



SELECTION PROTOCOL 2025 FIS SNOWBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ALL DISCIPLINES

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***Note:** 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.

1. INTRODUCTION

- i. The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Canada Snowboard in the selection of athletes to compete and represent Canada in the 2025 International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) Snowboard World Championships (WCH), which will take place from March 17th to 30th, 2025 in St Moritz, SUI.
- ii. 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 the FIS WCH.

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.

- iii. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to compete in the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships in the disciplines of:
 - a. Slopestyle and Big Air (SBS and BA)
 - b. Alpine (PSL and PGS) and Mixed Parallel Team (PRT)
 - c. Snowboardcross (SBX) and Mixed Team Event (BTX)
 - d. Halfpipe (HP)
- iv. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (e.g. World Cups, Jr. World Championships and Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard 'Document Centre':
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/?program=High+Performance&category=High+Performance>



- v. Except where otherwise specified herein, final decisions regarding athlete selection for the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships shall be ratified by the Vice President, Sport (VPS) on the basis of recommendations by the Canada Snowboard FIS WCH Selection Committee.
- vi. The Canada Snowboard FIS WCH Selection Committee (herein after referred to as 'the Selection Committee') which shall consist of the discipline specific High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe), the National Team Coaching staff, and other HPP staff as designated by the Selection Committee.
- vii. Except where otherwise specified herein, the Selection Committee's recommendations to the VPS shall be made on the basis of the athlete's FIS ranking and performances during the CS WCH Qualification Period, which is defined as the July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025, FIS competitive season (as of the Selection Deadlines for the respective disciplines).

2. **OBJECTIVES**

Canada Snowboard's ultimate performance objective at the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships is to field the team, most capable of winning World Championship Medals.

To achieve this, Canada Snowboard will only nominate the best athletes of those who satisfy the eligibility requirements detailed in Section 4 and minimum performance criteria detailed in Section 6 of this Selection Protocol, regardless of Canada's available quota.

Athletes earn the opportunity to compete and represent Canada and Canada Snowboard at the World Championships by demonstrating competitiveness within their respective discipline during the World Championship Qualification Period (defined in Section 1. vi). Competitiveness within an athletes' field shall be understood as demonstrating an ability to achieve results that progress the athlete from qualification to finals for Speed discipline or demonstrate an ability to achieve top third (1/3) results for Style disciplines at individual FIS World Cup, FIS World Championships and/or WSPL 700 and above events.

This approach ensures Canada Snowboard's resources and support are focused on assisting those athletes most likely to achieve the best possible results during the 2025 FIS World Championships.

These are the guiding principles 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 FIS World Championships.

3. **TERMS**

The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol document:

FIS:	International Ski and Snowboard Federation
NSO:	National Sport Organization
CS:	Canada Snowboard



HPP:	High Performance Program
WCH:	FIS World Championships
WC:	FIS World Cup
WSPL:	World Snowboarding Points List

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to participate in the 2025 FIS Snowboard WCH, an athlete must:

- i. 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.
- ii. For SPEED:
 - a. SNOWBOARDCROSS (Men): Must be ranked within the Top 40 Men as described on the FIS Overall Snowboardcross World Cup Standings as of the Selection Deadline (March 3, 2025).
 - b. SNOWBOARDCROSS (Women): Must be ranked within the Top 20 Women as described on the FIS Overall Snowboardcross World Cup Standings and must have 'advanced to final round' at a minimum of one (1x) World Cup competitions as of the Speed Selection Deadline (March 3, 2025). A definition of 'advancing to final round' can be found in Section 7. i, below.
 - c. ALPINE: Must be ranked within the Top 30 Women or Top 40 Men as described on the FIS Overall Parallel (PAR) World Cup Standings as of the Speed Selection Deadline (March 3, 2025).
 - d. ALPINE: Athletes must have at least 120 FIS Points (PAR) as described on the most recently published FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline (March 3, 2025).
- iii. For PARK and PIPE:
 - a. Athletes must have a minimum of 200 points on the WSPL (Halfpipe and Slopestyle) as of the Park and Pipe Selection Deadline (February 24, 2025); and
 - b. Athletes must have at least one (1) FIS World Cup result worth at least 200 WSPL for their placing.
- iv. Have a valid FIS license
- v. Have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP) - Level 1 is mandatory for out of country coverage at a Major competition.
- vi. Sign the Abuse-Free Sport Participation Consent Form, if required by Canada Snowboard.
- vii. Have a Canadian Passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel; and
- viii. Comply with all other relevant FIS requirements for eligibility.

