



**SELECTION PROTOCOL**  
**2018-19 WORLD CUP EVENTS: ALPINE**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. Canada Snowboard, through its membership in 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 invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Alpine 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 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 in regards to athlete selection for Alpine World Cups shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the Alpine World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & HPD, the Alpine National Team Coach, and the HPP Manager(s).

**TERMS**

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol document:
  - a) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
  - b) HPP: High Performance Program
  - c) Alpine (PAR): PGS, PSL and PRT (Team event)
  - d) WC: World Cup
  - e) EC: Europa Cup
  - f) NAC: NorAm Cup

**ELIGIBILITY**



7. To be **eligible** to participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup, an athlete **must**:
  - a) Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their recognized Provincial or Territorial Snowboard Association (PTSA);
  - b) Have a valid FIS license;
  - c) Have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP); and
  - d) Have a minimum of 50 PAR points in the most recent FIS Points List.

### **ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

8. 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.
9. The 2018/19 Canadian Parallel Giant Slalom and Parallel Slalom World Cup quota are:
  - 3 - Basic Quota (max 2 per gender)
  - 3 - Additional Men
  - 5 - Personal Spots from 2017/18 NorAm Overall Tour Podiums
    - Megan Farrell
    - Jennifer Hawkrigg
    - Katrina Gerencser
    - Arnaud Gaudet
    - Jules Lefevbre
  - Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in points #14 to #25 below are as follows:
    - Three (3) Basic Quota (max 2 per gender)
    - Three (3) Women which includes three (3) personal spots
    - Five (5) Men which includes two (2) personal spots

FIS quotas can be referenced online at: <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/snowboard-documents>

10. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the January 2019 FIS Points List with only an increase in quotas 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>)
11. 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 #14 through #25 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into four blocks: 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' as outlined in section #13.



12. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup or Continental Cup champions must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard.
13. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2018-19 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled events:

Block	Competitions	Discipline	Competition Dates	Estimated Selection Deadline
A	Carezza, ITA	PGS	Dec 13, 2018	Nov 28, 2018
	Cortina d'Ampezzo, ITA	PGS	Dec 14-15, 2018	
B	Bad Gastein, AUT	2x PSL/PRT	Jan 8-9, 2019	Dec 20, 2018
	Rogla, SLO	PGS	Jan 19, 2019	
	Moscow, RUS	2X PSL/PRT	Jan 26-27, 2019	
C	Pyeongchang, KOR	2x PGS	Feb 16-17, 2019	Jan 30, 2019
	Secret Garden, CHN	PSL/PGS	Feb 23-24, 2019	
D	Scoul, SUI	PGS	Mar 9, 2019	Feb 26, 2019
	Winterberg, GER	2x PSL/PRT	Mar 23-24, 2019	

Note: 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 leading clubs & coaches as best as possible the selection process for any World Cups added or removed from the calendar after this protocol has been published.

## **RANKING PROCESS**

### **Block A: Carezza (PGS) and Cortina d'Ampezzo (PGS)**

14. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team and athletes with earned personal quota spots:

Men: \_\_\_\_\_

Sebastien Beaulieu  
 Arnaud Gaudet  
 Jules Lefebvre  
 Jasey-Jay Anderson  
 Darren Gardner

Women: \_\_\_\_\_

Megan Farrell  
 Katrina Gerencser  
 Kaylie Buck  
 Jennifer Hawkrigg

15. Remaining opportunities will be awarded to the fastest eligible athletes as determined by the PGS time-trials that will be held at the Mt. Edouard, Quebec camp between November 12-24, 2018. The fastest two (2) male and one (1) female rider will be selected to attend the Block 'A' World Cups.

Athletes will be ranked by awarding points for each of the four (4) time-trials to create an overall ranking for the camp. The National Team Coach will communicate the results to the HPP Manager for announcement and to update the World Cup entries. If the plan for four (4) selection time trials are not reached due to snow, weather and/or wind conditions, the total number of reached time-trials will be used.

Note: If no time-trials are held at the Mt. Edouard, Quebec Camp allocation of competitive opportunities for Block 'A' World Cups will be based on the latest available FIS points list until no spots remain.

**Block B: Bad Gastein (PSL/PRT) Rogla (PGS) Moscow (PSL/PRT)**

16. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team and athletes with earned personal quota spots:

Men: \_\_\_\_\_

Sebastien Beaulieu  
Arnaud Gaudet  
Jules Lefebvre  
Jasey-Jay Anderson  
Darren Gardner

Women: \_\_\_\_\_

Megan Farrell  
Katrina Gerencser  
Kaylie Buck  
Jennifer Hawkrigg

17. Second priority will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve one of the following:

- December 13, 2018: Carezza World Cup (PGS): Top Two-Thirds Result
- December 14-15, 2018: Cortina World Cup (PGS): Top Two-Thirds Result

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's next best result will be used.
- b. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favor of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS points list that breaks the tie.

