



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2020-2021 WORLD CUP EVENTS: SNOWBOARDCROSS

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Canada Snowboard is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2020-21 FIS World Cup Competition Season and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2020-21 FIS World Cup Competition Season. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Canada Snowboard will respect this published Selection Protocol as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Selection Protocol to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Protocol. In such circumstances, any modifications will come into effect as of the date of publication and will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Protocol to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Protocol, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Canada Snowboard will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

INTRODUCTION

1. Canada Snowboard, through its membership with 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](https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf)' 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:
 - 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, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied mutatis mutandis;
 - 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 as outlined by [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.5.1.](#)

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 2020/21 Canadian Snowboardcross World Cup quotas are:
 - a. 3 - Basic Quota (maximum of two (2) per gender)
 - b. 6 - Additional Men
 - c. 5 - Additional Women
 - d. 1 - Personal Spot from 2019/20 NorAm Overall Tour Podium
 - i. Evan Bichon
 - e. Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in Sections 15 to 24 below are as follows:
 - i. Three (3) Basic Quota (max. 2 per gender)
 - ii. Five (5) Women, which includes zero (0) personal spots.
 - iii. Seven (7) Men, which includes one (1) personal spot.

FIS Quota can be referenced online at:

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas:

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1603805010/fis-prod/assets/1st_calculation_Alpine_SB_SBX_Quotas_2021.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 2021 FIS Points List as of the end of January 2021 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 23 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into three blocks: 'A', 'B', and 'Finals' as outlined in Section 14 below.

NOTE: World Cup Finals are subject to [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.5.3](#) 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 final 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 2020-2021 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled World Cup competitions:

| Block | Competitions ¹ | Competition Dates | Estimated Selection Deadline |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| A | Montafon, AUT | December 10–12, 2020 | November 27, 2020 |
| | Cervinia, ITA | December 18–19, 2020 | |
| B | Montafon, AUT | January 14-16, 2021 | December 18, 2020 January 6, 2021 |
| | Bergamo, ITA | January 22 - 24, 2021 | |
| | St. Lary, FRA | January 29-31, 2021 | |
| | Feldberg, GER | February 5-7, 2021 | |
| | Dolni Morava, CZE | February 12-14, 2021 | |
| Finals | Veysonnaz, SUI | March 20, 2021 | March 8, 2021 |

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.

NOTE: As of November 16, 2020, the Cervinia, ITA World Cup scheduled for December 18-19, 2020 has been postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. FIS is currently working on date between mid-January to mid-March to reschedule this event.

NOTE: As of November 20, 2020, the Dolni Morava, CZE World Cup scheduled for February 12-13, 2021 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. FIS has communicated that this event will have no replacement for the current competition season.

NOTE: As of December 2, 2020, the St. Lary, FRA World Cup scheduled for January 29-31, 2021 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. FIS has communicated that this event will have no replacement for the current competition season.



NOTE: As of December 8, 2020, the Feldberg, GER World Cup scheduled for February 5-7, 2021 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. FIS has communicated that this event will have no replacement for the current competition season.

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 and those with earned personal spots:~~

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Men: _____ | Women: _____ |
| Eliot Grondin _____ | Zoe Bergermann _____ |
| Kevin Hill _____ | Meryeta O'Dine _____ |
| Evan Bichon _____ | Tess Critchlow _____ |

- ~~16. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be awarded to the next ranked eligible athlete(s), by gender, on the 2021 FIS Base Points List who have had previous World Cup experience until there are no remaining World Cup quota spots or there are no remaining eligible athletes.~~

~~Previous World Cup experience shall be defined as an athlete who has received a final result from a FIS World Cup competition. Athletes who have forerun, DNS or were previously awarded a quota but did not start in the competition are not considered to have had previous World Cup experience.~~

~~The Athletes will be ranked as follows:~~

- ~~a. Taking the athlete's single best World Cup final result. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's next best result will be used. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who is ranked higher on the 2021 FIS Base Points List.~~

~~Block B: Montafon, Bergamo, St. Lary, Feldberg, Dolni Morava~~

- ~~17. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team and those with earned personal spots:~~

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Men: _____ | Women: _____ |
| Eliot Grondin _____ | Zoe Bergermann _____ |
| Kevin Hill _____ | Meryeta O'Dine _____ |
| Evan Bichon _____ | 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 final round in any of the following individual World Cup competitions:-~~

~~December 12, 2020: Montafon, AUT~~

~~December 19, 2020: Cervinia, ITA~~

~~NOTE: Advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing from Qualifications (time trials) into final heat brackets of Top 16 Women/Top 32 Men when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 Women/Top 48 Men with heats of six (6).~~

~~The Athletes will be ranked as follows:~~

~~b. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above.~~

~~c. In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used.~~

~~d. 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 competitive opportunities for Block 'B' competitions, will be allocated, in alignment with Section 8 above, 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.

World Cup Finals: Veysonnaz

20. As per [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.5.3](#), 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 B competitions will receive a quota allocation for participation in World Cup Finals.

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

Mixed Gender SBX Team Event

21. SBX Mixed Gender Team races are scheduled to be held at the following venues in the 20-21 season:
- a. Bergamo, ITA January 24, 2021



- b. ~~St. Lary, FRA — January 31, 2021~~
- c. ~~Feldberg, GER — February 7, 2021~~
- d. ~~Dolni Morava, CZE — February 13, 2021~~

22. [Number of teams per Nation will be determined according to FIS Snowboard World Cup Quota Rules 4.5.](#)

23. Team participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:

- 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 Program coaches will make decisions of the mixed gender team pairing(s) on site during the World Cup competition based on the final results available at the individual race at the same venue to put the best team(s) that are most capable of achieving a podium result forward. The final composition and fielding of the Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Team Event will be made by the Snowboardcross Head Coach(es) in an exercise of their discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing(s). This decision will be a discretionary judgment entrusted to them in their role with the team as Head Coach(es).

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 21 of this document.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

24. 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

25. 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 discussed in detail and clearly documented 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 may have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 45 points, therefore 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.
 - i. Determination of what constitutes a significant gap may fluctuate depending on results achieved and where the majority of riders fall within the criteria met. When determining what constitutes a significant gap, CS will provide reasoned explanations and data to support any decisions to not select athletes because it has been considered that a significant gap exists.
- e. An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
 - i. Very strong results will ordinarily reflect an ability to perform consistently at or above the mid-point of a final World Cup field; which may be demonstrated by consistently performing within the Top 8 at Junior World Championships, or comparable Continental Cup events with a strong international field.
- 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

26. 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.
27. 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

28. 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 at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/technical/coaching/>

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis where the coach will need to accept and sign a liability form, provide proof of current coaching membership from their relevant certification body, provide a current background check, and agree to abide by Canada Snowboard relevant policies (including the Code of Conduct, which can be referenced in the '[Document Center](#)' on the Canada Snowboard website). All requests must be submitted for prior approval to Kim Krahulec High Performance Manager at: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

APPEALS

29. 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>.

Members in good standing are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard 'Appeals Policy Process Map' which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>



GENERAL

30. 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>
31. Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, then the English version shall prevail.
32. This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Canada Snowboard High Performance Director will, where possible, consult with the Executive Director to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High Performance Director shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

This Selection Protocol is based on FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in the FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected parties as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol to comply with new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as soon as is reasonably possible as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website.