5. **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

- i. 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 (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 may offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota) than established by FIS for an event include but are not limited to:

- a. There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements.
- b. There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who have met the requisite performance requirements 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 Canada Snowboard's ultimate performance objectives outlined in Section 2, above.

- ii. Each NSO recognized by FIS may enter a maximum of 36 athletes (36 quota spots) in the FIS WCHs. plus the competitor/s according to art. 9.3 of the FIS Rules for the Organization of FIS World Championships (https://assets.fis-ski.com/f/252177/x/c574d4b3c1/2023_03_19-rules-for-the-organisation-of-fis-world-championships_clean_v2b.pdf) (i.e., the reigning World Champion), within in this quota the following restrictions:
 - a. A maximum of 4 athletes per discipline per gender; and
 - b. A maximum of 20 athletes per gender.
- iii. The nations' quota for Alpine (PAR), Halfpipe (HP) and Snowboardcross (SBX) will be allocated using the 10th FIS Points List at the time of the provisional World Championship Team selection on March 03, 2025, for Speed and February 24, 2025, for Park and Pipe (these are the "Selection Deadline" for each discipline). The following points outline the minimum eligibility criteria set by FIS for each discipline for the purpose of allocating nations' quota, however, all athletes must also meet the CS eligibility requirements outlined in Sections 4. ii and 4. iii, for their respective discipline.
 - a. For Alpine (PAR) Basic Qualification (BQ) one competitor can be entered with a minimum of five (5) FIS points as described on the 10th FIS Point List as of the "Selection Deadline" in Alpine (PAR). Any Additional Qualification (AQ) competitors must have a minimum of 50 FIS points as described on the 10th FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
 - b. For Snowboardcross (SBX) and Alpine (PGS/PSL) Basic Qualification (BQ) and Additional Qualification (AQ), all competitors must have a minimum of 50 FIS points as described on the 10th FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
 - c. For Halfpipe (HP) Basic Qualification (BQ) one competitor can be entered with a minimum of 20 FIS points. Any Additional Qualification (AQ) competitors must have a minimum of 50 FIS points.
 - d. Slopestyle (SBS) and Big Air (BA) will be treated as one (1) Discipline and for Basic Qualification (BQ) and Additional qualification (AQ), competitors must have a minimum of 80 FIS points from the Slopestyle FIS Points List.
 - e. The Athlete Qualification information above is taken from the WCH's invitation, available online at: <https://medias2.fis-ski.com/pdf/2025/SB/6184/2025SB6184INVI.pdf>
- iv. Due to the FIS overall maximum team size restrictions of thirty-six (36) competitors across all Snowboard disciplines (SBS/BA, HP, SBX, ALP), the 4th ranked athletes, from each FIS declared



gender and in each event (e.g. Women's SBX), the athlete's rank across the disciplines (Cross-Discipline) will be determined using the athlete's points and/or ranking based on their results achieved at eligible competitions during 2024/25 competitive season (as of the discipline specific selection deadline dates outlined in Section 4 above). Eligible competitions placings will be defined as only results from individual FIS World Cups (SBX, PGS, PSL) and World Cups 800 level and higher WSPL events (Park and Pipe).

The 4th ranked athletes from each gender and discipline (e.g. Women's SBX) will be ranked as follows:

- a. Each athlete ranked 4th in all disciplines and genders will be ranked by taking the athlete's average of their two (2) best final results from eligible events, based on their final field placing expressed as a *percentage of the field**. Athletes with the best 2 results will be allocated the competitive opportunities first.
- b. In the event of a tie, the athletes' single best final result (placing) will be used to determine the ranking order.
- c. If a tie still remains, the athletes' next best final result (placing) will be used to determine the ranking order.

* If a priority or tie breaker requires using the average of an athlete's two (2) best results from eligible events based on field placing as a percentage of the field, the final percentage calculations will be averaged (to the hundredth) to determine the final ranking percentage.

Percentile of the field is calculated according to the following formula:

$X/Y = P\% * 100$, where "X" is the **athlete result/placing** and "Y" is the **final field depth**

NOTE: The Final Field Depth is the number of competitors who started in the competition including the number competitors who Did Not Finish (DNF) or were Disqualified (DSQ) and excludes competitors who Did Not Start (DNS).

