



**SELECTION PROTOCOL  
2025 FISU UNIVERSITY GAMES: ALL DISCIPLINES**

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**Canada Snowboard is revising the High Performance Program (HPP) General Policy as of the approval date of this Selection Protocol. Situations related to the revision of the HPP General Policy may arise that require this Selection Protocol to be modified. Any required modifications will be communicated as soon as possible and come into effect as of the publication date.**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

1. The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Canada Snowboard to select athletes to the 2025 FISU University Games in the snowboard disciplines of Snowboardcross, Alpine, Slopestyle, and Big Air, being held from January 13th - January 23rd, 2025 in Torino, Italy.

Canada Snowboard's goal is to provide a high-level competitive experience to athletes and coaches who have demonstrated their capability of achieving a result that falls within the top third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the field at Continental Cups (NorAms and Europa Cups only) during the Selection Period.

This is the guiding principle Canada Snowboard took into consideration when developing this Selection Protocol and will be the principle used by Canada Snowboard when selecting athletes to the 2025 FISU Winter University Games.

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 FISU University Games. Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, including Canada Snowboard, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
3. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes and coaches who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2025 FISU Winter University Games in the disciplines of:



- a) Snowboardcross (SBX)
  - b) Alpine (PSL & PGS)
  - c) Slopestyle & Big Air (SBS & BA)
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (e.g. 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. Except where otherwise specified herein, final decisions in regards to athlete selection for the 2025 FISU Winter University Games shall be ratified by the Vice President, Sport (VPS) on the basis of recommendations by the University Games Selection Committee. The University Games Selection Committee shall consist of the High Performance Director's (Speed & Style), the Podium Pathway Manager, the HPP Coordinator, and the Sport Engagement Senior Coordinator.

If determined necessary, the Selection Committee will gather input from the athlete's personal coach(es).

Examples of situations where the Selection Committee may seek input from members outside of the Selection Committee to ensure that it has the necessary and relevant information to support the 'Selection Process' outlined in Sections 12 through 22 below include, but are not limited to: off-snow programming, injury management and return to snow plans, and when an CS National Team or NextGen athlete designates the use of a private coach as their primary coach, as referenced in Section 5. (O-W) of the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement.

## **B. TERMS**

7. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol document:
  - a) CS: Canada Snowboard
  - b) CSCP: Canada Snowboard Coaching Program
  - c) EC: Europa Cups
  - d) FIS: International Ski and Snowboard Federation
  - e) FISU: Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire
  - f) HPP: High Performance Program
  - g) NAC: Nor-Am Cups
  - h) NCCP: National Coach Certification Program
  - i) NSO: National Sport Organization
  - j) WSPL: World Snowboarding Points List

## **C. ELIGIBILITY**



8. To be **eligible** to participate in the 2025 FISU Winter University Games, 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*; and
  - b) Upon Selection, read and sign the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct, which outlines the expectations an athlete representing Canada must follow; and
  - c) Have a current and valid FIS license; and
  - d) 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 is required for out of country coverage; and
  - e) Have a valid Canadian Passport, which must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the date of travel; and
  - f) Be at least 18 and less than 25 years of age on December 31st, 2025. Athletes must be born between January 1st, 2000 and December 31st, 2007; and
  - g) Be a student currently and officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a University or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate nation's academic authority of Canada or a former student of the institutions mentioned who have obtained their academic degree in the year preceding the event; and
  - h) Comply with all relevant FISU requirements for eligibility as stated in the FISU Games Regulations found at: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A3sSp7xtleKS3zb9T\\_aOJQPYwHJMoUAq](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A3sSp7xtleKS3zb9T_aOJQPYwHJMoUAq); and
  - i) Submit an expression of interest by 5:00 PM PST on September 8th, 2024 through email to [austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca).
    - a. Expressions of interest received after the above stated deadline **will not** be considered.
    - b. Submission of an expression of interest, by the respective deadline, **does not** automatically guarantee selection to the FISU University Games.
    - c. Interested athletes must meet all conditions of eligibility, as outlined in Section 8(a-i) above, **and** be allocated a spot in the Selection Process as outlined in Section 12 - 22, below.

#### D. ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

9. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FISU and is described as the 'Canadian Quota' for that event. Although FISU establishes the quota, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota), that is, nominate fewer athletes than the number designated as the 'Canadian Quota' for a particular event.

The grounds for any such decision must be discussed in detail by the Selection Committee, clearly documented, and communicated to the impacted parties.



Examples of situations where the Selection Committee would offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota) than established by FISU for an event include, but are not limited to:

- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements and who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period to satisfy the selection process for nomination. The selection process is a means to determine athletes with the potential to meet our performance objective indicated in Section 1, above.

10. Each NSO recognized by FIS may enter a maximum of 4 athletes, per event, per FIS declared gender.

11. This Selection Process and indicated opportunities are based on FIS rules, regulations, current schedules, and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Should Canada Snowboard become aware of any changes to the FIS rules, regulations, and schedules, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol as necessary to comply with new rules and regulations. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as reasonably possible.