18. The third priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities for Block 'B' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve a top half (1/2)



result at the following event:

- December 8-9, 2018: Hochfugen, AUT - EC (2x PGS)

19. Remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes from a ranking list who achieve a First Place (1) result at the following NAC competitions:

- December 8-9 2018: Steamboat, CO, USA- NAC (PGS/PSL)
- December 14-16, 2018: Buck Hill, MN, USA - NAC (3x PSL)

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Average of the athlete's best those (2) results from the NAC selection competitions listed above. Rankings will be calculated using the NAC points system (1<sup>st</sup> place=500pts, 2<sup>ed</sup> place=400pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place=300pts, etc.).
- b. In the event of a tie, then the athletes best result will be used.
- c. If a tie still remains, the athletes third best result will be used.
- d. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest ranking on the most recent available FIS points list.

### **Block C: Pyeongchang (PGS) and Secret Garden (PSL/PGS)**

20. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team and athletes with earned personal quota spots:

Men: \_\_\_\_\_

Sebastien Beaulieu  
Arnaud Gaudet  
Jules Lefebvre  
Jasey-Jay Anderson  
Darren Gardner

Women \_\_\_\_\_

Megan Farrell  
Katrina Gerencser  
Kaylie Buck  
Jennifer Hawkrigg

21. Second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve a Top Two-Thirds (2/3) result in any of the following World Cup events:

- January 8-9, 2019: Bad Gastein AUT World Cup (PSL/PT)
- January 19, 2019 Rogla SLO World Cup (PGS)
- January 26-27, 2019: Moscow RUS World Cup (2 x PSL)

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'B' World Cups listed above. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's next best result will



be used until the tie is broken.

- b. If a tie still remains after comparing all Block 'B' World Cup results, it will be broken in favor of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS points list that breaks the tie.

22. Remaining competitive opportunities for the Block 'C' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve the following:

Top three (3) result for both Men and Women:

- January 2-4, 2019: Le Relais QC NorAm (2x PGS)

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's best two results from the FIS NorAm Race listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favor of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS points list that breaks the tie.

#### **Block D: Scoul (PGS) and Winterberg (PSL/PRT)**

23. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Alpine Team and athletes with earned personal quota spots:

Men: \_\_\_\_\_

Sebastien Beaulieu  
Arnaud Gaudet  
Jules Lefebvre  
Jasey-Jay Anderson  
Darren Gardner

Women: \_\_\_\_\_

Megan Farrell  
Katrina Gerencser  
Kaylie Buck  
Jennifer Hawkrigg

24. Second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve a Top Two-Thirds (2/3) result in any of the following World Cup events:

- February 16-17, 2019: Pyeongchang KOR World Cup (2x PGS)
- February 23-24, 2019 Secret Garden CHN World Cup (PGS/PSL)

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'C' World Cups listed above. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's next best result will be used until the tie is broken.
- b. If a tie still remains after comparing all Block 'C' World Cup results, it will be broken in favor of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS points list that breaks the tie.



25. Remaining competitive opportunities for the Block 'D' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve the following:

Top three (3) result for both Men and Women:

- February 9-10, 2019: Alpine Ski Club ON NorAm (2x PSL)

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's best two results from the FIS NorAm Race listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favor of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS points list that breaks the tie.

### **SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS**

26. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the "HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol" (General Policy).
27. Selection rankings notwithstanding, 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 by FIS. The grounds for any such decisions must be clearly detailed 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 have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 45 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 Canada Snowboard athletes in the same discipline.

- e. An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- f. An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved higher than her or his 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 his or her calculated ranking.

### **HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

- 28. 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.
- 29. 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**

- 30. An athlete who is not coached by an official Canada Snowboard Coach may not participate in a FIS Snowboard Event. The list of CS approved coaches can be found here:  
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/coaching/currentcoach/>.

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis where the coach will need to accept and sign a reliability form and send a photo of their coaching membership for approval to Kim Krahulec High Performance Manager at: [kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca](mailto:kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca). Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity.

### **APPEALS**



31. 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>.

#### **GENERAL**

32. Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by Canada Snowboard's "Dispute Resolution Policy" which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>.