



**CANADA
SNOWBOARD**

GUIDELINES

EVENTS &

COMPETITIONS

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CANADA SNOWBOARD GUIDELINES

The Canada Snowboard Events Department Guidelines have been established by Canada Snowboard since its inception for the organization, conduct, and judging of our sport. The rules are reviewed and approved in accordance with [Canada Snowboard strategic plan](#) and bylaws.

In translation and interpreting these rules, it's understood that the words "shall", "should", "will", and "must" will be used, and the words "can" and "may" are permissive.

It's the responsibility of the organizing committee to ensure that each stakeholder has access to the latest version of the Canada Snowboard Guidelines and Handbooks. No Canada Snowboard Guidelines and Handbooks will be modified between November 15th and April 30th of each year.

CANADA SNOWBOARD HANDBOOKS

Each Competition Tournament has specific Handbooks which relate to the competitive LTAD stage. These Handbooks are located under the Document Center in the Events & Competitions [tab](#).

- Air Nation Freestyle Tour Handbook
- Speed Nation SBX Tour Handbook
- Speed Nation Alpine Tour Handbook
- Provincial/ Territorial Series Handbook
- GROM Series Handbook

FUNDAMENTAL RULES

1. It shall be the sole responsibility of each Athlete to decide whether to start.
2. An Athlete shall compete only by using their speed and skill, by individual effort in accordance with the principles of fair play and sportsmanship.
3. Athletes, coaches and officials must be members of their Provincial or Territorial Snowboard Association and Canada Snowboard or respective national snowboard association must familiarize themselves with the Guidelines laid out in this Document, [International Ski and Snowboard Federation \(FIS\) ICR rulebook](#), the [International Para Snowboard Competition Rules](#), the World Snowboard Federation ([WSF](#)) and the World Snowboarding Points List ([WSPL](#)).
4. All Athletes are required to inform themselves of the time and place of each event. It is their sole responsibility to be aware of any changes or cancellations.
5. Under no circumstances shall the Jury modify the rules pertaining to, age categories*, or resort obligations.

*Age categories may be combined for the efficient running of an event but must remain as stated for results.

CANADA SNOWBOARD LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

The concept of "Park to Podium" is at the core of Canada Snowboard's **Long Term Development (LTD)** framework. By progressing through each of the LTD's eight stages, athletes will be able to learn the sport of snowboarding, acquire the skills needed to excel as a competitor, and make the transition to roles within the sport following their competitive years.

These eight integrated stages are designed to help snowboarders reach the podium and are based on the participant's developmental (both physiological and mental) age, rather than chronological age.

Canada Snowboard Competition Pathway is aligned with the Canada Snowboard Long Term Athlete Development Pathway; this alignment provides to the athletes a clear pathway from the LEARN TO TRAIN to TRAIN TO WIN.

Snowboard LTAD Framework



01

Stage 1: ACTIVE START (ages 0-6)

Physiological development: Initiation of basic human movement skills: running, jumping, kicking, throwing, catching, swimming, sliding, etc.



02

Stage 2: FUNDAMENTALS (ages 6-9)

Physical literacy: Interrelation of movement skills and sport skills. Speed, power and endurance are developed using sports and games.



03

Stage 3: LEARN TO RIDE (ages 8-12)

Snowboard literacy: Introduces snowboarders to all disciplines. This will allow the child to identify what they like while creating a great multi-skill foundation.



04

Stage 4: TRAIN TO TRAIN (ages 12+)

Training literacy: Specialization and emphasis on strength conditioning. Focus is on training rather than competing.



05

Stage 5: TRAIN TO COMPETE (ages 14-16+)

Competition literacy: Emphasis on developing individual strengths through modeling, physical, technical and tactical skills.



06

Stage 6: LEARN TO WIN (ages 17-18+)

Excellence: Transition period between the national and international level. All performance factors are now fully established in order to optimize performance.



07

Stage 7: TRAIN TO WIN (ages 20-24+)

Mastery: Focus is on the preservation of high quality and consistent performances to be "winning for a living".



08

Stage 8: ACTIVE FOR LIFE (any age)

Transition from competition to an active lifestyle.

CANADA SNOWBOARD SPORT & SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Canada Snowboard Sport & System Development Department (“SSD Department”) oversees all the sanctioned Events & Competitions in Canada, manages the Officials, Judges and Coaches Programs and ensures the alignment between the National Snowboard Association (“Canada Snowboard – CS”) and the Provincial/ Territorial Snowboard Associations (“PTSA”).

