



HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL
ALPINE NATIONAL TEAM AND NEXTGEN PROGRAM: 2022-23

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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 domestic nomination of athletes to the 2022-23 Alpine National Team and NextGen Programs. 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. The High-Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named to the HPP by Canada Snowboard (CS) and who then also receive support directly from CS. Athletes named to the HPP are recognized as members of CS's National Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Big Air, Slopestyle, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard; or are team members of a NextGen Program within a given discipline.
2. This "High Performance Program Selection Protocol" sets out the process of:
 - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2022-23 HPP in the Alpine discipline; and
 - b. Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2022-23 Alpine National Team and NextGen Program.
3. This HPP Selection Protocol and other CS Selection Protocols are available on the 'Document Centre' page of the CS web site: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>
4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and may be offered National Team or NextGen Team positions in accordance with the specific procedures set out in the 'Selection Process', which can be referenced in Sections 18 through 20 of this document.

OBJECTIVES



5. The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by CS to select athletes to the 2022-23 Alpine Snowboard National Team and NextGen program, with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive and capable team in a safe and ethical manner to achieve our performance objectives of winning World Championships and Olympic Winter Games Medals.

In stating this ultimate performance goal, Canada Snowboard describes the purpose of the Alpine National Team and NextGen Program as:

Alpine National Team

Purpose of Team:

Support athletes that demonstrate the ability or potential, based on objective results, of achieving consistent Top 16 results at individual World Cup and World Championship competitions throughout the season.

Consistent results in this context shall be taken to mean finishing within the Top 16 at World Cup and World Championship competitions at least 50% of the time.

Event Focus:

FIS World Cup Tour (including WCH/OWG).

Alpine NextGen Program

Purpose of Team:

Identify and support athletes who have demonstrated that they are tracking towards achieving a podium performance at the international level (WC, WCH, or OWG) who are 4 to 8 years away from that performance.

Events focus: Gaining international event exposure while achieving success at Continental Cups and the FIS Junior World Championships.

The above are the guiding principles that Canada Snowboard has taken into consideration when developing this Selection Protocol and will be the principles used by Canada Snowboard when selecting athletes to the 2022-23 Alpine National Team and NextGen Program.

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Protocol:

a. FIS:	Fédération Internationale de Ski
b. CS:	Canada Snowboard
c. HPP:	High Performance Program
d. WC:	World Cup
e. WCH:	World Championships
f. JWCH	Junior World Championships
g. OWG:	Olympic Winter Games
h. EC:	Europa Cup
i. NAC:	NorAm Cup
j. PGS	Parallel Giant Slalom
k. PSL	Parallel Slalom
l. PAR	Parallel Discipline (PGS/PSL)



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the Alpine National Team staff, the HPP Director (Sport and High-Performance Director), HPP Manager(s) and the High Performance Program Coordinator.

If required, the Selection Committee will seek input as needed from:

- a. HPP Strength and Conditioning Trainer(s)
- b. HPP Integrated Support Team (IST)
- c. Leading Canadian Coaches

Examples of situations where the Selection Committee may seek input from members outside of the committee include, but are not limited to: off-snow programming, injury management and return to snow plans, and when an athlete designates the use of a private coach as their primary coach to ensure the committee has the necessary and relevant information to support the rankings.

8. The Selection Committee shall meet on or before May 31, 2022 to identify and recommend athletes for selection to the HPP for the 2022-23 program year. The Selection Committee's recommendations will be made to the CS Executive Director for final approval.
9. The Selection Committee's recommendations to the Executive Director shall be made on the basis of the athletes' performances during the August 2021 - April 2022 season.
10. All HPP athlete selections are valid for one-year, ending on May 31 2023.
11. The maximum number of available positions in the HPP shall be identified by the Selection Committee at the outset of the 'Selection Process' on or before May 31, 2022.

This number will be based on the program constraints of the HPP, which are primarily financial.