- v. Canada Snowboard determines an athlete's field placing according to the final finish position expressed and published as a result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top third (1/3) and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 58 competitors is 19.33, those who finished 19th place or better are in the top third and those who finished 20th or lower are not. DNFs and DSQs are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in the event; however, DNS does not count toward the field size and will be removed from the field size calculation.
- vi. This section is based on FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Should Canada Snowboard become aware of any changes to the FIS rules and regulations, 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.



- vii. Notwithstanding the identified Selection Deadline for each program (Speed and Park and Pipe), Canada Snowboard reserves the right to select athletes on a date other than the stated Selection Deadline where the Selection Committee considers, in its sole discretion, that such change is desirable to field the team most capable of achieving Canada Snowboard's performance objectives. Where Canada Snowboard selects athletes on a date other than the stated Selection Deadline, all applicable references to the Selection Deadline that follow will be taken to mean the amended date.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- i. Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to participate in World Championship competitions will be based on the criteria below. Eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline and FIS declared gender in descending order for each priority level. 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 (Priority 2), and so on.
- ii. The Selection Committee is restricted by the quota allocated by the FIS as outlined in Section 5. ii above. Once the quota allocation has been exhausted in a gender and 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 5. i the Selection Committee is not required to fill all the Canadian quota allocation.
- iii. The Qualification Period for the CS 2025 World Championships Team are as follows:
 - a. Park and Pipe Disciplines (SBS/BA, HP): July 1st, 2024, through February 24th, 2025.
 - b. Speed Disciplines (SBX, ALP): July 1st, 2024, through March 03rd, 2025.
- iv. Eligible competitions for the Speed Disciplines (ALP and SBX) shall be defined as individual PGS, PSL or Snowboardcross FIS World Cups events that fall within the 'Speed Selection Period' as indicated above. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships.
- v. Additionally:
 - c. Athletes selected for Slopestyle (SBS) will also be selected to compete in Big Air (BA); and,
 - d. Athletes selected in Alpine (PGS or PSL) will compete in both events.
 - e. Athletes who are selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event are also deemed eligible to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross Event. The nomination of the Mixed Team Event pairings will be done on-site of the 2025 FIS WCH and in accordance with Section 7. iii, below.
 - f. Athletes who are selected to participate in the individual Alpine events are also deemed eligible to participate in the Alpine Team Event. The nomination of the Team Event pairings will be done on-site of the 2025 FIS WCH and in accordance with Section 7. iv below.



7. SELECTION PRIORITIES

i. SNOWBOARDCROSS EVENT (SBX)

- a. Selection Priority 1: The allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible athlete/s who are current members of the Snowboardcross National Team:

Men:

Eliot Grondin
Liam Moffatt
Evan Bichon

Women:

Meryeta O'Dine
Audrey McManiman

- a) National Team members will be ranked by FIS declared gender and selected for available competitive opportunities based on their FIS Overall Snowboardcross World Cup Ranking (as of the Selection Deadline).
- b) In the event of a tie, the athletes single best World Cup result will be used (based on field placing percentage).
- c) If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.

Selection Priority 2: Remaining competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athletes, by FIS declared gender, who advance to *the final round*** (as described below) of at least one (1) of the eligible FIS World Cup competition from the 2024/25 competitive season as of the Selection Deadline (March 03, 2025).

- a) Eligible athletes will be ranked, by FIS declared gender, for remaining competitive opportunities as follows:
- b) Taking the athlete's average of the best two (2) final results (based on field placing percentage) from eligible 2024/25 World Cup competitions (as of the Selection Deadline).
- c) In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used (based on field placing percentage).
- d) If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recently published FIS Point List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.

****NOTE:** Advancing to *the final round* shall be defined as advancing from Qualifications (time trials) into final heat brackets of Top 16 Women (Quarter final: 1/4) / Top 32 Men (Eighth final: 1/8). In circumstances where time trials do not occur and athletes are seeded directly into final heat brackets through pre-heat races (known as the Holistic Format), advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing through enough pre-heat brackets into the Quarter final (1/4) for Women and into the Eighth final (1/8) for Men.

ii. SNOWBOARDCROSS MIXED TEAM EVENT (BTX)

- a. Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event are also deemed eligible for potential selection to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross Event.



