



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2021-2022 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 2021-22 FIS World Cup Competition Season and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2021-22 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](#)' 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 Snowboardcross World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the Snowboardcross National Team Coaching staff, the High Performance Program Manager(s) and the High Performance Coordinator.
6. The Selection Committee's recommendations to the Executive Director shall be made on the basis of the athlete's performances during the August 2021 – April 2022 competitive season.

OBJECTIVES

7. Canada Snowboard's performance objectives during the 2021-22 World Cup Competition Season are to:

Primary Objective: Support athletes who are capable of achieving consistent Top 32 results for Men and Top 16 results for Women at World Cup individual competitions throughout the 2021-22 competition season.

Secondary Objective: Identify and support athletes who are tracking towards achieving a podium performance at the international level (WC, WCH or OWG) who are 5 to 8 years away from that performance currently.

These are the guiding principles Canada Snowboard took into consideration when developing this Selection Protocol and will serve as the basis for guiding selection decisions made under this Protocol.

TERMS

8. 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: NorAm Cup



ELIGIBILITY

9. 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 and active FIS License;
 - c. Have purchased the appropriate class of [CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance \(SAIP\)](#) – Level 1 is mandatory for National Team members or those participating in more than one international World Cup competition and a minimum of Level 2 for out of country coverage; and
 - d. Have a minimum of 75 SBX FIS Points to be selected for a Basic Quota (BQ) spot or a Personal WJC-WC/WC Host/Host Nation Spot, and a minimum of 125 SBX FIS Points to be selected for Additional Quota (AQ) spots on the most current FIS Points List as of the selection deadline as outlined by [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.5.1](#).

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

10. 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.

11. The 2021/22 Canadian Snowboardcross World Cup quotas are:
 - a. Three (3) - Basic Quota (BQ) (maximum of two (2) per gender)
 - b. Four (4) - Additional Women (AQ)
 - c. Four (4) - Additional Men (AQ)
 - d. One (1) - Personal Spot from the 2021 Junior World Championship Title
 - i. Eliot Grondin
 - e. One (1) - Personal Spot from 2019/20 NorAm Overall Tour Podium
 - i. Evan Bichon

Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in Sections 18 to 32 below are as follows:

- ii. Three (3) Basic Quota (BQ max. 2 per gender)
- iii. Four (4) Women, which includes four (4) Additional Quota (AQ) and zero (0) personal spots.
- iv. Six (6) Men, which includes four (4) Additional Quota (AQ) and two (2) personal spots.
- v. As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup



Quota per gender for the Mt. St. Anne, QC World Cup. Please refer to Section 26 to 28 of this selection criteria for allocation of additional quota related to this event.

[FIS Quota can be referenced online at:](#)

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas:

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1627629128/fis-prod/assets/1st_calculation_Alpine_SB_SBX_Quotas_2022.pdf

Description of Quota Allocation:

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

12. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the 2022 FIS Points List as of the end of January 2022 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>

13. 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 18 through 32 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into three blocks: 'OLY Test', 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'Finals' as outlined in Section 17 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.

14. Only eligible final results achieved from an individual Snowboardcross competition will be considered in the "Ranking Process" detailed in Sections 18 through 32. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions.

15. 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.

16. When determining if an athlete has satisfied a threshold field placing result, as outlined from time to time in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 18 through 32 below, Canada Snowboard does not round to the nearest whole number because the given priority is looking for an actual final finish position result within the field. 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 at 19.33 so all those who finished 19th place or better are considered to be in the Top Third (1/3) and those who finished 20th or lower are not. DNFs and DSOs 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.



17. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2021-2022 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled World Cup competitions:

Block	Competitions ¹	Competition Dates	Estimated Selection Deadline
OLY Test	Secret Garden, CHN	November 26 – 28, 2021	October 20, 2021
A	Montafon, AUT	December 10 – 12, 2021	November 25, 2021
	Cervinia, ITA	December 17 – 18, 2021	
B	Krasnoyarsk, RUS	January 7 – 9, 2022	December 20, 2021
	Chiesa in Valmalenco, ITA	January 21 – 22, 2022	
	Cortina d’Ampezzo, ITA	January 28 – 29, 2022	
C	Mt. St. Anne, QC ²	February 25 – 27, 2022	January 19, 2022
	Reiteralm, AUT	March 10 – 12, 2022	
WC Finals	Veysonnaz, SUI	March 20, 2022	March 13, 2022

- 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.
- As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup quotas, per gender, for the Mt. St. Anne QC World Cup. Please refer to Section 26 to 28 for the methods utilized to allocate these additional quotas.

RANKING PROCESS

OLY Test: Secret Garden (CHN)

18. The first priority in the allocation of ‘OLY Test’ World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the Snowboardcross National Team and those with earned personal spots:



Men: _____

Eliot Grondin
Kevin Hill
Liam Moffatt
Evan Bichon

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann
Meryeta O'Dine
Tess Critchlow
Audrey McManiman

19. Any remaining competitive opportunities shall be allocated to the next ranked eligible NextGen athlete(s) in descending order (from highest to lowest) from the 2021/22 Snowboardcross NextGen Team based on the 2022 FIS Base Points List.

Block A: Montafon (AUT), Cervinia (ITA)

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

Men: _____

Eliot Grondin
Kevin Hill
Liam Moffatt
Evan Bichon

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann
Meryeta O'Dine
Tess Critchlow
Audrey McManiman

21. The second priority in the allocation of one (1) Basic Quota competitive opportunity for 'Block A' World Cups shall be allocated to the next ranked eligible NextGen athlete in descending order (from highest to lowest) from the 2021/22 Snowboardcross NextGen Team based on the 2022 FIS Base Points List.
22. Remaining competitive opportunities shall be allocated to eligible athlete(s) based on the final results of the Europa Cup events in Pitzal, AUT November 24 – 25, 2021.

All results from eligible athletes must meet the minimum requirement of placing within the Top Third (1/3) of the final field in order to be considered.

Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Eligible athlete(s) will be ranked by their single top final result from the Pitzal Europa Cups and only the best one (1) result will be considered.
- b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second best result from the Europa Cup races in Pitzal, AUT shall be used to break the tie.
- c. If a tie still remains, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete who is ranked higher on the 2022 FIS Base Point List.

Block B: Krasnoyarsk (RUS), Chiesa in Valmalenco (ITA), Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)

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



Men: _____

Eliot Grondin
Kevin Hill
Liam Moffatt
Evan Bichon

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann
Meryeta O'Dine
Tess Critchlow
Audrey McManiman

24. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'B' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s) who advance to the final round in any of the following individual 'OLY Test' and Block 'A' World Cup competitions:

- November 26 – 28, 2021: Secret Garden, CHN
- December 10-12, 2021: Montafon, AUT
- December 17-18, 2021: 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 (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 32 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 Women (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 48 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) with heats of six (6). In the event that time trials do not occur and athletes are seeded directly into final heat brackets through pre-heat races, advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing through two (2) rounds of brackets into the Quarter final (1/4) for Women and into the Eighth final (1/8) for Men.

Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the 'OLY Test' and Block 'A' World Cups listed above.
 - b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second best result
 - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking as of the selection deadline.
25. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' competitions shall be allocated based on a ranking list created, by gender, where athletes are ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Points awarded from their top two final results from eligible Level 2 competitions, or higher, during the 2022 season at the time of selection.

Only athletes meeting the minimum FIS points for participation as outlined in Section 7(d) above will be considered.

All eligible results used for ranking purposes must meet the minimum requirement of falling within the Top Half (1/2) of the final field in order to 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 ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a World Cup competition and has been training in a suitable environment.