This department is responsible for the alignment between the Canada Snowboard Long-Term Athletes Development Pathway and the Canadian Snowboard Events & Competition Structure.

The Canada Snowboard (CS) Sport System Development (SSD) department will be the main point of contact, for all event related questions please email events@canadasnowboard.ca

PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATIONS (PTSA)

The Provincial & Territorial Snowboard Associations, as the members of Canada Snowboard, are responsible for the implementation of the Canadian Snowboard Events & Competition Structure, under the direct advice and supervision of the Canada Snowboard Sport & System Development Department.

PTSA’s Executive Directors

The Provincial/ Territorial Snowboard Associations Executive Directors are responsible for the management and administration of all events and members in their Province or Territory. Their role in event management is to ensure safe, fair and efficient events that take into account the best interests of all Canada Snowboard members in their Province or Territory. The Executive Directors and/or host resort will be responsible for the orderly preparation and conduct of the entire Canada Snowboard Event. The Provincial and Territorial Snowboard Associations Executive Directors and/or host resort shall take all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that athlete safety shall be the number one priority in course design, construction and maintenance.

CLUBS: THE CS CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICY

In order to achieve CS’s purpose of becoming the “World Leading Snowboard Nation” engagement and collaboration between CS, PTSAs and Clubs is paramount. CS is generally responsible for the

development of programs and services that impact all PTSAs and Clubs across Canada and operating the High Performance Program for those athletes who are on the National or Next Gen Canada Snowboard Teams.

The PTSAs are generally responsible for implementing programs and services impacting athletes within a specific provincial boundary. Clubs are responsible for implementing programs and services impacting athletes at a local or regional level.

CS believes in embracing the culture of snowboarding while keeping a commitment to excellence as the foundation of who we are. Performance at the highest level comes from an athlete-focussed approach to training, programs and coaching.

Clubs are the backbone for the continued development of snowboard athletes in Canada. Our goal is to work together with Clubs to provide the best possible support system for competitive snowboard athletes. From a young rider's first structured program to attending their first event, to progressing to Next Gen and National Team programs – our Provincial and Territorial Snowboard Clubs are key to developing Canada's future athletes.

The [Canada Snowboard Club Sanctioning Policy](#) will ensure best practice standards are integrated within the Clubs to ensure alignment in standards from Coast to Coast and to allow the best, and safest, snowboard environment and experience to all participants.

COACHES: THE COACHING PROGRAM

The Canada Snowboard Coaching Program ([CSCP](#)), in partnership with the National Coaching Certification Program ([NCCP](#)) oversee the development and delivery of educational resources for Canadian snowboard coaches. The Program also ensures that individuals are able to enter and progress along the snowboard coaching pathway.

Provincial and Territorial Snowboard Clubs, Provincial / Territorial Teams and our National Team rely on the expertise of Coaches to help snowboarders learn new skills, compete at the highest level, and reach their athletic potential.

Coaches work with Stage 3-7 athletes of the Long Term Athlete Development Pathway (LTAD) on snowboard specific skills, training for success in competitive snowboard disciplines, and developing the experience and confidence needed to win at progressively higher levels.

The Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP)

At Canada Snowboard, we're on a mission to develop the next generation of great coaches. We equally want to ensure that our current coaches get the support and training they need in order to prepare athletes for continued success on the international stage. To learn more about increasing your coaching knowledge, skills, credentials and professional development opportunities, click here. To know more about the Canada Snowboard Coaching Program (CSCP), click [HERE](#)

OFFICIALS: THE OFFICIALS PROGRAM

The purpose of the [Officials Program](#) is to provide snowboard officials with a greater understanding of the role they will assume during a competition and to introduce them to the rules of snowboard competition, the Canada Snowboard Guidelines (this document), the International Competition Rules of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), the International Para Snowboard Competition Rules and the World Snowboard Points List (WSF). Canada Snowboard and the provincial and territorial snowboard associations (PTSA) mandate is to ensure all volunteers and officials understand the International rules (FIS ICR), and the CS guidelines in order to run safe and fair competitions from coast to coast.

Please refer to the [SCOPE OF PRACTICE POLICY: Events & Competitions OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION STANDARDS](#) for certification levels needed for each type of event.

For all the details about the Officials Programs, consult the [Officials Program Operations Manual](#).