- b. The composition and fielding of the Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Team Event will be made by the CS Snowboardcross Head Coaches, by consensus, and in consultation with the High Performance Director – Speed, on the basis of the factors listed below. This decision is an exercise of absolute discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing(s) who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result. The timing of this decision will be made onsite during the 2025 WCH competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations.
- a) In making its determination under this clause, factors that will be considered by the Head Coaches in the selection of team pairings include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics. The Head Coaches may have regard to some, none, or all of the following considerations, in their absolute discretion:
 - b) Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH, OLY)
 - c) Team composition requirements and technical demands of the specific course,
 - d) Demonstrates strong field of play tactical decision making,
 - e) Proven competitive experience and success in individual Snowboardcross races at the international level and proven performance under pressure,
 - f) Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue and during test events.
 - g) Any other factor that, in the opinion of the Head Coaches, is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing a team pairing who will achieve the best result(s) at the WCH.
 - h) It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible team(s), it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) from the Snowboardcross individual competition may not be ultimately selected into their preferred team pairing, or any team pairing.
- c. If Canada is allocated three or more teams, participation for remaining team positions will be determined as follows:
- a) Team #3: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers (not previously selected to Teams #1 or #2) according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.
 - b) If there are any team positions remaining after fielding Team #1, #2 and #3, as described above, remaining team(s) positions will be determined based on the next ranked male and female finishers according to the final results in the individual races at the same venue.

iii. **ALPINE EVENTS (PGS and PSL)**

- a. Selection Priority 1: The first allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible athlete/s, by FIS declared gender, who advance to *the final round* *** (as described below) of at least one (1) of the eligible FIS World Cup competition from the 2024/25 competitive season as of the Selection Deadline (March 03rd, 2025) in order to be considered.

*****Note:** Advancing to the final round shall be taken to mean advancing from qualifications (two run seeding, once on red and once on blue course for a combined time) to the final brackets of the Top 16 Women or Men for head-to-head racing.



Eligible athletes will be ranked, by FIS declared gender, for remaining competitive opportunities as follows:

- a) Taking the athlete's average of the best two (2) final results (based on field placing percentage) from eligible 2024/25 World Cup competitions (as of the Selection Deadline).
 - b) In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used (based on field placing percentage).
 - c) If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recently published FIS Point List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.
- b. Selection Priority 2: The second allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to eligible athlete/s who are current members of the Alpine National Team:
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| Men: | Women: |
| Arnaud Gaudet | Megan Farrell |
| Ben Heldman | Aurelie Moisan |
| | Kaylie Buck |
- a) National Team members will be ranked and selected for available competitive opportunities based on their FIS Overall Parallel (PAR) World Cup Ranking (as of the Selection Deadline).
 - b) In the event of a tie, the athletes single best World Cup result will be used (based on field placing percentage).
 - c) If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.
- c. Selection Priority 3: Remaining competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athlete/s, by FIS declared gender, who have achieved two (2) Top Half (1/2) final results at eligible FIS World Cup competitions from the current 2024/25 competitive season as of the Selection Deadline (March 03, 2025) in order to be considered

Eligible athletes will be ranked, by FIS declared gender, for available competitive opportunities as follows:

- a) Taking the athlete's average of their best two (2) final results (based on field placing percentage) from the 2024/25 World Cup competitions as of the Selection Deadline (as it may be amended).
 - b) In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used (based on field placing percentage).
 - c) If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recent FIS Point List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.
- iv. **ALPINE MIXED TEAM (PRT)**
- a. Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Alpine (PGS/PSL) events are also eligible for potential selection to participate in the Mixed Team Alpine Event.



- b. Team Event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:
- a) Team #1: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race (PGS or PSL) at the same venue.
 - b) Team #2 (if allocated): will be determined by the CS Alpine National Team Coach(es) by consensus, in consultation with the High Performance Director – Speed, on the basis of the factors listed below.
 - c) Team #3 (if allocated): Next Ranked Male and Female finishers according to the final result in the individual race (PGS or PSL) at the same venue who were not selected for Team #1 or Team #2.

This decision is an exercise of absolute discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing(s) with athletes who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result. The timing of this decision will be made onsite during the 2025 FIS WCH competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations.

