



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2024-2025 WORLD CUP EVENTS: SNOWBOARDCROSS

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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.**

INTRODUCTION

1. Canada Snowboard, through its membership with the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup (WC) events. 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.
2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be selected by Canada Snowboard to participate in FIS sanctioned Snowboard WC events in the Snowboardcross discipline for the 2024/25 competition season.
3. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (FIS Senior and Junior World Championships and Olympic Winter Games), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the [Canada Snowboard 'Document Centre'](#):
4. 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](#)".

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 provided to Canada by FIS. The grounds for any such decisions must be discussed and documented by the Snowboardcross Selection Committee (herein referred to as 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.

5. Except where otherwise specified herein, final decisions regarding athlete selection for FIS Snowboard WCs in the Snowboardcross discipline shall be ratified by the Vice President, Sport (VPS) on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee, which shall consist of the



High Performance Director - Speed, the Snowboardcross National Team Coaching staff, and other HPP staff as designated by the Selection Committee.

6. 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 current competition season (as of the Selection Deadline), which is defined as the period between August 2024 – April 2025.

OBJECTIVES

7. Canada Snowboard's primary and secondary performance focussed objectives for the 2024/25 FIS Snowboard SBX WC Competition Season are:

Primary Objective: Support athletes who have either been consistently (>50%) ranked within the Top 32 Men or Top 16 Women at *individual* (not team) FIS Snowboardcross WC competitions during the last 12 months or are ranked within the Top 32 Men or Top 16 Women in the FIS Overall WC Standings on the most recently published FIS WC Overall Ranking List.

Secondary Objective: Support athletes identified by Canada Snowboard as future National Team and Paralympic/Olympic hopefuls, who are 5 to 8 years away from podium performances at the Paralympic or Olympic Winter Games, based on Canada Snowboard's Podium Results Track and performance analysis by the Snowboardcross National Team Staff, relevant HPP Staff, and/or the Selection Committee, in their sole discretion.

These objectives 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. EC: Europa Cup
 - b. FIS: International Ski and Snowboard Federation
 - c. CS: Canada Snowboard
 - d. HPP: High Performance Program
 - e. JWCH: FIS Junior World Championships
 - f. NAC: NorAm Cup
 - g. NSO: National Sport Organization
 - h. SBX: Snowboardcross
 - i. WCH: FIS Senior World Championships
 - j. WC: FIS Snowboard World Cup

ELIGIBILITY

9. To be eligible to participate in a FIS SBX Snowboard WC, 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. Have a valid and active FIS License; and



- 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 any international WC competition(s) and a minimum of Level 2 is required 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 JWCH-WC-NAC/WC Host/Host Nation Spot, and a minimum of 125 SBX FIS Points to be selected for Additional Quota (AQ) spots, on the most recently published FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline (as outlined in the Rules for the FIS Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski World Cups; FIS WC Rule 4.5.1), at: https://assets.fis-ski.com/f/252177/x/77ae435470/wc-rules-sbfsfk-2025_clean-spring-2024.pdf and
- e. Have submitted a participation request via the Canada Snowboard website, as outlined in Section 11, below, prior to the stated deadline(s); and
- f. Have a valid Canadian Passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel (if applicable); and
- g. Upon Selection, must read, agree to, and sign the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct, which outlines the expectations an athlete representing Canada must follow; and
- h. Sign the Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form, if required by Canada Snowboard; and
- i. Comply with all other relevant FIS requirements for eligibility.

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 competition. Although FIS establishes the quota, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota), that is, to nominate fewer athletes than the number designated as the 'Canadian Quota' for a particular competition.

The grounds for any such decision must be discussed 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 FIS for a competition may 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, and/or
- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, whose performances demonstrate that they have the potential to achieve the performance objectives indicated in Section 7, above, and/or
- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who are able to successfully and safely complete a WC Snowboardcross course, as assessed by the Selection Committee in their sole discretion.

The Selection Committee will review eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans (YTPs) and communicate with their current coach before a Quota is allocated. This ensures that the athlete has the appropriate preparation to be ready for a WC competition.



