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## **SELECTION PROTOCOL FOR FIS EVENTS**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The CSF, through its membership in the Canadian Ski and Snowboard Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard 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 events, except for the Olympic Winter Games, World Championships, Junior World Championships and World Cups.
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](http://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 FIS sanction events shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis of recommendations by the FIS Events Selection Committee, which shall consist of the HPP Director, the 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

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- 7. To be eligible to participate in a FIS event, an athlete must:
  - a) Be a member of the CSF and his or her CSF recognized provincial or territorial 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 submitted their entry request by email no less than 30 days prior to the event.

## **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

- 8. The number of competitive opportunities available to CSF athletes in each FIS sanctioned event is determined by the Canadian quota for that event set by FIS (Appendix A).
- 9. Athletes will ordinarily be offered the opportunity to compete in FIS events in the order of their ranking.
- 10. Competitive opportunities for FIS events will ordinarily be determined no less than 30 days prior to the event.

## **RANKING PROCESS**

- 11. Athletes shall be ranked, in their respective discipline(s), according to their current FIS Points.
- 12. Should a tie exist, the athlete with the next best result shall be given the higher ranking. Should a tie continue to exist, the next best result shall be used until the tie is broken.

## **COACHING**

- 13. Athletes may not participate in a FIS event unless a CSF approved coach is in attendance.

## **EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

14. In extraordinary circumstances, the CSF may allocate competitive opportunities in an order other than that otherwise set out by this Selection Protocol. The grounds for such decisions must be set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the general High Performance Program policies.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

## **APPEALS**

18. 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](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).

## **GENERAL**

19. 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

### CANADIAN QUOTAS

#### Continental Cups

##### ***In Canada***

Maximum of 80 men and 40 women in each discipline (plus and higher quotas which other Nations do not use)

##### ***In USA***

Up to 20 men and 10 women + personal spot for the top 16 riders in the current FIS points list (each discipline)

##### ***In other nations***

Maximum 8 per event (max. 5 per gender) + personal spot for the top 16 riders in the current FIS points list (each discipline)

#### FIS competitions

##### ***In Canada***

60

##### ***Other nations***

10

It is at the discretion of each organizer to accept more up to a maximum of 30 riders per gender and nation.

#### National Championships

25 reserved places for riders from foreign countries

Additional Quotas can be requested by the CSF High Performance Program staff
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