JUDGES: THE JUDGES PROGRAM

Competitive freestyle snowboarding is a judged sport. Freestyle snowboard judges are required to provide a very specific set of skills and abilities in order to effectively run freestyle snowboard events, and accurately produce competition results. All Judges must refer to the FIS [ICR](#) - section 3311.

Judges are responsible for evaluating the performance of each competitor using a set of criteria, comparing each rider's performance against the field of competition and turnout a final ranking sorted from best to worst.

The purpose of the Judges Program is to provide snowboard judges with a greater understanding of the role they will assume during a competition and ensure athletes are being judged in a fair way during any Canadian Snowboard event. To know more about the Judges Program, click [HERE](#).

EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS SAFETY

Safety Requirements

All Canada Snowboard competitions will need to follow the specific safety requirements outlined on each of the Events Handbooks and in the FIS [ICR](#) where applicable.

Competition Medical Plan

All competition organizers in conjunction with the resort and local medical facilities are responsible to establish a specific Competition Medical Plan for each event and MUST share it with all coaches before the

competition (typically during the Coaches meeting). The health and safety of all those involved in a competition is a primary concern. This includes the competitors as well as volunteers, officials, course workers and spectators.

Organizers shall ensure the specific safety requirements (under each specific Event Handbook and outlined in the FIS [ICR](#)) are covered in the Competition Medical Plan.

First Aid and Medical Personal

The specific composition of the medical support system is dependent on several variables:

- The size, level, type of the event being held (World Championships, World Cup, Continental Cup, FIS-level, etc.) together with the local medical standards of care and geographic locations and circumstances.
- The estimated number of competitors, support staff and spectators
- The scope of responsibility for the Medical personnel (competitors, support staff, spectators) should also be determined.

Risk Management Policy

Organizers must share the [Risk Management Policy](#) with the rest of the Organizer Committee, Officials, Coaches, Canada Snowboard Events staff and the Resort Staff prior to the competition.

Helmet during Competitions

All Athletes, Coaches, Judges, Officials and Volunteers shall follow the [Canada Snowboard Helmet policy](#).

Accident, Incident & Medical Reporting and/or Clearance

When a Canada Snowboard member is injured and requires medical attention during a sanctioned activity a report found [HERE](#), must be submitted to Canada Snowboard and the [Provincial/ Territorial Snowboard Association](#) no later than 24h after the accident or incident.

Should an athlete need to provide medical clearance before taking part in sanctioned Canada Snowboard Activities, the athlete can submit the documentation [HERE](#).

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All snowboarders are required to register and be a member of their Provincial & Territorial Snowboard Association in order to participate in any sanctioned Canada Snowboard activities. This includes participation in anything from club training with a coach, all the way up to competing in a World Cup.

The registration includes liability insurance to train, be coached, be part of a club and compete (but does not include supplementary medical insurance – this is SAIP insurance which can be purchased separately).

All Canada Snowboard, FIS, and SAIP memberships and licenses expire on June 30th of each year, regardless of the purchase date.

In order to register for any event, you are required to purchase [HERE](#) a Provincial/ Territorial Membership through Canada Snowboard. The cost of your membership will vary depending on which province you reside in, as provincial membership costs are set independently by each province.

[Athlete Memberships](#)

- Participant – Limited Activity Membership
A limited one time event membership for specific events/programs (e.g. GROM, Elleboard, RIDERS event).
 - * Not eligible to purchase a FIS license
 - * Eligible to purchase SAIP insurance
 - * Ability to Upgrade Membership throughout the season
- Athlete – Recreational Membership
Any member who plans to participate at their sanctioned club training and/or event as well as compete at a LTAD stage 3 events.
 - * Not eligible to purchase a FIS license
 - * Eligible to purchase SAIP insurance
 - * Ability to Upgrade Membership throughout the season
- Athlete – Compete Membership
Any member who plans to participate at their sanctioned club training and/or event as well as compete at a LTAD stage 4/5/6/7 events.
 - * Eligible to purchase a FIS License
 - * Eligible to purchase SAIP Insurance (Level 1, 2, 3)

[FIS License](#)

A FIS license is required by any athlete participating in FIS sanctioned events, such as Provincial Series events, North Americans, World Cups or World Championships. The License must be active before registering for a FIS event and can be purchased during your membership renewal / registration at the start of the season. The FIS licence year begins on July 1st and finishes on June 30th of the following year. If you require SAIP or FIS later in the season, they can be purchased by upgrading your membership. The FIS license requires that all athletes participating in FIS sanctioned events also obtain SAIP coverage.

