



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2021-22 WORLD CUP EVENTS: ALPINE

Approval Authority:	Executive Director/CEO
Responsible Department:	High Performance
Approval Date:	October 26, 2021
Revision:	Yearly (Pre-Season)
Next Review Date:	August 2022
Related Policies:	<u>HPP – General Policy</u>

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 in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Alpine discipline.
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 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 High Performance Program (HPP) general policies can be found in the Document Centre on the Canada Snowboard website at: https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HP_P-GeneralPolicies.pdf



5. Final athlete selection decisions 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 & High Performance Director, the Alpine National Team Coaching staff, the High Performance Program Manager(s) and the High Performance Program Coordinator.

OBJECTIVES

6. 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 16 results 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

7. 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. Alpine (PAR):	PGS, PSL
e. WC:	World Cup
f. EC:	Europa Cup
g. NAC:	NorAm Cup

ELIGIBILITY

8. 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 50 PAR FIS Points on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline as outlined by [FIS Snowboard World Cup Rule 5.5.2.](#)

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

9. 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.

Grounds for any such decision must be discussed in detail and 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 Alpine course.

10. The 2021/22 Canadian Parallel Giant Slalom and Parallel Slalom World Cup quota are:
 - a. Three (3) - Basic Quota (BQ) (max. 2 per gender)
 - b. One (1) – Additional Women (AQ)
 - c. Two (2) - Additional Men (AQ)
 - d. Three (3) - Personal Spots from 2019/20 NorAm Overall Tour Podiums
 - Jennifer Hawkrigg
 - Kaylie Buck
 - Arnaud Gaudet
 - e. Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in points Sections 17 to 26 below are as follows:
 - Three (3) Basic Quota (BQ max. 2 per gender)
 - Three (3) Women, which includes one (1) Additional Quota (AQ) and two (2) Personal Spots.
 - Three (3) Men, which includes two (2) Additional Quota (AQ) and one (1) Personal Spot.

FIS Quota can be referenced on the FIS website:

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

11. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the January 2022 FIS Points List 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>
12. 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 17 through 29 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into three blocks: 'A', 'B' & 'C' as outlined in Section 16 below.
13. Only eligible final results achieved from an individual competition will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 17 through 26. Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions.
14. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup, Senior or Junior World Champion, or Continental Cup podiums must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard.
15. 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 17 through 26 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 DSQs are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in



the event; however, DNS does not count toward the field size and will be removed from the field size calculation.

16. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2021-22 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled World Cup competitions:

Block	Competitions	Discipline	Competition Dates	Estimated Selection Deadline
A	Bannoye, RUS	PGS/PSL	Dec 11 – 12, 2021	November 26, 2021
	Carezza, ITA	PGS	Dec 16, 2021	
	Cortina d’Ampezzo, ITA	PGS	Dec 18, 2021	
B	Scoul, SUI	PGS	Jan 8, 2022	December 20, 2021
	Bad Gastein, AUT	PSL	Jan 11, 2022	
	Simonhöhe, AUT	PGS	Jan 15-16, 2022	
C	Moscow, RUS	PSL	Feb 26, 2022	February 7, 2022
	Rogla, SLO	PGS	Mar 5, 2022	
	Piancavallo, ITA	PSL	Mar 12-13, 2022	
	Berchtesgaden, GER	PSL	Mar 19-20, 2022	

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 the impacted individuals 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: Bannoye (RUS), Carezza (ITA), Cortina d’Ampezzo (ITA)

17. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities for ‘Block A’ World Cups shall be given to members of the Alpine National Team and those with earned personal spots:

Men: _____
 Sebastien Beaulieu
 Darren Gardner
 Arnaud Gaudet

Women: _____
 Megan Farrell
 Kaylie Buck
 Jennifer Hawkrigg

18. The second priority in the allocation of one (1) Basic Quota competitive opportunity for ‘Block A’ World Cups shall be given to the fastest single eligible athlete from the 2021/22 CS Alpine NextGen Team at



the following competition:

- November 25, 2021: Nakiska, AB: FIS Race (GS)

Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the combined time from both runs from the athlete's best result from the FIS Race listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the single fastest time from the FIS Race at the same location listed above.
- c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points on the most recent FIS Point List at the time of selection.

19. The remaining two (2) Basic Quota competitive opportunities for 'Block A' World Cups will be allocated to the next fastest eligible athletes from the November 25, 2021: Nakiska, AB FIS Race (GS). Once the maximum Basic Quota of two (2) per gender is allocated, including the quota from Priority Two in Section 18 above, then the remaining Basic Quota will go to the fastest eligible athlete of the opposing gender.

Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the combined time from both runs from the athlete's best result from the FIS Race listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the single fastest time from the FIS Race listed above.
- c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS points on the most recent FIS Point List at the time of selection.

NOTE: If the FIS Race (GS) scheduled for November 25, 2021 in Nakiska, AB is not held, the allocation of remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'A' World Cups outlined in Sections 18 and 19, above, will be awarded as determined by a two run GS time-trial that will be held at Nakiska, AB on November 25th or 26th, whichever day is more suitable to run the time trial as determined by the CS HPP Alpine coach(es).

If a time-trial takes place, Canada Snowboard will rank eligible athlete(s), in descending order (from fastest to slowest), based on the combined time from both runs from the two-run time trial format based on the available data from the time trial results on-site. Canada Snowboard will allocate available Basic Quota spots in priority order following the procedures outlined in Section 18 and Section 19 above.