In making its determination under this clause, factors that will be considered by the CS Alpine National Team Coach(es) in the selection of team pairings include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics. The Coaches may have regard to some, none, or all of the following considerations, in their absolute discretion:

- Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH, OLY)
- Team composition requirements and technical demands of the specific course,
- Demonstrates strong field of play tactical decision making,
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Alpine races at the international level and proven performance under pressure,
- Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue and during test events.
- Any other factor that, in the opinion of the Coaches, is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing a team pairing who will achieve the best result(s) at the WCH.

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible team, it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) from the Alpine individual competition may not be ultimately selected for Team #2.

v. **SLOPESTYLE (SBS), BIG AIR (BA) and HALFPIPE (HP) EVENTS**

- a. The allocation of competitive opportunities is based on the following priorities in their respective disciplines as follows:
- a) Priority 1: National Team members
 - b) Priority 2: All other interested Canadian athletes

Athletes within these priorities will be ranked by gender according to their points (highest to lowest) on the World Snowboarding Points List (WSPL) in the respective discipline (SBS, BA*, HP) February 24, 2025. The WSPL is based on FIS, and other professional events and can be found online at:

<https://www.worldsnowboardfederation.org/wspl-ranking/>



NOTE: Slopestyle/Big Air athletes will be ranked based on Slopestyle WSPL points only, Athletes selected will compete in both Slopestyle and Big Air events at the World Championships.

- b. Within Priority 1 athletes may be ranked higher within the selection based on the following key performance indicators which are tracked within the Canada Snowboard Athlete Gap Analysis and the Training Log tools for each National and NextGen team athlete:
 - a. A significant commitment (80% or more) of training opportunities (on and off snow) as determined by their adherence to their Individual Yearly Training Plan.
 - b. Performance during on-snow National Team organized training sessions leading into a competition (using mock competitions results, the competition skills riders are doing, how well they are done and how often/reps)

8. SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

Notwithstanding any athlete ranking resulting from this Selection Protocol, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to withhold competitive opportunities in accordance with the “HPP Protocol for Return to Snow and Competition”.

https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20RTS%20protocol_2018.pdf

Canada Snowboard further reserves the right to select athletes to participate in competitive opportunities in an order other than that indicated by the rankings, and/or to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota allocation provided to Canada by FIS. The grounds for any such decisions must be discussed and documented by the Selection Committee and must be in accordance with the HPP General Policy.

All policies referenced in this section can be found in the ‘Document Centre’ on the Canada Snowboard website.

9. HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.



10. COACHING

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 Minimum Standards can be found at:

https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_CSCP_Scope_of_Practice_Policy_EN.pdf

The Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP) Policies can be found at:

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

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis. 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's relevant policies (including the Code of Conduct and Ethics, which can be found in the 'Document Centre' on the Canada Snowboard website). Coaches must also agree to sign the Abuse Free Sport Participant Consent Form.

Due to the limited accreditation at Canada Snowboard's disposal, in most cases, personal coaches (if they differ from the selected discipline coaching staff) will not receive accreditation, venue access, or any related benefits for the 2025 FIS World Championships.

All requests to coach at the 2025 FIS World Championships must be submitted for prior approval to the respective discipline CS HPD's:

Kim Krahulec, CS High Performance Speed Director, Speed, at:

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Tyler Ashbee, CS High Performance Park and Pipe Director, at:

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11. STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS and SUPPORT STAFF)

The Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) are responsible for selecting the support staff, including coach(es) and other technical staff for the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances.

Canada Snowboard is limited in the accreditation allocation for support staff for the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships and as such, it is possible that selected support staff may not receive an accreditation or related benefits. All effort will be prioritized to ensure support staff have appropriate access to venues as it relates to performing their duties and contributing to the overall success of the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships Team performance.



12. APPEALS

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>

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>

13. ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

During the actual competition period onsite at any of the FIS Snowboard World Championships competitions outlined herein, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Canada Snowboard National Team Coaching Staff, in consultation with the High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe), whenever possible and practical. The High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Canada Snowboard HPP Coach(es).

14. GENERAL

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Vice President, Sport will, where possible, consult with the High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) to determine if the circumstances justify competition and/or nomination taking place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High-Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible and the World Championships Selection Committee would follow the revised protocol for selection.
- iv. Changes to this document necessitated by changes to FIS rules and regulations will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as reasonably possible.