The Canada Snowboard Snowboardcross National Team Coaching Staff has final and absolute authority, and sole discretion, to revoke an athlete's nomination for any competition (otherwise known as 'pulling' the rider off the start list), either prior to or at a competition, if it is determined the athlete is a safety risk to themselves or others on course during the training or competition period.

11. All interested athletes (or their personal coach) are required to submit a participation request for the block of World Cups they are interested in attending. The deadlines to submit a participation request for each block of WC competitions are outlined in Section 18 below.

Participation requests received after the deadlines stated below will not be considered.

Participation requests can only be sent through the Canada Snowboard website (<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>)

Submission of a participation request online by the respective deadline, does not automatically guarantee selection to a specific or block of WC competitions. Interested athletes must meet all conditions of eligibility, as outlined in Section 9.a-i, above, and be allocated a Quota spot as outlined in Sections 21 – ~~34~~ 35, below.

12. The total 2024/25 Canadian Snowboardcross WC Quota, subject to the Selection Criteria outlined in Sections 21 – ~~34~~ 35, below, are:
 - a. Three (3) – Basic Quota (BQ) (with a maximum of two (2) allocated per gender)
 - b. Three (3) – Additional Women (AQ)
 - c. Four (4) – Additional Men (AQ)
 - d. One (1)* – Personal Quota Sport from the 2023/24 World Cup Overall Champion:
 - i. Eliot Grondin
 - e. One (1)* – Personal Quota Spot(s) from 2023/24 NorAm Overall Tour Champions:
 - i. Hannah Turkington

*NOTE: Personal Quota Spots, as outlined above in Section 12 d – e, are assigned to a specific athlete and cannot be transferred or used by any other athlete.

As Host Nation, Canada receives an additional six (6) World Cup Quota, per FIS declared gender, for the Mt. St. Anne, QC WC April 4 – 6, 2025, as outlined by FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.1. Please refer to Section ~~28–31~~ 31 – 35 of this Selection Protocol for allocation of additional Quota related to this event.

Information on FIS Snowboard Quota can be referenced on the FIS website by clicking the following links:

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas < [LINK](#) >
Description of Quota Allocation < [LINK](#) >

13. FIS will recalculate WC Quotas based on the 2025 FIS Points List as of the end of January annually, with an increase in Quotas only being possible as outlined in the FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.1. 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>
14. Except as otherwise stated herein, the opportunity to participate in WC competitions shall be



offered to athletes who satisfy all the eligibility requirements set out at Section 9.a-i, above, in the order of their ranking as determined by the “Ranking Process” detailed in Sections 21 through ~~31-35~~, below. WC competitive opportunities will be separated into ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** Blocks: ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, and ‘Host Nation’ as further outlined in Section 18 below.

NOTE: WC Finals are subject to [the FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.3](#), which can limit participation to the Top 16 Women and Top 32 Men in the WC Standings after the conclusion of the WC race immediately prior to WC Finals. Please refer to Sections ~~28–31~~ **32 – 35** for the methods utilized to allocate these quota.

15. Only the eligible final results achieved from individual Snowboardcross competition will be considered in the ‘Ranking Process’ detailed in Sections 21 through ~~31-35~~ below. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual WC competitions.
16. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots (Personal Quota) through their status as a defending WC, Continental Cup Overall podiums (NorAm), Senior or Junior World Champion must still have their entry into FIS WCs ratified by Canada Snowboard upon verification that the athlete satisfies all eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 9.a-i, above.
17. When determining if an athlete has satisfied a threshold field placing result, as outlined from time to time within this document, Canada Snowboard does not round to the nearest whole number because the given priority is looking for the actual final finish position 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 beyond 20th are not. Did Not Finishes (DNF) and Disqualifications (DSQ) are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in the event; Did Not Starts (DNS) do not count toward determining the field size and will be removed from the field size calculation.
18. WC competitive opportunities for the 2024-2025 season will be determined based on the WC competitions scheduled at the time of policy publication and may be updated to reflect any changes to the FIS WC calendar. These opportunities include:

Block	Competitions	Competition Dates	Participation Request Deadline	Selection Deadline
A	Cervinia, ITA	December 13 – 14, 2024	November 15, 2024	November 29, 2024
	Dolni Morava, CZE	January 23 – 25, 2025		
B	Dolni Morava, CZE	January 23 – 25, 2025	December 24, 2024	January 7, 2025
	Beidahu, CHN	January 31 – February 2, 2025		
	Cortina d’Ampezzo, ITA	February 14 – 15, 2025		
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B C	Erzurum, TUR	March 1 – 3, 2025	January 13, 2025	January 27, 2025
	Gudauri, GEO	March 7 – 9, 2025	February 2, 2025	February 16, 2025
	Montafon, AUT	March 20 – 22, 2025		
Finals: Host Nation Quota	Mt. St. Anne, CAN	April 4 – 6, 2025	February 24, 2025	March 10, 2025*

*Note: Due to timelines for FIS Entry Deadlines for WC competitions, results from the Montafon, AUT FIS WCs (scheduled for March 20 – 22, 2025) will not be considered in the ranking process for Host Nation Quota for Mt St. Anne FIS WC.

Note: On November 25, 2024, CS received an official update from FIS, adding the Beidahu, CHN World Cup competitions to the calendar (scheduled for January 31 to February 2, 2025). Consequently, CS has updated the World Cup competition blocks, as highlighted in red above.

19. This ranking process and the indicated opportunities are based on FIS rules, regulations, and current schedules, and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Should Canada Snowboard become aware of any changes to FIS rules, regulations, and schedules, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol as necessary to comply with the changes. 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.
20. Notwithstanding the identified Selection Deadline for each block of competitive opportunities, 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.

RANKING PROCESS

Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to participate in WC competitions will be based on the criteria below. The Selection Committee is restricted by the Quotas allocated by the FIS as outlined in Section 12, 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 (Priority 2), and so on.

Eligible athletes will be ranked by gender and in descending order based on the order of priorities, per block of competitions, as outlined in Section 18, above. Once the Quota has been met in a gender, 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 10, above, the Selection Committee is not required to fill all Canadian Quotas.

As indicated in the Ranking Process below, when a competition level is referenced, it shall be taken to mean FIS Snowboardcross competitions according to the Competition Levels and Corresponding Points Scales as defined by the Rules of the [FIS Points Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski \("FIS Points Rules"\)](#), [Rule 4.2.2.](#)

Only FIS Level 1 or Level 2 FIS competitions outlined below are considered within the Ranking Process for the allocation of available quotas for FIS Snowboardcross WC competitions:

- Level 1 Competitions: Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships, FIS World Cups
- Level 2 Competitions: Junior World Championship, Continental Cups (Europa Cups, NorAms, South America Cup, Australia National Cup), or World University Games.

As also indicated in the Ranking Process below, when a priority level states "advance to the final round" as a required result, 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 brackets into the Quarter final (1/4) for Women and into the Eighth final (1/8) for Men.

Block A: Cervinia (ITA), ~~Dolni Morava (CZE)~~

21. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'A' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team (NT) and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

<u>Men:</u>	<u>Women:</u>
Eliot Grondin (NT/Personal)	Meryeta O'Dine (NT)
Liam Moffatt (NT)	Audrey McManiman (NT)
Evan Bichon (NT)	Hannah Turkington (Personal)

22. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'A' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the [2024/25 CS Snowboardcross NextGen Team](#) (NG):

<u>Men:</u>	<u>Women:</u>
Colby Graham (NG)	Hannah Turkington (NG)
Tristan Bell (NG)	
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)	

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by declared FIS gender, as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's FIS Point value as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the previous August 2023 through April 2024 competitive season.
- c. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the previous August 2023 through August 2024 competitive



season will be used, until the tie is broken.

23. Remaining Block 'A' WC competitive opportunities shall be allocated to the next ranked eligible athlete(s), by declared FIS gender and in descending order, based on the athletes FIS Point value as described on the most recently published FIS Snowboardcross Points List as of the Selection Deadline.

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

- a. Taking the athletes FIS Point value as described on the most recently published FIS Snowboardcross Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
- b. In the event of a tie, the athletes FIS Point value at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through April 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) will be used.
- c. If a tie remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Point value as described on the next most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Point List (as of the Selection Deadline) until the tie is broken.