If the plan for two (2) selection time trial runs is rendered impossible or impractical due to snow, weather and/or wind conditions, the total number of reached time-trial runs will be used for ranking purposes.

Block B: Scoul (SUI), Bad Gastein (AUT), Simonhöhe (AUT)

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

Men: _____
Sebastien Beaulieu
Darren Gardner
Arnaud Gaudet

Women: _____
Megan Farrell
Kaylie Buck
Jennifer Hawkrigg

21. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athletes



who achieve a Top 32 Final Result at one of the following Block 'A' World Cup competitions:

- a. December 11-12, 2021: Bannoye, RUS World Cup (PGS/PSL)
- b. December 16, 2021: Carezza, ITA World Cup (PGS)
- c. December 18, 2021: Cortina d'Ampezzo, ITA World Cup (PGS)

The athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, the athlete's next best result will be used.
- c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS Points List at the time of selection.

22. All remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve Two (x2) Top 16 Final Results at the following Europa Cup competitions:

- December 11-12, 2021: Hochfügen, AUT Europa Cup (PGS)
- December 18-19, 2021: Moninec, CZE Europa Cup (PSL x2)

The athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the average of the athlete's best two result from the Europa Cup races listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, the athlete's third best result from the Europa Cup races listed above will be used to break the tie.
- c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS points on the most recent FIS Point List at the time of selection.

Block C: Moscow (RUS), Rogla (SLO), Piancavallo (ITA) and Berchtesgaden (GER)

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

Men: _____

Sebastien Beaulieu

Darren Gardner

Arnaud Gaudet

Women: _____

Megan Farrell

Kaylie Buck

Jennifer Hawkrigg

24. The second priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve a Top 32 Final Result at one of the following Block 'B' World Cup competitions:

- a. January 8, 2022: Scoul, SUI World Cup (PGS)
- b. January 11, 2022: Bad Gastein, AUT World Cup (PSL)
- c. January 15-16, 2022: Simonhöhe, AUT (PGS)

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, the athlete's next best result will be used.
- c. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best ranking on the most recent FIS Points List at the time of selection.

25. The third priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities for Block 'C' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve Two (x2) Top 16 Final Results at the following Europa Cup competitions:

- January 22-23, 2022: Bukovel, URK Europa Cup (PGS x2)
- January 29-30, 2022: Davos, SUI Europa Cup (PGS/PSL)
- February 5-6, 2022: Lenzerheide, SUI Europa Cup (PSL)



The athletes will be ranked as follows:

- d. Taking the average of the athlete's best two result from the Europa Cup races listed above.
 - e. In the event of a tie, the athlete's third best result from the Europa Cup races listed above will be used to break the tie.
 - f. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS points on the most recent FIS Point List at the time of selection.
26. Any remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'C' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes who achieve a Top Six (6) Final Results at the following North American Cup competitions:
- February 3-4, 2022: Steamboat, CO USA (PGS/PSL)

The athletes will be ranked as follows:

- g. Taking the athlete's single best result from the North American Cup races listed above.
- h. In the event of a tie, the athlete's second best result from the North American Cup races listed above will be used to break the tie.
- i. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS points on the most recent FIS Point List at the time of selection.

Alpine Mixed Gender Team Event:

27. Alpine Team Event competitions are scheduled to be held at the following venues in the 2021-22 season:
- a. Bad Gastein, AUT January 12, 2022
 - b. Piancavallo, ITA March 13, 2022
 - c. Berchtesgaden, GER March 20, 2022
28. The number of teams Canada may field at a given event will be determined according to [FIS Snowboard World Cup Quota rules](#).
29. Team participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:
- a. Team #1: will be prioritized to prior team event team(s) who placed within the Top 4 of the final results during any Mixed Gender Team Event of the 2021-22 season.
 - i. In the event of a tie, it will be broken in favour of the team who had the highest placing at any eligible team event from the 2021-22 season.
 - ii. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the team with the highest average world cup ranking at the time of selection.

In the event Canada is allocated 2 or more teams, or if no one meets the criteria listed in Section 29, Point "a" above, participation will be determined as follows to field the remaining number of teams:

- b. The fastest Male and Female athlete with the best final result from the individual World Cup race at the same venue.

Canada Snowboard Alpine High Performance Program coach(es) will make decisions of the mixed gender team pairing(s) on site during the World Cup competition based on the final results available at the individual race at the same venue to put the best team(s) that are most capable of achieving a podium result forward. The final composition and fielding of the Mixed Gender Alpine Team Event will be made by the Alpine Head Coach(es) with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing(s). This decision will be based on the coaches' judgement and entrusted to them in their role with the team as Head Coach.



NOTE: World Cup Quota Allocation criteria applies to individual PGS or PSL races only. Alpine Team Event participation will be determined at the World Cup venue and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at the same venue.

NOTE: Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual World Cup competitions as outlined in Sections 17 through 26 of this document.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

30. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the “HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol”
https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20RTS%20protocol_2018.pdf
31. On the basis of the Special Ranking Considerations listed below, and notwithstanding the selection rankings, Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to select athletes to participate in an order other than that indicated by the rankings, and to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota provided 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 the 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.
 - 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

32. 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.
33. 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

34. 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 World Cup 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

35. 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

36. 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.
37. 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.

38. 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.
39. 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.