SAIP Insurance

- Is only valid during Canada Snowboard sanctioned activities and competitions, including travel to and from the location of a Canada Snowboard sanctioned activity, and coverage 24 hours per day during the time period.
- SAIP will cover any gaps in coverage or remaining medical expenses in addition to providing worldwide assistance in medical case management. SAIP provides tertiary coverage. In the event of an accident, claimants must first claim medical incurred expenses through their Canadian Provincial healthcare plan and private health care plan (e.g., employment medical benefits).
- SAIP Members are solely responsible for initiating an in-country or out-of-country claim with AIG. Canada Snowboard will not manage claims on behalf of the claimant,
- At the minimum, SAIP Level 3 is mandatory for FIS athletes. If athletes are travelling to and/or competing at multiple out of province and/or country events and training it is highly recommended they consider SAIP Levels 2 or 1. *SAIP 1 or 2 is mandatory for out of country travel
- Members are able to upgrade SAIP online through the registration system prior to training, competition or international travel.
- For more information regarding coverage, review the [SAIP Quick Reference sheet](#)

Types Of Saip

Class 3: In-Country Special Risk Accident Insurance

- Includes SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT* only. No Out Of Province/Country Emergency Medical coverage*.
- Minimum level of insurance required for all Canadian FIS/IPC Licensed athletes, coaches, officials and Judges who travel outside of their home province but do not travel outside of Canada.
- Coverage only valid when training or competing under the supervision of a Canada Snowboard Coach and in a Sanctioned Activity.

Class 2: Out-Of-Country/Province Emergency Medical Accident Insurance

- Includes SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT* and OUT OF PROVINCE/OUT OF COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL*.
- Minimum level insurance for Next Gen Team Athletes and only including those not competing at World Cup Events and/or who are out of the country for less than 30 consecutive days.
- Mandatory for all Provincial and Development Team Athletes and Coaches as well as international FIS/IPC licensed athletes who travel out of the country for up to 30 days.

- MAX 60-day duration (contact Canada Snowboard to extend duration). Coverage is for consecutive days out of the country. Return to Canada will reset the consecutive days traveled.
- Coverage only valid when training or competing under the supervision of a Canada Snowboard Coach and in a Sanctioned Activity.
- Coverage includes costs incurred as a result of an emergency (e.g., services of a physician/ surgeon/ anesthetist/ physiotherapist/ chiropractor, MRIs, x-rays, prescriptions, etc.) Highly recommended for athletes and coaches who regularly train and compete outside their territory/province of residence where the athlete/coach holds territorial/provincial medical insurance.

Class 1: Out-Of-Country/Province Emergency Medical Accident Insurance

- Includes SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT* and OUT OF PROVINCE/OUT OF COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL*.
- Mandatory for all National Team Athletes and Next Gen Team Athletes competing at World Cup Events and/or who are out of the country for more than 30 consecutive days.
- Mandatory for all Provincial and Development Team Athletes and Coaches as well as international FIS/IPC licensed athletes who travel out of the country for more than 30 days.
- Recommended for coaches and discipline officials who travel out of the country for more than 30 days.
- MAX 120-day duration for Next Gen and National Team Athletes only (contact Canada Snowboard to extend duration). Coverage is for consecutive days out of the country. Return to Canada will reset the consecutive days traveled.
- Coverage includes costs incurred as a result of an emergency (e.g., services of a physician/surgeon/anesthetist/physiotherapist/chiropractor, MRIs, x-rays, prescriptions, etc.).
- Coverage only valid when training or competing under the supervision of a Canada Snowboard Coach and in a Sanctioned Activity.

Class 4: Temporary USA Accident Insurance

- Only Available through REQUEST Directly to Canada Snowboard.
- Includes SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT* and OUT OF PROVINCE/OUT OF COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL*.
- Mandatory for all non-FIS athletes who travel to the USA for training and competition. Recommended for coaches and discipline officials who travel to the USA.
- Coverage is for one (1) single USA trip per season, MAX 7-day duration.
- If the Athlete/Coach travels for a second trip to the USA they must upgrade to SAIP Level 2 or 1.
- NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE USA

Class 5: Temporary USA Accident Insurance

- ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH REQUEST Directly TO CANADA SNOWBOARD.
- Includes SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT* and OUT OF PROVINCE/OUT OF COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL* Mandatory for all non athletes who travel to the USA for training and competition.
- Recommended for coaches and discipline officials who travel to the USA.
- Coverage is for a one (1) single USA trip per season, MAX 14-day duration.
- If the Athlete/Coach travels for a second trip to the USA they must upgrade to SAIP Level 2 or 1.
- NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE USA.