12. Athlete rankings based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions. However, the Selection Committee has the right to recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be discussed in detail by the Selection Committee, clearly documented, and must be in accordance with the document "General Policies High Performance Program" located on the CS website here: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

National Team

13. To be **eligible** for selection to the National Team, an athlete:
 - a. Must be in good standing with CS and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied mutatis mutandis;
 - b. Must have competed in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended;
 - c. Must have a minimum of 100 FIS PAR points on the most recent FIS List as of the selection



- deadline; and
- d. Must be ranked within the Top 30 Men or Top 25 Women on the 2022 World Cup Parallel Overall Standings; or be ranked within the Top 40 Men or Top 30 Women on the 2023 FIS Base Points List (PAR); or achieve a Top 16 final result at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games (PGS); and
 - e. Must have submitted their Yearly Training Program (YTP) for the season just concluded to kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca by April 30, 2022.
 - i. Yearly Training Plans shall include a description of all on-snow and off-snow activities, and any complementary activities engaged in that help improve your snowboarding.
 - ii. Currently named 2021/22 NT athletes will have their YTP submitted by their respective primary coach(es).
 - iii. Should any named 2021/22 NT athlete(s) elect to use a private coach as their primary coach, this individual is then responsible for submitting the Yearly Training Plan on the athlete's behalf.

The results of athletes who are named to the Alpine National Team are expected to progress toward a Top-8 international performance in their discipline. As such, athletes who have been on the Alpine National Team for a total of five years or more at the conclusion of the 2021/22 program year¹ must satisfy additional eligibility criteria in order to maintain their status on the National Team thereafter.

Consequently, in addition to satisfying the eligibility criteria indicated in Sections 13(a)-(e) above, athletes who have been on the Alpine National Team for a total of five years or more at the conclusion of the 2021/22 program year must achieve two (2x) Top 20 Final Results at eligible World Cup Competitions within the 2021/22 Program Year in order to eligible for nomination to the 2022/23 Alpine National Team.

Athletes who were required to meet the eligibility criteria indicated immediately above during the 2021/22 program year must, in addition to satisfying all other National Team eligibility criteria as typically indicated in Sections 13(a)-(e), achieve two Top 16 Final Results at eligible World Cup Competitions in the 2022/23 Program Year in order to be eligible for nomination to the 2023/24 Alpine National Team.

If an athlete has been unable to participate in training or competitive activities during a program year(s) they were nominated to the National Team due to health-related reasons documented by a Canada Snowboard approved physician, this/these year(s) will not count towards the 5-year period referred to immediately above provided that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The athlete did not start in eight (8) or more events during the year of the health-related reason;
2. The athlete does not withdraw from the HPP during the year of the health-related reason and provides written confirmation of their intention to return to full participation in the HPP at the earliest possible date; and
3. The athlete undertakes, in writing, to train and/or rehabilitate under the supervision of Canada Snowboard or its designate at a level that minimizes risk to the athlete's personal health and ensures an optimal return to full training and competition at the earliest possible date.

NextGen Program

¹ For greater clarity, in order to count the five years that an athlete has been on the Alpine National Team, the five years does not need to be consecutive, but must add up to a total of five years by the end of the 2021/22 program year. This total does not include the 2022/23 program year.



14. To be **eligible** for selection to the NextGen Program, an athlete:
- a. Must be in good standing with CS and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association, as that term is defined in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied *mutatis mutandis*;
 - b. Must have competed in a minimum of three (3) Continental Cup level or higher events in the program year just ended;
 - c. Must have a minimum of 80 FIS PAR points on the most recent FIS List;
 - d. Must be ranked within the Top 100 Men or Top 100 Women on the 2023 FIS Base Points List (PAR);
 - e. Must have submitted their Yearly Training Program (YTP) for the season just concluded to kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca by April 30, 2022.
 - i. Yearly Training Plans shall include a description of all on-snow and off-snow activities, and any complementary activities engaged in that help improve the athlete's snowboarding.
 - ii. Currently named 2021/22 NG athletes will have their YTP submitted by their respective primary coach(es).
 - f. Must have results that demonstrate that they are tracking towards achieving a podium performance at the international level (WC, WCH, or OWG) four (4) to eight (8) years away from that performance. The maximum age for the NextGen athlete is five (5) years past the FIS Junior age category for the upcoming program year.

