



SELECTION PROTOCOL 2019 FIS SNOWBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. The 2019 FIS Snowboard World Championships will take place in Park City, UT, USA on January 28 to February 10, 2019.
2. Canada Snowboard, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association (CSA), is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard events, including World Championships. Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
3. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2019 FIS Snowboard World Championships in the disciplines of:
 - a) Slopestyle & Big Air (SBS & BA)
 - b) Alpine (PAR)
 - c) Snowboardcross (SBX)
 - d) Halfpipe (HP)
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (World Cups, Jr. World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard 'Document Centre': <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>.
5. 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 HPP general policies can be found in the Document Centre on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>
6. Final decisions in regards to athlete selection for the 2019 FIS World Championships shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the World Championships Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & HPD, and the HPP Manager(s) with technical input provided by the National team



coaches.

B. TERMS

7. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol document:
- a) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - b) NSO: National Sport Organisation
 - c) HPP: High Performance Program
 - d) WCH: World Championships

C. ELIGIBILITY

8. To be eligible to participate in the 2019 FIS Snowboard WCH, an athlete must:
- a) Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their recognized Provincial or Territorial Snowboard Association (PTSA);
 - b) Be a member of the 2018-19 Canada Snowboard HPP (**Important Note:** Due to the open selection process, Freestyle athletes do not need to be a member of the HPP; however, they must sign a Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement in order to compete);
 - c) Have a valid FIS license;
 - d) Have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP); and
 - e) Have a valid Canadian Passport.

D. ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

9. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FIS and is described as the 'Canadian Quota' for that event. Although FIS establishes the quota, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities, that is, allocate fewer athletes than the number designated as the 'Canadian Quota'.
10. Each NSO recognized by FIS may enter a maximum of 36 athletes in the WCHs, with the following restrictions:
- a) Maximum of 4 athletes per event; and
 - b) Maximum of 20 athletes per gender.
11. The nations' quota will be allocated using the FIS points list at the time of the



provisional team selection on January 10, 2019.

- a) For Basic Qualification (BQ) one competitor can be entered with a minimum of 5 FIS points in Alpine (PAR), Halfpipe (HP), Big Air (BA) and 10 FIS points in SS. For Snowboardcross (SBX) and Additional Qualification (AQ), competitors must have a minimum of 50 FIS points.
 - i. The Slopestyle or Big Air FIS points, whichever is higher, will be considered for participation in BA.
 - b) The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per nation that fulfills the basic quota requirement. The remaining spots will be allocated by assigning one quota place per competitor from the top of the FIS points list downwards until the maximum is reached. Once a nation has achieved the maximum of four quota spots per gender/event its remaining competitors will no longer be counted and the next eligible nation on the FIS points list will be allocated a quota.
 - c) The field size for Slopestyle is set at a maximum of 90 competitors and is limited to a maximum of 3 heats per discipline and 30 competitors per heat and gender. Quota allocation per nation will be capped at the maximum amount of 90 participants for Slopestyle.
 - d) This can be referenced online at:
<http://medias2.fis-ski.com/pdf/2019/SB/7882/2019SB7882INVI.pdf>
12. Due to the overall maximum team size, the 4th ranked athlete, per gender per event, will be compared by a multi-discipline ranking from the 2018/19 season up until January 9, 2019. Eligible placings will be defined as FIS World Cups (speed) and WSPL (World Snowboarding Points List) Elite or International events worth a minimum of 700 WSPL Points (freestyle).

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a) Taking the athlete's two (2) best results from eligible events. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's single best result will be used.
- b) If a tie still remains, the athlete with the next highest placing at an eligible event that breaks the tie will be selected.

E. SELECTION PROCESS

13. The Selection Date for the 2019 World Championships team is January 14, 2019.
14. Eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline according to gender based on the process outlined below:
 - a) Athletes meeting selection for Slopestyle will also be selected to compete in Big Air; and



- b) Athletes meeting selection in Alpine (PGS or PSL) will compete in both events at the WCHs.

