



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2019-2020 WORLD CUP EVENTS:
SNOWBOARDCROSS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Canada Snowboard, 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 selected by Canada Snowboard to participate in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Snowboardcross discipline.
3. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (Jr. World Championships, World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard 'Document Centre':
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>.
4. Any exceptions to the procedures set out in the Selection Protocol must be based on the general policies of the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program. The High Performance Program (HPP) general policies can be found in the 'Document Centre' on the Canada Snowboard website
at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>
5. Final decisions regarding athlete selection for Snowboardcross World Cups shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the SBX World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the Snowboardcross National Team Coaching staff, and the High Performance Program Manager(s).

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:



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| a. FIS: | Fédération Internationale de Ski |
| b. HPP: | High Performance Program |
| c. NSO | National Sport Organization |
| d. SBX: | Snowboardcross |
| e. WCH | FIS Senior World Championships |
| f. JWCH | FIS Junior World Championships |
| g. WC: | FIS World Cup |
| h. EC: | Europa Cup |
| i. NAC: | Nor Am Cup |

ELIGIBILITY

7. To be eligible to participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup, an athlete must:
 - a. Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard, for example, all outstanding fees and invoices have been paid;
 - b. Have a valid FIS License;
 - c. Have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP) – Level 1 is mandatory for National Team members and a minimum of Level 2 for out of country coverage; and
 - d. Have a minimum of 75 SBX points to be selected for a Basic Quota spot and a minimum of 125 SBX points to be selected for additional quota spots on the most current FIS Points List at the time of selection.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

8. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FIS and is described as the Canadian Quota for that event. Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the number designated as the Canadian Quota.

The grounds for any such decision must be clearly documented by the Selection Committee and communicated to the impacted athlete(s). Such examples may include, but are not limited to, the athlete's ability to successfully and safely complete a World Cup Snowboardcross course.

9. The 2019/20 Canadian Snowboardcross World Cup quotas are:
 - 3 – Basic Quota (maximum of two (2) per gender)
 - For the 2019–20 season, basic quota will be allocated



to two (2) Men and one (1) Woman

- 4 - Additional Men
- 3 - Additional Women
- 3 - Personal Spots from 2018/19 NorAm Overall Tour Podiums
 - Liam Moffatt
 - Evan Bichon
 - Audrey McManiman
- 1 - Personal Injury Spot
 - Zoe Bergermann

- Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in Sections 15 to 24 below are as follows:
 - Six (6) Women, which includes one (1) personal spot.
 - Eight (8) Men, which includes two (2) personal spots.

NOTE: Zoe Bergermann has a protected, personal spot due to injury in the 18-19 season, as such does not count against the Canadian quota allocation.

- As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup quota per gender for the Big White World Cup. Please refer to Section 18 for the criteria for allocation of additional quota related to this event.

FIS Quota can be referenced online at:

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas:

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1561615260/fis-prod/assets/1st_calculation_Alpine_SB_SBX_Quotas_1920.pdf

Description of Quota Allocation:

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1565255441/fis-prod/assets/Description_SB_Quotas.pdf

10. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the 2020 FIS Points List as of the end of January 2020 with only an increase in quotas being possible. Any personal quota spots will not change during the season. The FIS Points Lists are available for reference online at: <http://data.fis->



ski.com/snowboard/fis-points-lists.html

11. The opportunity to participate in World Cup competitions shall be offered to athletes in the order of their ranking as determined by the “Ranking Process” detailed in Sections 15 through 24 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into three blocks: ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ as outlined in Section 14.

NOTE: World Cup Finals are subject to FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.4.1 limiting participation to the Top 16 Women and Top 32 Men in the World Cup Standings after the conclusion of the World Cup race immediately prior to World Cup Finals.

12. Only eligible results achieved from an individual competition will be considered in the “Ranking Process” detailed in Sections 15 through 23. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions.
13. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup, Continental Cup, Senior or Junior World Champion must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard.
14. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2019-2020 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled World Cup competitions:

Block	Competitions ¹	Competition Dates	Estimated Selection Deadline
A	Montafon, AUT	December 12 - 14, 2019	November 30, 2019
	Cervinia, ITA	December 20 - 21, 2019	
B	Big White, CAN ²	January 24 - 26, 2020	January 12, 2020
	Feldberg, GER	Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2020	
C	Sierra Nevada, SPN	March 6 – 7, 2020	February 12, 2020
Finals	Veysonnaz, SUI	March 15, 2020	March 8, 2020



- 1. Given the uncertainty of the competition schedule based on uncontrollable situations for running a World Cup, the FIS Calendar may change throughout the year. Canada Snowboard will communicate to impacted parties as best as possible the selection process for any World Cups added or removed from the calendar after this protocol has been published.*
- 2. As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional 6 World Cup spots per gender for Big White WC. Section 19 contains the criteria for allocation of these additional quota.*

RANKING PROCESS

Block A: Montafon, Cervinia

15. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'A' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team:

Men: _____

Chris Robanske
Kevin Hill
Eliot Grondin

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann*
Meryeta O'Dine
Carle Brenneman
Tess Critchlow

16. Remaining World Cup quota spots for races in Block 'A' will be awarded to the next ranked athlete(s) on the FIS Base Points List 2020 until there are no remaining World Cup quota spots or there are no remaining eligible athletes.