As an exception to Section 14(f), an athlete may **remain** on the NextGen team past this age on a case-by-case basis provided that they show significant progression towards achieving the National Team criteria which requires that they demonstrate satisfaction of all of the following requirements:

- i. They meet all NextGen Program eligibility requirements outlined in section 14(a)-(f) above;
- ii. The athlete has at least two (2) eligible Top-Half final World Cup results from the competition season that concluded immediately prior to the program year that they are seeking to be selected to the NextGen Team;
- iii. The athlete has been a named member in good standing of the CS Alpine NextGen Program for the past two (2) consecutive program years (2020/21 and 2021/22);
- iv. The athlete's results demonstrate that they have been tracking towards being ranked within the Top 30 Men/25 Women in the 2022 Alpine Parallel Overall World Cup Standings or towards being ranked within the Top 40 Men or Top 30 Women on the 2023 FIS Base Points List (PAR) within the previous two (2) competition seasons;
 1. Progression towards being ranked within the Top 30 Men/25 Women in the 2022 Alpine Parallel Overall World Cup Standings shall be determined by a comparative analysis of the athlete's historical World Cup ranking from the 2020 and 2021 World Cup (PAR) Overall Rankings. Progression needs to constitute an improvement in ranking each year, and needs to trend towards achieving being ranked within the Top 30 Men/25 Women in the 2022 Alpine Parallel Overall World Cup Standings.
 2. Progression towards being ranked within the Top 40 Men or Top 30 Women on the 2023 FIS Base Points List (PAR) shall be determined by a comparative analysis of the athlete's historical Base FIS Point value from the 2021 and 2022 FIS PAR Base Points List. Progression needs to constitute an improvement in ranking each year, and needs to trend towards achieving being ranked within the Top 40 Men or Top 30 Women on the 2023 FIS Base Points List (PAR).
- v. The athlete has not previously been granted a NextGen Age exemption (athletes



- are only eligible to receive a NextGen Age exemption for a period of one program year. Athletes who have received a NextGen Age exemption in a previous season are no longer eligible to receive an additional NextGen Age exemption);
- vi. The athlete submits to Canada Snowboard, in writing, their evidence and rationale as to why an age exemption should be granted and how they are demonstrating significant progression towards achieving the National Team criteria in the 2022/23 season.
 - vii. They have provided their exemption submissions to Canada Snowboard no later than May 1, 2022 to the High Performance Speed Program Manager, Kim Krahulec, by email at: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca

NOTE: Athletes previously named to the Alpine National Team for two (2) or more years are no longer eligible for NextGen or a NextGen age exemption unless they were at the FIS Junior age category during the years that they were on the National Team.

NextGen Maximum Age Calculation (based on [ICR Rules 2014.10](#))

Season	2022/23
FIS Jr. Age Cutoff	December 31, 2003
NextGen Age Cutoff	December 31, 1998

15. Athletes who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out above may be considered for selection if they meet the conditions of the Exceptional Circumstances provisions set out below in Sections 21 and 22 or the discretionary grounds within the 'High Performance Program General Policies' available on the Canada Snowboard website: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

16. Only eligible results achieved from individual PGS and PSL competition(s) will be considered in the 'Selection Process' detailed in Sections 18 through 20 below.

Team Event results will not be considered in the recommendation of athletes for available positions within the Alpine HPP.
17. For the purpose of selection, performances at the following competitions will be considered:
 - a. Olympic Winter Games (OLY)
 - b. FIS World Championships – Senior (WCH) and Junior (JWCH)
 - c. FIS World Cup (WC)
 - d. Europa Cup (EC)
 - e. North American Cup (NAC)

SELECTION PROCESS

18. All athletes who satisfy the eligibility requirements indicated in Sections 13 and 14 above will be contacted by email from the HPP Manager by April 30, 2022 and will be asked to submit their completed application including their 'Yearly Training Plan and document(s) the athlete incorporates into their yearly plan.



NOTE: CS will use the email address available in the Membership system (SnowReg) associated with the athlete's CS Membership.

OVERALL ATHLETE RANKINGS

19. The athletes will be ranked based on the categories below (sections A. to D.): the athlete 'Gap Score' will be a total out of 100 and the athletes with the lowest gap score will be the highest ranked on the selection worksheet.