*For further explanation on what is included under SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT insurance and OUT OF PROVINCE/OUT OF COUNTRY EMERGENCY MEDICAL insurance please review the [SAIP Quick Reference Sheet](#).

Coach Membership

Standard - Membership for all accredited Canada Snowboard Coaching Programs or those enrolling in a coaching course

- * Access to full Canada Snowboard member benefits (Shred Hookups)
- * Liability insurance covers coaching at all sanctioned trainings and events

Coaching Association of Canada membership - Add on to Coach membership and to be mandatory for all program and club Head Coaches. To recognize your credibility and extensive experience in coaching. Be part of a community of professionals who have achieved elite status in their coaching career. Shows that you are proudly adhering to the ethical and professional standards outlined by the (CAC).

Exclusive professional coach services and benefits from the CAC include:

- * Free legal advice- Initial 30 minute consultation
- * Full access to the SIRC online database
- * Health and dental group benefits
- * Liability insurance at a discounted premium.
- * Access to exclusive webinars for professional development

SAIP - coaches with either of the above types of membership are eligible to purchase [SAIP](#) insurance

Officials/ Judges Memberships

ALL Officials, volunteers and Judges on-site at any event are required to have a current membership with Canada Snowboard through their respective PTSA or they will not be permitted on-course.

By sanctioning an event or competition, Canada Snowboard assumes all liability risk for the event in question and all individuals involved. In order for Canada Snowboard to protect themselves, the Provincial/ Territorial Snowboard Associations, and all other parties, they must ensure that everyone on

course (athletes, coaches, officials, judges, etc.) have a current membership as to make sure they fall under the provided liability coverage. There is no opt-out option and Canada Snowboard cannot assume risk for uninsured individuals directly involved.

- Officials and Judges will have to register for events they intend to work through the Membership Platform - [Race Roster](#).
- Officials and Judges are considered to be at risk since they are working in the elements, working in close proximity to event activity, climbing scaffolding, standing in dangerous areas, etc.
- By purchasing your membership and paying the related fees to CS you will receive liability coverage in any sanctioned activity for the season, access to register for courses or further professional development, and access to the CS Shred Hookups deals.

Please be sure to purchase/renew your membership early on every season to avoid any gaps in coverage or arriving at an event without one.

- [Level 1 officials](#) who are helping out at events in a non-paid capacity require a VOLUNTEER Membership (\$0.00 Membership Fee) with BASIC Shred Hookups
- FIS Canadian Technical Delegates, Level 2 certified and Level 3 certified officials at events require an OFFICIALS Membership (\$5.00 Membership Fee) with FULL Shred Hookups
- All certified and active judges require a JUDGES Membership (\$5.00 Membership Fee_ with FULL Shred Hookups

For more information about memberships, FIS licenses and SAIP insurance, click [HERE](#).

To contact the Canada Snowboard Member Services Department email at info@canadasnowboard.ca

SANCTIONING PROCESS

National Sanction:

All the events under the umbrella of the Provincial & Territorial Snowboard Associations will be sanctioned by Canada Snowboard.

Event / Competition hosts will have to submit a sanction request from Canada Snowboard to enable them to create an event registration form. This sanction request can be done through the Member Services platform - [SnowReg](#) and once approved by Canada Snowboard, this event information will be used to create the event registration form. By approving the sanction/registration request, Canada Snowboard acknowledges that we are aware of the event and approve/sanction the event to be covered under Canada Snowboard GCL Insurance provided it abides by all Canada Snowboard Policies and Procedures.

International Sanction:

- World Snowboard Federation (“WSF”): All the Freestyle Snowboard events in Canada (from LTAD stage 4 to stage 7) will be sanctioned by the World Snowboard Federation.

- International Ski and Snowboard Federation (“FIS”): Canada Snowboard will decide which events will receive the FIS sanction.
- International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”): Canada Snowboard will decide which events will receive the IPC sanction.