## **E. SELECTION PROCESS**

Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to participate in FISU University Games competitions will be based on the criteria below. The Selection Committee is restricted by the Quotas allocated by the FISU as outlined in Section 9-10 above. Nominations will be made starting at the highest priority level (Priority 1) unless there are no athletes, or until there are no further athletes, who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period at that priority level, in which case the Selection Committee will move on to the next priority level (e.g. Priority 2), and so on.

Eligible athletes will be ranked by FIS declared gender and in descending order based on the order of priorities. Once the Quota has been met in a gender or discipline, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be considered for nomination regardless of their performance(s) or ranking. However, notwithstanding the aforementioned, in accordance with Section 9-10 above the Selection Committee is not required to fill all Canadian Quotas.

12. Please note the following important dates and times for the FISU Selection Process:

- a. 5:00 PM PST on Sept 8, 2024: Deadline for Athlete and Coach expression of interests to be emailed to [austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca)
- b. On or before Sept 20, 2024, Coach and athlete selections communicated by email to affected parties
- c. 5 days following communication of coach and athlete selections: Athlete and coach Appeals window closes
- d. Oct 13, 2024: Deposits due to FISU for all athletes and teams. Failure to submit athlete



and coach deposits on time may result in a removal from the team and prevent participation at the FISU.

13. Athletes who satisfy all of the eligibility requirements set out at Section 8, above, will be ranked by discipline, according to their FIS declared gender, based on the ranking process outlined below. Additionally:
  - a) Athletes selected for Slopestyle will also be selected to compete in Big Air; and,
  - b) Athletes selected in Alpine (PGS or PSL) are eligible to compete in both events.
14. Only final results achieved from an eligible individual competition will be considered in the "Ranking Process" detailed in Sections 15 through 23 below. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for the 2025 FISU University Games.

### **Snowboardcross (SBX)**

15. SBX is considered one discipline (Snowboardcross) and selection will be based off of the following two (2) priorities (outlined in Section 16 and 17 immediately below):
16. The first priority in the allocation of SBX competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible SBX athletes who have competed in a FIS SBX NorAm or Europa Cup competition within the 2023-2024 competitive season (FIS competitions occurring from July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024, inclusive) and have a minimum of 50 FIS SBX points on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).

Eligible SBX athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the eligible athletes FIS points awarded at their best single individual FIS NorAm or Europa Cup result during the 2023-24 season (FIS competitions occurring from July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024, inclusive).
  - b. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the next highest FIS SBX points awarded at a single eligible FIS NorAm or Europa Cup competition shall be used until the tie is broken.
17. The second priority in the allocation of any remaining SBX competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible SBX athletes based on a ranking list, in descending order, based on their FIS SBX points as described on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest FIS points awarded at a single competition (as of the Selection Deadline). In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next highest FIS points awarded at a single competition (as of the Selection Deadline) will be ranked higher until the tie is broken.



### **Alpine**

18. PGS and PSL are considered one discipline (Alpine) and selection will be based off of the following two (2) priorities (outlined in Section 19 and 20 immediately below)
19. The first priority in the allocation of Alpine competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible Alpine athletes who have competed in a FIS Alpine Points accumulating competition within the 2023-2024 competitive season (FIS competitions occurring from July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024, inclusive) and have a minimum of 50 FIS Parallel (PAR) points on the most recently published recent FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the eligible athletes FIS PAR points awarded at their best single individual FIS result during the 2023-24 season (FIS competitions occurring from July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024, inclusive).
  - b. In the event of a tie, the athlete with the next highest FIS PAR points awarded at a single eligible FIS competition shall be used until the tie is broken.
20. The second priority in the allocation of any remaining Alpine competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible Alpine athletes based on a ranking list, in descending order, based on their FIS PAR points as described on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favor of the athlete with the highest FIS PAR points awarded at a single competition (as of the Selection Deadline). In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next highest FIS PAR points awarded at a single competition (as of the Selection Deadline) will be ranked higher until the tie is broken.

### **Slopestyle & Big Air**

21. SBS and BA are considered one discipline (Freestyle) and selection will be based off of the latest Slopestyle World Snowboard Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
22. Competitive opportunities will be awarded in order of the following two (2) priorities:
  - a. Priority 1: Style athletes will be prioritized if having competed in a WSPL Slopestyle Points accumulating event within the 2023-2024 season (Events occurring within July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024) and have a minimum of 100 Slopestyle WSPL points on the most recent WSPL as of the Selection Deadline.
  - b. Priority 2: Following ranking from Priority 1, Freestyle athletes will be ranked in descending order of their WSPL points on the most recent Slopestyle WSPL as of the Selection Deadline.



## F. 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, provided that the injured athlete with the health-related curtailment has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision, Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to replace the injured 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.

## G. STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS & SUPPORT STAFF)

25. Unless otherwise approved by Canada Snowboard, in accordance with the criteria listed in the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement, to participate in a FIS Snowboard Event, including FISU University games, an athlete must be represented by a qualified Canada Snowboard Coach.

The Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP) information and Minimum Standards can be found at:

[https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada\\_Snowboard\\_CSCP\\_Scope\\_of\\_Practice\\_Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_CSCP_Scope_of_Practice_Policy_EN.pdf)

The CSCP Policies can be found at:

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

26. The Canada Snowboard Events and Engagement Department and High Performance Department has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the Team Leaders and Coach(es) for the 2025 FISU University Games. Support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that are best capable of assisting athletes in achieving Canada Snowboard's performance objective outlined in Section 1. Support Staff selection will happen after athlete selection has been completed.

To be **eligible** to participate in the 2025 FISU Winter University Games, a **Canadian snowboard coach must:**

- a. Provide proof of CSCP CERTIFIED Competition Development (CD) Speed or Style, or above (including NCCP Level IV, graduate of the National Coaching Institute (NCI),



graduate of the Canadian Sport Institute Advanced Coaching Diploma (ADI), or other equivalent) for the discipline(s) they would like to support; and

- b. Be a Canada Snowboard Coach member in good standing with a current background check complete; and
  - c. Upon selection, read, agree to, and sign the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct and the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS); and
  - d. Hold current and valid SAIP 2 coverage or equivalent; and
  - e. Have a current and valid passport with an expiration date at least six (6) months after the end of the travel dates; and
  - f. Submit an expression of interest to Austin White at [austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca) before 5:00 PM PST on Sept 8, 2024.
27. Snowboard coaches registered/certified outside of Canada may be eligible to coach Canadian athletes on a case-by-case basis. To be **eligible** to coach at the 2025 FISU Winter University Games, an **International coach must:**
- a. Provide proof of current coaching membership and certification from their relevant certification body that qualifies them to support “train to compete” athletes, or above; and
  - b. Provide a current and valid background check; and
  - c. Accept and sign a Canada Snowboard liability form; and
  - d. Agree to sign and abide by Canada Snowboard’s relevant policies (including the Code of Conduct and Ethics, which can be found in the ‘Document Centre’ on the Canada Snowboard website); and
  - e. Agree to sign and abide by the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) Informed Consent Form if requested by Canada Snowboard; and
  - f. Hold a valid passport with an expiration date at least six (6) months past the travel date, or be able to travel freely to Italy; and
  - g. Provide a list of athlete names who currently support and who are also applying to attend the event.
  - h. Submit a request for approval to Austin White, Engagement Pathway Senior Coordinator at: [austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca) by 5:00pm PST on Sept 8, 2024. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed before this date and time.
28. Eligible Canadian and International coaches will be selected based on the following priority order:
- a. Priority 1: Coaches who have met all minimum eligibility criteria (Canadian or International) with an expression of interest submitted by the selection deadline. If more coaches apply for the positions than are available, or if a tie exists, coaches will be ranked according to Priority 2.





- b. Priority 2: Coaches will be ranked by their CSCP/NCCP certification level and number of years at that level, as indicated in The Locker, or through proof of certification. For example, two coaches with Competition Development certification apply for the Freestyle Coach position, one certified in 2012 and one certified in 2016, the priority, or tie break, would be awarded to the coach certified in 2012, as they are deemed to have more experience at that level. A coach who is working on or completed more advanced certifications (e.g. NCI, ACD or equivalent) will be ranked above a Competition Development Certified coach, again based on years at that level. If a tie still exists between coaches, they will be ranked according to Priority 3.
- c. Priority 3: Coaches ranked by the number of **current athletes** who have been selected to attend the event.

Support team and coach selections will be communicated to the affected coaches by email two weeks following the athlete selection.

#### **H. ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

- 29. During the actual competition period at the 2025 FISU University Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Head Coach(es) of each discipline, in consultation with the Team Leader. The Team Leader shall retain sole decision-making authority in the absence of the Head Coach.

#### **I. APPEALS**

- 30. Any appeal of any decision of the Selection Committee may be made by any Canada Snowboard member in good standing who is directly affected by the decision. 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>.
- 31. Individuals wishing to appeal a decision of the Selection Committee 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>

#### **J. GENERAL**

- 32. This Selection Protocol was originally drafted in English and then translated into French. Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, which may be due to translation, the English version shall be used to understand the drafter's intent.
- 33. This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted. Unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control may arise which prevent relevant competitions from taking place or from taking place in a fair manner, and/or where the procedure for nomination as



described in this Selection Protocol would result in a nomination process which is unfair or not in the best interests of Canada Snowboard's performance objectives and the general principles for selection, as indicated in this Selection Protocol.

34. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the University Games Selection Committee will consult with the Vice President - Sport to determine if the circumstances justify competition and/or nomination taking place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the University Games Selection Committee shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible. In the event an alternative selection or nomination process takes place, the Selection Committee remains responsible for making selection decisions, in accordance with the revised protocol as determined by the University Games Selection Committee.
  
35. In accordance with Section 11 above, amendments to this document necessitated by changes to FIS rules, regulations, and schedules will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as reasonably possible.