Block B: Dolni Morava (CZE), Beidahu (CHN), Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)

24. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'B' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

Men:

Eliot Grondin (NT/Personal)
Liam Moffatt (NT)
Evan Bichon (NT)

Women:

Meryeta O'Dine (NT)
Audrey McManiman (NT)
Hannah Turkington (Personal)

25. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'B' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the 2024/25 CS Snowboardcross NextGen Team (NG):

Men:

Colby Graham (NG)
Tristan Bell (NG)
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

Women:

Hannah Turkington (NG)

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by gender, as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's FIS Point value as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through April 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
- c. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through August 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) will be used, until the tie is broken.

26. The third priority in the allocation of Block 'B' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s), by FIS declared gender, who advance to the final round of at least one (1) of the eligible FIS WC competitions from the 2024/25 competitive season (as of the Selection



Deadline) in order to be considered.

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result (placing) from eligible 2024/25 FIS World Cups (as of the Selection Deadline).
 - b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through April 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
 - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest FIS Point value as described on the most recently published FIS SBX Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
27. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' WCs shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by FIS declared gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Point value awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the current August 2024 through April 2025 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results from which FIS Points will be considered in the ranking process:
- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
 - Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, SAC, ANC, University Games): Results and FIS Points from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (½) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following calculation: $(\text{field placing} = \text{result} / \text{field size} \times 100)$. If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

Block B C: Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Erzurum (TUR), Gudauri (GEO), Montafon (AUT)

28. The first priority in the allocation of Block 'B' 'C' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the Snowboardcross National Team and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

Men: _____
Eliot Grondin (NT/Personal)
Liam Moffatt (NT)
Evan Bichon (NT)

Women: _____
Meryeta O'Dine (NT)
Audrey McManiman (NT)
Hannah Turkington (Personal)

29. The second priority in the allocation of Block 'B' 'C' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the [2024/25 CS Snowboardcross NextGen Team](#) (NG):

Men: _____
Colby Graham (NG)

Women: _____
Hannah Turkington (NG)



Tristan Bell (NG)
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

NextGen Team Members will be ranked, by gender, as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's FIS Point value as described on the most recently published Snowboardcross FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through April 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
- c. If a tie remains, the athlete's next highest FIS Points earned at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through August 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) will be used, until the tie is broken.

30. The third priority in the allocation of Block ~~'B'~~ 'C' WC competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s), by FIS declared gender, who advance to the final round of at least one (1) of the eligible FIS WC competitions from the 2024/25 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) in order to be considered.

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- d. Taking the athlete's single best result (placing) from eligible 2024/25 FIS World Cups (as of the Selection Deadline).
- e. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete who earned the most FIS Points at a single Level 2 (or higher) competition from the current August 2024 through April 2025 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline).
- f. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest Snowboardcross Overall WC Ranking (as of the Selection Deadline).

31. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block ~~'B'~~ 'C' WCs shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by FIS declared gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Point value awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the current August 2024 through April 2025 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results from which FIS Points will be considered in the ranking process:

- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
- Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, SAC, ANC, University Games): Results and FIS Points from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (½) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following calculation: $(\text{field placing} = \text{result} / \text{field size} \times 100)$. If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

WC Finals: Mt. St. Anne (CAN)



32. As per the FIS World Cup Rules, Rule 4.5.3, the quota for FIS WC Finals can be in one of two (2) formats (see FIS WC Rules 4.5.3).

For the WC Finals in Mt. St. Anne for the 2024/25 competitive season, it is confirmed that Canada's "Normal World Cup Quota" (as outlined in Section 12) will apply.

33. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible members of the 2024/25 Snowboardcross National and NextGen Teams, and those with earned Personal Quota spots:

Men:

Eliot Grondin (NT/Personal)
Liam Moffatt (NT)
Evan Bichon (NT)
Colby Graham (NG)
Tristan Bell (NG)
James Savard-Ferguson (NG)

Women:

Meryeta O'Dine (NT)
Audrey McManimann (NT)
Hannah Turkington (NG/Personal)

34. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be awarded to eligible athlete(s), by FIS declared gender, who advance to the final round of at least one (1) of the eligible FIS WC competitions from the 2024/25 competitive season (as of the Selection Deadline) in order to be considered.