CS reserves the right to not select any athletes to the National or NextGen teams if the Selection Committee determines that no athletes are currently performing at the necessary level to be selected to either team.

Athletes eligible for National Team will be ranked separately, by gender, from athletes eligible for the NextGen Team.

The eligibility requirements outlined in Sections 13 - 14 above are meant to identify the long list of the best athletes in Canada for comparison purposes. Once the overall athlete rankings are complete amongst those included on the long list, the Selection Committee will use the 'Gap Scores' to discuss the athletes in the order of their ranking for available team positions.

As a general rule of thumb, to be named to the NextGen Team the athlete should be competitive against a Junior World Championship Level field or other comparable Continental Cup level events, and to be named to the National Team an athlete should be competitive against an international field at World Cup and Senior World Championship level events. Being competitive against a field would mean that the athlete is able to achieve consistent top-third of the field final results.

Determination of what constitutes a significant gap may fluctuate depending on final results achieved and where the majority of riders for a given team fall within the criteria met and overall rankings. For example, a veteran athlete vs a rookie will show a much larger gap than comparing two veterans to the team. 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.

As such, athletes who are eligible for a specific team for the purpose of the overall athlete ranking process but display a significant gap relative to the majority of the riders within the ranking might not be ultimately selected to the team. As an example, if three athletes who are eligible for the same team have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked eligible athlete has 85 points, a gap may be said to exist which indicates an athlete's potential ability or inability to compete at the same level as other ranked athletes on the same team.

Positions on team will be offered based on the highest ranked athletes until a significant gap is presented on the worksheet, a gap in the athlete's skills or results compared to a Junior World Championships or comparable Continental Cup (NextGen) or WC Level (National Team) field is shown, there are no longer eligible athletes, or by reaching the maximum amount of athletes CS can support. All determined gaps will be recorded within the meeting minutes during the overall selection process.

Each category will be given a value, for the categories listed below, to make up the total "Gap



Score” for their ranking in the team selection worksheet.

Categories	National Team	NextGen
Event Priority	30	40
Consistency Ranking	20	30
FIS Points	20	30
% off Leader - WC	30	n/a
Totals	100	100

The weighting of categories is determined by what is important for a National Team athlete as determined by the discipline’s technical experts. The National Team is based mainly off of the results an athlete can achieve at Senior International Level events whereas a NextGen Athlete’s weighting is based mainly on results obtained at the Junior International and Continental Cup level and progression towards results at the International Level.

- a. **EVENT PRIORITY CRITERIA**
 (NT: 30% of Total Score)
 (NG: 40% of Total Score)

Athletes will all start out with the maximum points possible for this category. Every time an athlete meets the criteria listed below, the associated value is deducted from their total score until the lowest score possible, or a score value of zero, is reached from eligible event results outlined in the charts below:

NATIONAL TEAM EVENT PRIORITY VALUE		
PRIORITY	CRITERIA	VALUE
1	Top Third (1/3) final result Level 1 Event	-15
2	Top Half (1/2) final result Level 1 Event	-12
3	First (1) Place – 2022 JWCH	-10

*Level 1 Event shall be described as: eligible FIS World Cup, Senior World Championships or Olympic Winter Games.

NEXTGEN EVENT PRIORITY VALUE		
PRIORITY	CRITERIA	VALUE
1	Top Three (3) – 2022 Overall NAC Tour Ranking	-20



2	Top Four (4) – 2022 JWCH.	-17
3	Top Eight (8) – 2022 JWCH.	-15
4	Top Five (5) – 2022 Overall NAC Tour Ranking	-12
5	Top Half (1/2) of the final results EC	-10

NOTE: A Top Third (1/3) result or a Top Half (1/2) result is not rounded to the nearest whole number as the priority is looking for an actual finish position result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top third 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 in the top third and those who finished 20th or lower are not. DNF's and DSQ's are counted towards the field depth total as those competitors started in the event, however, DNS does not count towards the field depth totals.

Event Priority Scoring Examples:

Athlete 'A' is National Team eligible so they start off with the maximum point value of 30. Athlete 'A' has eligible results that meet Priority 1 and Priority 3. The respective point score for each of the event results would be: -15 and -10 for a total of -25 points. This score is then deducted from their maximum total score of 30, which would give Athlete 'A' a final point score of 5 ($30 - 25 = 5$).