Block B: Big White, Feldberg

17. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team:

Men: _____

Chris Robanske
Kevin Hill
Eliot Grondin

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann*
Meryeta Odine
Carle Brenneman
Tess Critchlow



18. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities will be awarded to any eligible athletes who advance to the Quarterfinal round in any of the following individual World Cup competitions:

December 13, 2019: Montafon, AUT

December 21, 2019: Cervinia, ITA

NOTE: Quarterfinals is Top 16 when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 with heats of six (6).

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above.
 - b. In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used.
 - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking at the time of selections that breaks the tie.
19. Any remaining Canadian Quota for Block 'B' competitions, including the additional host nation quota for the Big White World Cup, will be allocated by FIS Point rankings on the most recent FIS Points List at time of selection. Only athletes meeting minimum FIS points for participation as outlined in Section 7(d) above will be considered.

The Selection Committee will review remaining eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans and communicate with their current coach before a quota is allocated. This reasonably ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a World Cup competition and has been training in a suitable environment.

Block C: Sierra Nevada

20. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team:

Men: _____

Chris Robanske

Kevin Hill

Eliot Grondin

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann*

Meryeta O'Dine

Carle Brenneman



Tess Critchlow

21. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities will be awarded to any eligible athletes who advance to the Quarterfinal round in any of the following individual World Cup competitions:

January 24 - 26, 2020: Big White, CAN

January 31 - February 2, 2020: Feldberg, GER

NOTE: Quarterfinals is Top 16 when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 with heats of six (6).

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- d. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'B' World Cups listed above.
 - e. In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used.
 - f. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking at the time of selections that breaks the tie.
22. Any remaining Canadian Quota for Block 'C' will be allocated by FIS Point rankings on the most recent list at time of selection. Only athletes meeting minimum FIS points for participation as outlined in Section 7(d) above will be considered.

World Cup Finals: Veysonnaz

23. As per FIS Snowboard World Cup rule 4.4.1, only the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the SBX World Cup Standings will be eligible for inclusion in World Cup Finals in Veysonnaz, SUI.

All Canadian athletes in the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the World Cup Standings after the conclusion of Block C competitions will receive a quota allocation for participation in World Cup Finals.

24. All Canadian Athletes with Personal Spots from NAC, Injury or other protections must be in the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in order to receive a quota allocation for World Cup Finals.

Mixed Gender SBX Team Event

25. SBX Mixed Gender Team races are scheduled to be held at the following venues in the 19-20 season:



- a. Big White, CAN January 26, 2020
- b. Feldberg, GER February 2, 2020

- 26. Number of teams per Nation will be determined according to FIS Quota Rules.
- 27. Team participation for Canadian Athletes will be determined as followed:
 - a. Team #1: Top Ranked Male and Female Finishers according to final results in the individual race at the same venue.

In the event that Canada is allocated 2 or more teams, participation will be determined as follows:

- b. Team #2: Male and Female athletes with the fastest time trial run from the Qualification Rounds of the individual race at the same venue.
- c. Team #3 will be determined at the discretion of the SBX National Team Coaching Staff based on consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue.

Canada Snowboard Snowboardcross High Performance coaches will make decisions based on the live results available at the individual race at the same venue to put the best team forward.

NOTE: Team Event participation will be determined at the World Cup venue and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at that venue.

NOTE: Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions as outlined in Sections 15 through 24 of this document.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

- 28. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the "HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol" (General Policy), which can be found on the "Document Center" of the Canada Snowboard website at: https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20RTS%20protocol_2018.pdf



29. On the basis of the Special Ranking Considerations listed below, and notwithstanding selection rankings, Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to select athletes to participate in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. Canada Snowboard shall also have the discretion to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota provided by FIS.

The grounds for any such decisions must be clearly detailed by the Selection Committee in their meeting minutes and must be in accordance with the General Policies of the High Performance Program. The General Policies are posted on the Canada Snowboard website within the "Document Centre".

Special Ranking Considerations include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- a. The athlete's level of physical conditioning evaluated in terms of the "Strength & conditioning Minimum Standards" established for the High Performance Program:
- b. The athlete's level of technical skill will be evaluated in terms of the HPP Technical Skills Chart and Athlete Development Matrix. Benchmarks are determined by performance demands of each discipline according to the Gold Medal Profile.
- c. 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 considered by the Selection Committee to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain results.
- d. Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability. A gap will be defined as a 5% change of the maximum allowance of points. For instance, if using the FIS Points system (1000 Point Maximum) three athletes have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 45 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.
- e. An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- f. An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved



higher than her or his calculated ranking.

- g. An athlete who has failed to capitalize on numerous competitive opportunities and is therefore not progressing towards the program goal may move lower than his or her calculated ranking.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

30. There may be occasions when 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 discretion to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete, provided that the athlete has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision.
31. Canada Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who is unable to participate in training or competition due to injury, to obtain a medical assessment from a team physician. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.

COACHING

32. Unless otherwise approved by Canada Snowboard, in accordance with the criteria listed in the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement, an athlete who is not coached by an official Canada Snowboard Coach may not participate in a FIS Snowboard Event.

The CS Coaching Program information and minimum standards can be found on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/technical/coaching/>

Any athlete seeking to work with a private coach shall contact Kim Krahulec, High Performance Manager at: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca at the earliest opportunity in order to obtain such approval and for any questions related to the approval process.

APPEALS

33. Any appeal of any decision of the Selection Committee may be made by any CS member in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:



<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>.

GENERAL

34. Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by Canada Snowboard's "*Dispute Resolution Policy*" which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>