Eligible athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result (placing) from eligible 2024/25 FIS WCs (as of the Selection Deadline)
 - b. In the event of a tie, each athlete's second-best eligible WC result from 2024/25 FIS WCs (as of Selection Deadline) will be used.
 - c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest Snowboardcross Overall WC Ranking (as of the Selection Deadline).
35. Any remaining competitive opportunities shall be allocated based on a ranking list, created by FIS declared gender, where eligible athletes will be ranked in descending order (from highest to lowest) by the average of the FIS Point value awarded for their top two (2) final results at eligible Level 2 (or higher) competitions during the current August 2024 through April 2025 competition season (as of the Selection Deadline). Below are the results from which FIS Points will be considered in the ranking process:
- Level 1 Competitions (WC, WCH): All results from eligible competitions will be considered.
 - Level 2 Competitions (EC, NAC, SAC, ANC, University Games): Results and FIS Points from eligible competitions must fall within the Top Half (½) of the final field to be considered in the ranking process.

An athlete must have two (2) results which meet the above considerations, otherwise they will not be included in the ranking process or allocated a Quota spot even if a Quota spot remains.

If a tie exists, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing percentage at an eligible Level 2 (or higher) competition, using the following



calculation: (field placing = result / field size x 100). If a tie still remains, the athlete's next single best field placing percentage will be used, until the tie is broken.

Mixed Gender Team Event (BTX)

36. The currently scheduled Snowboardcross Mixed Team (BTX) competitions for the 2024-25 season are:
 - a. January 25, 2025: Dolni Morava, CZE
 - b. March 3, 2025: Erzurum, TUR
 - c. March 22, 2025: Montafon, AUT

Should additional BTX competitions be added to the FIS World Cup Calendar after the publication of the Selection Protocol, selection into teams will follow the same process as outlined below.

37. The number of teams per Nation will be determined according to
38. Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event (at the same venue) are also eligible for potential selection to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross (BTX) event.

Mixed Team event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:

- a. Team #1 and #2 will be determined by the Snowboardcross National Team Head Coaches by consensus considering the factors listed below. Selection remains at the discretion of the Head Coaches, 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.

These decisions are an exercise of the Head Coaches' 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 WC competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations.

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:

- 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 Snowboardcross races at the international level and proven performance under pressure,
- Performance readiness, which is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. The final decision on performance readiness will be made by the Head Coaches using all available information at their disposal, including performance results and progress during the selection period, the suitability of the training and competition



plan, fitness, and any other relevant performance related information.

- Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue and during test events.
- Any other factor that, in the opinion of the Co-Head Coaches, is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing a team pairing that will achieve the best result(s).

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.

If Canada is allocated three or more teams, participation for remaining team positions will be determined as follows:

- b. Team #3: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers (not previously selected to Team #1 or #2) according to the best final result (placing) in the individual race at the same venue.

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 result (placing) in the individual race at the same venue.

NOTE: Mixed Team event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual WC competitions as outlined in this document.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

39. 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.
40. Canada Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who is unable to participate in training or competition due to injury or illness 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

41. 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 a currently certified Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP) Coach may not participate in a FIS sanctioned snowboard competition.

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 Center](#)' on the Canada Snowboard website). Coaches must also agree to sign the Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form if requested by Canada Snowboard. All requests must be submitted for prior approval at least two week prior to the 'Selection Deadline' for the relevant Block of WC events (as described in Section 18, above) to Kim Krahulec, High Performance Director – Speed at: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

42. During the actual competition period onsite at any of the FIS Snowboard WC 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, whenever possible and practical. The High Performance Director - Speed shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Canada Snowboard HPP Coach(es).

APPEALS

43. 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 Policy, 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>

GENERAL

44. 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 drafter's intent.
45. 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.



46. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Canada Snowboard High Performance Director – Speed will, where possible, 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 High Performance Director - Speed 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 High Performance Director - Speed.
47. 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 is reasonably possible.