups.
22. Remaining competitive opportunities shall be awarded to other eligible athletes ranked, by gender, according to their three best results, as measured by FIS Points, from the following Alpine NorAm events:
- a) 12Nov09 Copper, CO ... PGS
 - b) 13Nov09 Copper, CO ... PGS
 - c) 11Dec09 Steamboat Springs, CO ... PGS or PSL
 - d) 12Dec09 Steamboat Springs, CO ... PGS or PSL
 - e) 16Jan10 Le Relais, Quebec ... PGS or PSL
 - f) 17Jan10 Le Relais, Quebec ... PGS or PSL
23. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the second best single result, as measured by FIS Points, shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the athletes' FIS points at the time of selection shall be used as tiebreaker.

ALPINE - Block 4

24. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to athletes, in order of their ranking, in the top 35 men and top 35 women of the WCRL as of the selection deadline.
25. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to athletes named to the 2009-2010 National Development Group, ranked, by gender, according to the 5th FIS points list published February 9th, 2010.
26. Remaining competitive opportunities shall be awarded to other eligible athletes ranked, by gender, according to the 5th FIS points list published February 9th, 2010.

ALPINE – WC Finals

27. 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.

28. Athletes shall be ranked, by gender, according to the WCRL at the time of the selection.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

29. 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.
30. 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 Return to Competition Protocol, by the pace of that athlete's rehabilitation from a health related curtailment of activities.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. The Selection Committee shall recognize and consider the situations of athletes who may not otherwise meet the selection criteria, through circumstances such as living outside Canada and receiving training, coaching, and competitive opportunities in a different program.
34. Grounds which may be considered in decisions such as those indicated in Sections 30, 31, 32, and 33 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.canadasnowboard.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.
35. 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

36. An athlete may not participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup unless 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.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

37. 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.
38. 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.
39. 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 WCRL qualifying period, and that the athlete would ordinarily have been selected by the CSF to participate in at least one World Cup, NorAm, or time trial event during that period. In such circumstances the Selection Committee shall establish the athlete's ranking for selection through an assessment of all the athlete's

performance factors. This assessment shall, in addition to any other factors, give due consideration to the factors set out in Section 34 above.

APPEALS

40. 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.canadasnowboard.ca).

GENERAL

41. 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.