Snowboardcross

15. Priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be given to the top performing athletes by gender based on their results from the following 2018/19 FIS World Cups:

- Montafon, AUT - World Cup (December 13-15, 2018)
- Cervinia, ITA - World Cup (December 21-22, 2018)

Athletes must meet the minimum eligibility requirement of a Quarterfinal (1/4) placement for Men and Semifinal (1/2) placement for Women at one of the 2018/19 World Cups listed above in order to be considered.

Athletes will be ranked by their best result in the two (2) World Cups listed above.

In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the second best result from the two (2) World Cups listed above will be ranked ahead.

Note: Should the above SBX FIS World Cup schedule change, then all 2018/19 SBX FIS World Cup results until January 9, 2019 will be considered.

16. Remaining competitive opportunities for the 2019 FIS WCH will be awarded to eligible athletes from the 2017-18 World Cup Rankings that fall within the Top 40 Men and Top 20 Women until there are no remaining spots to allocate or there are no remaining eligible athletes.

Alpine

17. Priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities to eligible athletes will be given to athletes by gender who qualify into the second run in one of the following 2018/19 FIS World Cups:

- Carezza ITA – PGS World Cup (December 13, 2018)
- Cortina, ITA – PGS World Cup (December 15, 2018)
- Bad Gastein AUT – PSL World Cup (January 8-9, 2018)

Athletes will be ranked based on their best single result from the above World Cups. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the next best result from the qualifying events will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie is broken.



18. Remaining competitive opportunities for the 2019 FIS WCH will be awarded to eligible athletes based on their best two (2) results from the eligible 2018/19 PAR World Cup events listed above until there are no remaining spots to allocate or there are no remaining eligible athletes.

Should there be less than three (3) PAR World Cup events for any reason (cancellation, weather etc.), the athletes best single (1) result will be utilized to establish the rankings.

NOTE: Should the PAR FIS World Cup schedule change, then all 2018/19 PAR FIS World Cup results until January 9, 2019 will be considered.

Halfpipe

19. Athletes will be ranked, by gender, according to the Halfpipe World Snowboarding Points List (WSPL) at the time of selection (January 9, 2019). Athletes will be ranked in order of highest to lowest number of points.
- Athletes must have a minimum of 200 points on the Halfpipe WSPL in order to be eligible for selection
 - Athletes must also be able to demonstrate the minimum standards for riding in a Halfpipe World Cup.
 - In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete that scored the highest number of points at a single event will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete that scored the next highest number points at a single event will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken.

Slopestyle & Big Air

20. Athletes will be ranked, by gender, according to the Slopestyle World Snowboarding Points List (WSPL) at the time of selection (January 9, 2019). Athletes will be ranked in order of highest to lowest number of points.
- Athletes must have a minimum of 200 points on the Slopestyle WSPL in order to be eligible for selection.
 - Athletes must also be able to demonstrate the minimum standards for riding in a Slopestyle World Cup.
 - In the event of a tie in the rankings, the athlete with the higher ranking on the Big Air WSPL will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete that scored the highest number of points at a single Slopestyle event will be ranked ahead. In the event that the athletes are still tied, the athlete that scored the next highest number of points at a single Slopestyle event will be ranked ahead. This process will be continued until the tie has been broken.



F. SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

21. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities for any given athlete as per the *"HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol"* (General Policy).
22. Selection rankings notwithstanding, 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:

- The athlete's level of physical conditioning evaluated in terms of the "Strength & conditioning Minimum Standards" established for the High Performance Program and available for review at: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Strength&ConditioningMinStandards.pdf>
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



- An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved higher than her or his calculated ranking.
- 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.

G. HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

23. 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.
24. 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.

H. COACHING

25. An athlete who is not coached by an official Canada Snowboard Coach may not participate in FIS Snowboard Events. The list of CS approved coaches can be found here:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/coaching/currentcoach/>.

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis where the coach will need to accept and sign a reliability form and send a photo of their coaching membership for approval to Tyler Ashbee High Performance Manager at: tyler@canadasnowboard.ca. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity.

I. APPEALS

26. 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>.

J. GENERAL

27. 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>.