Athlete 'B' is NextGen eligible so they start off with the maximum point value of 40. Athlete 'B' has eligible results that meet Priority 2 and Priority 5. The respective point score for each of the events would be: -17 and -10 for a total of -27 points. This score is then deducted from their maximum total score of 40, which would give Athlete 'B' a final point score of 13 ($40 - 27 = 13$).

Should an athlete obtain a combination of results that exceed the full deduction of the maximum point value, a final point score of 0 will be given regardless of the deduction total. As an example, if a National Team eligible athlete obtains a combination of results that meet the priorities outlined above for a total of -42 points and the total points awarded exceed the maximum point value of 30 for NT, the athlete will be awarded a final point score of 0, not -12.

b. RESULT CONSISTENCY RANKING

(NT: 20% of Total Score)

(NG: 30% of Total Score)

To determine an overall consistency score, each eligible event the athlete competed in, up to a maximum of eight (8) events total, will be given a point score based on the scale below. Each point score from the results will be added together and divided by the number of eligible events considered and then multiplied by the category weight to give the overall score on the selection sheet. Up to a maximum of eight (8) eligible results will be considered for ranking purposes.

National Team:

Tier 1: Eligible World Cup events, Senior World Championships and Olympic Winter Games as of the selection deadline.

Tier 2: Eligible Europa Cup events as of the selection deadline.



*NorAm Results or other Continental Cup results not obtained from the Europa Cup Tour will not be considered for National Team selection.

NextGen:

Tier 1: Junior World Championships and Europa Cup events as of the selection deadline.

Tier 2: NorAm Cup events as of the selection deadline.

*Attending FIS Level 1 events (World Cups, Senior World Championships and Olympic Winter Games) will be rewarded for high-level competition exposure.

CONSISTENCY	
RESULT ACHIEVED	POINT SCORE
Tier 1 – Podium	1
Tier 1 – Top 4	2
Tier 1 – Top 8	3
Tier 2 – Podium	4
Tier 1 – Top 16	5
Tier 1 – Top 32	6
Tier 2 – Top 8	7
Tier 2 – Top 16	8
Tier 1 – 33+	9
Tier 2 – 32+	10

National Team eligible results in Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be given the individual score based on the chart above, all scores will then be added and divided by the number of events to determine the final ranking value. National Team scores will be multiplied by two (2) times to account for the weight of the gap score consistency will make up.

NextGen eligible results in Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be given the individual score based on the above chart, all scores will then be added together, and for any FIS Level 1 events attended there will be a subtraction of 1 point from the totaled individual scores, which will then be divided by the number of events attended (based on the NextGen Tier 1 and 2 level events). NextGen scores will be multiplied by three (3) times to account for the weight of the gap score consistency will make up.

The deductions for NextGen eligible athletes who compete in a FIS Level 1 Event would count as a single event regardless of competition starts at each location. For example: a 2-start PSL World Cup at a single location would only count as a single event deduction of -1 in this case.

Consistency Scoring Examples:

Athlete 'A' is National Team eligible and has 4 eligible results:

- 4th in a Tier 1, and



- 3rd in a Tier 2, and
- 15th in a Tier 1, and
- 26th in a Tier 1.

The respective point score for each event would be: 2, 4, 5, 6 for a total of 17 points, which is then divided by the number of events used, which is 4, which is $17 / 4 = 4.25$. This score is then multiplied by 2 to reflect the 20% category weight which would give Athlete 'A' a final point score of $4.25 * 2 = 8.5$.

Athlete 'B' is NextGen eligible and has *2 results in FIS Level 1 events from different locations and 5 eligible results within the NextGen tiers:

- 2^{ed} Tier 1, and
- 3rd in Tier 2, and
- 7th in a Tier 2, and
- 15 Tier 1, and
- 34 in Tier 1.

