



## HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL ALPINE DISCIPLINE: 2017-18

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Ratified by the Executive Director

### INTRODUCTION

1. The High Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named by Canada Snowboard (CS) and who are then eligible to receive support directly from CS. Athletes named to the HPP are recognized as members of Canada Snowboard's National Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard; or are team members of a Development Group or 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 2017-2018 High Performance Program in the Alpine discipline; and
  - b) Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2017-2018 Alpine National Team and NextGen/Development Program.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Canada Snowboard Selection Protocols are located on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard web site at:  
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>
4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered National Team or NextGen/Development program spots according to CS's formal **Selection Process**, which can be referenced in sections 12 through 15 in this document.

### TERMS

5. 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) OWG	Olympic Winter Games
g) EC	Europa Cup
h) NAC	NorAm Cup

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- i) PAR Parallel Discipline (PGS/PSL)

## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the Alpine National Team staff, the HPP Director (Sport and High Performance Director) and HPP Manager(s). If required, the committee will seek input from:
  - Canadian International Judges
  - HPP Strength and Conditioning Trainer(s)
  - HPP Integrated Support Team (IST)
  - Lead Canadian Coaches
7. The Selection Committee will meet on or before May 1, 2017 to identify and recommend the athletes for selection to the HPP for the coming year.
8. The Canada Snowboard HPP's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athletes' performances during the 2016-2017 season.
9. All HPP athlete selections are valid for one-year ending on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.
10. The maximum number of available positions in the HPP shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. This number will be based on the constraints of the HPP program, primarily financial.

**Note:** Due to these constraints, the HPP may **not** be able to support Development Group or NextGen programs for some disciplines. If this is the case, the selection protocol for these programs will be **void** as cannot be appealed.

11. Athlete rankings based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions; however, the Canada Snowboard HPP Management and coaching staff have 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 set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the document "*General Policies High Performance Program*" located in the 'Document Centre' on the Canada Snowboard website.

## IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

12. To be eligible for selection to the Alpine National Team, an athlete must:
  - a) Be in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association.
  - b) Have competed in a minimum of three Continental Cup level or higher

events in 2016-2017.

- c) Have a minimum of 50 FIS PAR points on the most recent FIS points list.
- d) Next Gen athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of December 31, 2017

## SELECTION PROCESS – ALPINE NATIONAL TEAM

### 13. Qualifying Competitions

- a) For the purpose of selection, the following competitions will be considered:
  - FIS World Cups
  - FIS World Championships (Jr, Sr)
  - Nor-Am Tour
  
- b) Alpine National Team Selection will be based on the following criteria:
  - i) **Method 'A'** Minimum Results:
    - One (1) Podium at WC or WCH, or
    - Two (2) Top 16 results at WC or WCH, or
    - One (1) Top 16 result at WC or WCH and One (1) Top 5 NAC or 1 Top 8 EC
  
  - ii) **Method 'B'** Minimum Results:  
(Subject to Selection Committee Performance Analysis)
    - Two (2) Top 24 Results (W) or 32 (M) at WC, or
    - Top 3 in overall NAC Tour Ranking, or
    - Two (2) Top 16 EC, or
    - A podium at Junior World Championships.

**It is important to note** that an athlete selected via Method 'B' ~~must also meet the Development/NextGen requirements as outlined in the following section.~~ will be subject to the Selection Committee Performance Analysis (section #15).

## SELECTION PROCESS ALPINE NEXTGEN/DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### 14. Qualifying Competitions

- a) For the purpose of selection, the following competitions will be considered:
  - Continental Cups

- Junior World Championships

**i) NextGen/Development Minimum Results:**

(Subject to Selection Committee Performance Analysis)

- Top 8 (W) Top 10 (M) in Overall NAC Tour Ranking, or
- Top 16 EC, or
- Top 8 at Junior World Championships.

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS**

A further evaluation for athletes meeting the Method 'B' National Team or NextGen/Development Program Minimum Results.

15. The Selection Committee will undertake a comprehensive performance analysis of each athlete, as required, based on the following factors:
- Athletes' history of competitive performances;
  - Athletes' performance curves;
  - Number of World Cup quota spots available;
  - Athletes' technical skills and potential for improvement;
  - Athletes' commitment and adherence to an **approved** high performance training program (Canada Snowboard approved coach to provide athletes Yearly Training Plan); and
  - Athletes' physical readiness.

## **ALTERNATES**

16. Canada Snowboard may choose to identify alternate athletes who, because of team size limitations, cannot be initially offered Team positions.
17. Should an athlete decline an offered Team position, that position can then be offered to the highest ranked alternate. The alternate shall have one (1) week in which to confirm their acceptance of the position.

## **EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

18. Canada Snowboard 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 Canada Snowboard 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.

19. 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 Coach.

## ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

20. Athletes selection for World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games is done according to separate Selection Protocols, which are available on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard website at: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>

## APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

21. Ratification of athlete selection shall be made by the Executive Director of Canada Snowboard, on the basis of recommendations by the Sport & HPP Director, in consultation with Canada Snowboard coaching staff and the HPP Managers.
22. The Executive Director of Canada Snowboard, in consultation with the Sport & HPP Director, shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol.
23. Any decision made by the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any individual directly affected by a Canada Snowboard decision, as long as they are in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association; and provided there are sufficient grounds for an appeal according to the Canada Snowboard '*Appeals Protocol*', available on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard website.