



# **HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL** **SNOWBOARDS CROSS DISCIPLINE** **2012-13 PROGRAM YEAR**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The High Performance Program consists of those athletes who receive support directly from Canada~Snowboard (i.e., not through provincial snowboard associations or clubs). Athlete participants in the HPP are members of the National Snowboard Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Freestyle, and Snowboardcross, or are members of Development Programs.
2. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol sets out the process of:
  - a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2012/13 High Performance Program in the Snowboard Cross discipline; and
  - b) From this group, determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2011/12 National Snowboard Team and Development Programs.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Canada~Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Canada~Snowboard web site ([www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).
4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered NST and Development Program positions in accordance with the specific procedures set out below.

## **TERMS**

5. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Section Protocol:
  - a) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
  - b) HPP: High Performance Program
  - c) NST: National Snowboard Team
  - d) SBX: Snowboard Cross
  - e) WC: World Cup



## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6. The HPP Management and Coaching Staff shall meet on or before May 1 to identify those athletes who will be recommended for positions in the HPP for the coming year.
7. The Canada~Snowboard HPP's recommendations shall ordinarily be made on the basis of athletes' performances during the just-concluded season, in accordance with the procedures detailed in this document. Other factors which may be included in determining selections are athletes' progress towards established performance objectives, long term potential as measured against the discipline's Performance Curve, and athletes' physical conditioning.
8. All HPP athlete selections are for a one year period only.
9. All HPP athlete selections are contingent on the athlete's meeting Canada~Snowboard minimum physical conditioning standards at a physical assessment which will be conducted no later than June 30, 2012.
10. Athlete rankings will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions. The Canada~Snowboard HPP Management and Coaching Staff have the right, however, to recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the general High Performance Program objectives.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

11. To be eligible for selection to the HPP, an athlete must:
  - a) Be in good standing with Canada~Snowboard.
  - b) Have competed in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended.
  - c) Have competed in the Canadian National Championships in the program year just ended.
12. An athlete who does not meet the eligibility criteria set out above may be considered for selection if she or he meets the conditions of the Exceptional Circumstances provisions set out below.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

13. National Team Selection will be based on the following criteria:

<b>Team A</b> Win <u>at Level 1 events</u> or 2 <b>big finals</b> <u>at Level 1 or Level 2 events</u>
<b>Team B</b> 3 <b>small finals or better</b> <u>at Level 1 or Level 2 events</u>
<b>Team C</b> Coaches' Assessment

14. Development Program Selection will be based on the following criteria:







<b>Development Program - Women</b> Athletes born <b>1989 or younger</b> : 2 <b>top 8</b> <u>at Level 1, 2, or 3 events</u> or 1 <b>top 4</b> <u>at Level 4 or higher event</u> and 1 <b>top 8</b> <u>at Level 3 or higher event</u> or <b>FIS points and Coaches' Assessment</b>  Athletes born before <b>1989</b> : <b>Coaches' Assessment</b>
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<b>Development Program - Men</b> Athletes born <b>1988 or younger</b> : 2 <b>top 16</b> <u>at Level 1, 2, or 3 events</u> or 1 <b>top 8</b> <u>at Level 4 or higher event</u> and 1 <b>top 16</b> <u>at Level 3 or higher event</u> Or <b>FIS points and Coaches' Assessment</b>  Athletes born before <b>1988</b> : <b>Coaches' Assessment</b>
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15. Events used for selection are the following:

<b>Event Level</b>
<b>Level 1:</b> World Championships or Olympic Winter Games, X-Games
<b>Level 2:</b> World Cups and selected pro events
<b>Level 3:</b> American NorAms, Europa Cups, National Championships
<b>Level 4:</b> Canadian NorAms
<i>Event levels may change depending on field size and elite participation</i>

16. Coaches' assessment decisions will be based on the following:

<b>Coaches' Assessment (Appendix A)</b>
 Athletes' history of competitive performances
 Athletes' technical skills and potential for improvement
 Athletes' level of strength and conditioning, and adherence to an approved strength and conditioning program.
 Athletes' level of mental preparedness and adherence to an approved mental training program.
 Athletes' potential for long term international competitive success.
 Athletes' progress towards established performance objectives

## **EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

17. 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 designated doctor. The purpose of this medical assessment is to determine the appropriateness of the athlete's selection to the HPP by determining the extent of the athlete's incapacity and the anticipated time of recovery.
18. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances (such as the death of an immediate family member), be unable to participate in the Canadian National Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection, provided that prior approval has been granted by the HPP Director.
19. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the High Performance Program Director.

## **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

20. Selection to the NST or Development Program does not automatically provide an athlete with entry into World Cup, World Championship, or Olympic Winter Games competitions.
21. The selection of athletes for participation in the World Championships and Olympic Winter Games is done according to separate Selection Protocols, which are available on Canada~Snowboard website.
22. The selection of athletes for participation in World Cups is done through the “Canada~Snowboard Selection Protocol - Snowboard Cross World Cups”, which is available on Canada~Snowboard website. Athletes are ordinarily selected for blocks of World Cups, with priority ordinarily given to NST members.
23. All HPP athletes will be entered into the Canadian National Championships as members of the NST or Development Program.

## **APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS**

24. Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be offered NST and Development positions shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer of Canada~Snowboard, on the basis of recommendations by the HPP Director in consultation with Canada~Snowboard coaching staff.
25. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Officer of Canada~Snowboard, in consultation with the HPP Director.
26. 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. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada~Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on Canada~Snowboard website ([www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)).

## APPENDIX "A"

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<b>National Team Athlete Assessment Form</b>		
<b>Assessment Factor</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
History of competitive performances		
Level of strength and conditioning, and adherence to an approved strength and conditioning program		
Level of mental preparedness and adherence to an approved mental training program		
Progress towards established performance objectives		
Technical skills		
Potential for long term international competitive success		
<b>Total Assessment</b>		