The respective point score for each event would be -1, -1, 1, 4, 7, 5, 9 for a total of 24 points which is divided by the number of NextGen Tier events, which would be $24 / 5 = 4.8$. This score is then multiplied by 3 to reflect the 30% category weight which would give Athlete 'B' a final point score of $4.8 * 3 = 14.4$. Had this athlete not attended two (2) FIS Level 1 events their score would be $(26 / 5) * 3 = 15.6$.

- c. **FIS POINT RANKING**
(NT: 20% of Total Score)
(NG: 30% of Total Score)

Athletes will be ranked based on their active FIS Points (Canadian only) as described on the most recent FIS Point List as of the selection deadline and will be given a score value based on the following charts:

NATIONAL TEAM FIS POINT VALUE	
FIS POINT RANK	VALUE
Top Ranked Canadian Athlete	2
2 ^{ed} Ranked Athlete	4
3 rd Ranked Athlete	6
4 th Ranked Athlete	8
5 th Ranked Athlete	10
6 th Ranked Athlete	12
7 th Ranked Athlete	14
8 th Ranked Athlete	16



9 th Ranked Athlete	18
10 th Ranked Athlete	20

NEXTGEN FIS POINT VALUE	
FIS POINT RANK	VALUE
Top Ranked Canadian Athlete	3
2 ^{ed} Ranked Athlete	6
3 rd Ranked Athlete	9
4 th Ranked Athlete	12
5 th Ranked Athlete	15
6 th Ranked Athlete	18
7 th Ranked Athlete	21
8 th Ranked Athlete	24
9 th Ranked Athlete	27
10 th Ranked Athlete	30

In the event that athletes of the same gender are tied on the most recent FIS Point list as of the selection deadline, both athletes will receive the same value score.

NOTE: Athletes eligible for the National Team will be ranked against other Canadian National Team eligible athletes. Similarly, athletes eligible for NextGen will be ranked against other Canadian NextGen eligible athletes.

**d. WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE RANKING (NATIONAL TEAM ONLY)
(NT: 30% of Total Score)**

Athletes will be ranked based on their Top Four (4) qualification percentage difference (from the leader) in eligible World Cup events and will be given a score value based on the following charts:

NATIONAL TEAM WC QUALIFICATION VALUE	
RANK	VALUE



Top Ranked Canadian Athlete	3
2 ^{ed} Ranked Athlete	6
3 rd Ranked Athlete	9
4 th Ranked Athlete	12
5 th Ranked Athlete	15
6 th Ranked Athlete	18
7 th Ranked Athlete	21
8 th Ranked Athlete	24
9 th Ranked Athlete	27
10 th Ranked Athlete	30

In the event that athletes of the same gender are tied, both athletes will receive the same value score. Only qualification results/data achieved from moving into the second run at eligible competitions will be considered for ranking purposes.

- Athletes are ranked and then selected for available National Team and NextGen Program positions by the order of their final gap score ranking on the selection sheets.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- CS may, at any time, require an athlete who appears, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a CS recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The medical assessment is for the purpose of confirming the degree of the athlete's ability to compete and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.
- It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in a minimum of three national or international level events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances, the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the National Team & NextGen Program Coaches.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

23. Selection to the Alpine National Team or NextGen Program does not automatically provide an athlete with entry into World Cup(s), World Championship (Senior and Junior) or Olympic Winter Game competitions, or automatically provide Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) carding or other funding support.
24. Athlete selection for World Cups, World Championships (Senior and Junior) and Olympic Winter Games is done according to separate Selection Protocols, which are available on the 'Document Center' of the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>

DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND APPEAL PROCESS

25. Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be named to the HPP shall be ratified by the Executive Director of CS, on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee.
26. In the event that an unforeseeable issue or exceptional circumstance arises that is not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol and this issue or circumstance will have a material impact on the selection process as outlined herein, the Executive Director of CS, in consultation with the Sport and High-Performance Director, shall determine how the issue or circumstance shall be addressed, taking into account the best interests of the HPP program from a performance perspective. Should any action be taken pursuant to this provision, CS will communicate directly with any individual impacted by such action, and provide reasons for any action taken.
27. Appeals of any decision made pursuant to this Protocol 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:
https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_Appeals_Policy_EN.pdf

Members in good standing are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard Appeals Process Map which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>

GENERAL

28. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.

30. 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.