NOTE: Level 2 competitions, or higher, shall be taken to mean Snowboardcross competitions according to the Competition Levels and Corresponding Points Scales as defined by [FIS Point Rule 2.2.2](#)

Level 1: Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships, FIS World Cups
Level 2: Junior World Championships, Continental Cups (Europa Cups or NorAms)

Block C: Mt. St. Anne (CAN) Reiteralm (AUT)

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

Men:
Eliot Grondin
Kevin Hill
Liam Moffatt
Evan Bichon

Women:
Zoe Bergemann
Meryeta O'Dine
Tess Critchlow
Audrey McManiman

27. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'C' World Cup competitive opportunities shall be awarded to any eligible athlete(s) who advance to the final round in any of the following individual Block 'B' World Cup competitions:

- January 7-9, 2022: Krasnoyarsk, RUS
- January 21-22, 2022: Chiesa in Valmalenco, ITA
- January 28-29, 2022: Cortina d'Ampezzo, ITA

NOTE: Advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing from Qualifications (time trials) into final heat brackets of Top 16 Women (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 32 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 Women (Quarterfinal: 1/4) / Top 48 Men (Eighth final: 1/8) with heats of six (6). In the event that time trials do not occur and athletes are seeded directly into final heat brackets through pre-heat races, advancing to the final round shall be defined as advancing through two (2) rounds of brackets into the Quarterfinal (1/4) for Women and into the Eighth final (1/8) for Men.

The athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'B' World Cups listed above.
 - b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second best result.
 - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking as of the selection deadline.
28. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'C' competitions, including the additional host nation quota for the Mt. St. Anne, QC World Cup, shall be allocated based on a ranking list created, by gender, where athletes are ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Points awarded from their top two final results from eligible Level 2 competitions, or higher, during the 2022



season at the time of selection.

Only athletes meeting the minimum FIS points for participation as outlined in Section 7(d) above will be considered.

All eligible results used for ranking purposes must meet the minimum requirement of falling within the Top Half (1/2) of the final field in order to 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 ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a World Cup competition and has been training in a suitable environment.

NOTE: Level 2 competitions, or higher, shall be taken to mean Snowboardcross competitions according to the Competition Levels and Corresponding Points Scales as defined by [FIS Point Rule 2.2.2](#)

Level 1: Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships, FIS World Cups
Level 2: Junior World Championships, Continental Cups (Europa Cups or NorAms)

World Cup Finals: Veysonnaz (SUI)

29. As per [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 4.5.3](#), only the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men in the Snowboardcross 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 Snowboardcross 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 Snowboardcross World Cup Standings in order to receive a quota allocation for World Cup Finals.

Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Team Event

30. Snowboardcross Mixed Gender Team races are scheduled to be held at the following venues in the 2021/2022 season:

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| a. Montafon, AUT | December 11, 2021 |
| b. Chiesa in Valmalenco, ITA | January 16, 2022 |
| c. Mt. St. Anne, CAN | February 27, 2022 |

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

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



- a. Team #1 will be determined by the Snowboardcross National Team Co-Head Coaches by consensus and on the basis of the factors listed below in an exercise of discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result.

Factors that will be considered by the Co-Head Coaches in the selection of Team #1 include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics.

These factors include, but are not limited to:

- Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH, OLY);
- Team composition requirements and technical demands of the specific course;
- Demonstrated strong field of play decision making;
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Snowboardcross races at the international level; and
- Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue.

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible team, it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) may not be selected.

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

- b. Team #2: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.
- c. Team #3: Male and Female athlete with the fastest time trial run from the Qualification Rounds of the individual race at the same venue.

NOTE: The timing of Team Event participation decision(s) will be made onsite during the World Cup competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations, 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 18 through 29 of this document.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

33. 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
34. 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 to Canada 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 their 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 their calculated ranking.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

35. 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 with the health-related curtailment has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision.
36. 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

37. 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 found 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

38. 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

39. 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, then the English version shall be used to understand the intent of the drafting of the French version.

40. 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.
41. 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.
42. 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.