CANADA SNOWBOARD CATEGORIES

Disciplines Categories

- Alpine - Parallel Giant Slalom | Para-Parallel Slalom
- Alpine - Parallel Slalom
- Snowboard cross (SBX) | PARA Snowboard cross (SBX)
- Freestyle - Halfpipe
- Freestyle - Slopestyle
- Freestyle - Big Air
- Rail Jam*
- Banked Slalom* | Para-Banked Slalom
- Multi-discipline**

**Exhibition Event*

***GROM Series Events – LTAD Stage 3*

COMPETITION PATHWAY

GROM Series Speed & Style Series

LTAD stage 3: Learn to Train

The GROM Series Speed & Style Series introduces participants to competitive snowboarding through a multi-discipline skills course designed to challenge all competitive snowboard disciplines or both speed and style disciplines. The GROM Series Speed & Style Series introduces snowboarders to all disciplines. The GROM Series Speed & Style Series event courses are designed to facilitate the development of the fundamental snowboard skills: Agility, Balance, and Coordination of jumping and turning.

Slopestyle is a series of jumps, rails and features down a slope. Snowboard Cross is a timed event through a course with a variety of “features”, such as turns, berms (or banked areas), jumps, and rollers. Alpine is a timed race through a course where athletes turn around a series of gates.

Disciplines:

- Mini Slopestyle
- Mini Halfpipe
- Mini Snowboard Cross
- Mini Giant Slalom

- Multi-discipline

Additional Information: [GROM Series Handbook](#)

PTSA Series Events

LTAD Stage 4: Train to Train

PTSA series events are held at the local grassroots level using various Canada Snowboard age groups and disciplines.

The PTSA Director, in meeting their local needs will determine the number of age groups used at an event.

The PTSA Series can hold a maximum of 1 event start per gender and category in a discipline per day and a maximum of 6 events starts per gender and category in a discipline in a season. Dual sanctioned events will count as one start per gender and category

Additional information: [PTSA Handbook](#)

Air Nation Freestyle Tour

LTAD Stage 5/6: Train to Compete/ Learn to Win

The Air Nation Freestyle Tour is a bridge between national and international level. Emphasis on developing individual strengths through modeling physical, technical and tactical skills.

The Tour is composed of four (4) to five (5) events across Canada:

- Three (3) to four (4) Air Nation events
- One (1) Air Nation Freestyle Nationals event

Not all the Air Nation Freestyle Tour stops will look the same. Some Air Nation Freestyle Tour stops will be sanctioned as FIS Continental Cup and some as FIS race this is based on the sizes of features, course difficulty, sanction and other factors,

Additional information: [Air Nation Freestyle Tour Handbook](#)

Speed Nation SBX Tour

LTAD Stage 5/6: Train to Compete/ Learn to Win

The Speed Nation SBX Tour is a bridge between national and international level. Emphasis on developing individual strengths through modeling physical, technical and tactical skills.

The Speed Nation SBX Tour is composed of up to four (4) events throughout the season – three (3) FIS North American Cup events and one (1) Canadian National Snowboard Cross Championships.

All the Tour stops will be part of the FIS North American Cup Tour.

Additional information: [Speed Nation SBX Tour Handbook](#)

Speed Nation Alpine Tour

LTAD Stage 5/6: Train to Compete/ Learn to Win

The Speed Nation Alpine Tour is a bridge between national and international level. Emphasis on developing individual strengths through modeling physical, technical and tactical skills.

The Speed Nation Alpine Tour is composed of up to three (3) events throughout the season – two (2) FIS North American Cup events and one (1) Canadian National Alpine Championships.

All the Tour stops will be part of the FIS North American Cup Tour.

Disciplines:

- Parallel Giant Slalom
- Parallel Slalom

Additional information: [Speed Nation Alpine Tour Handbook](#)

AGE CATEGORIES

Speed Categories – Snowboard cross and Alpine Snowboard

AGE CATEGORY	AGE	LTAD Stage
U9*	7 – 8 years old	3 / 4
U11*	9 – 10 years old	3 / 4 / 5
U13*	11 – 12 years old	3 / 4 / 5
U15*	13 – 14 years old	4 / 5
U20*	15 – 19 years old	4 / 5
20+*	20+ years old	4 / 5
Junior FIS**	15 – 19 years old	4 / 5 / 6 / 7
Senior FIS**	15+ years old	4 / 5 / 6 / 7

Park & Pipe Categories – Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air ***

AGE CATEGORY	AGE	LTAD Stage
U9*	7 – 8 years old	3 / 4
U11*	9 – 10 years old	3 / 4 / 5
U13*	11 – 12 years old	3 / 4 / 5
U15*	13-14 years old	3 / 4
U18*	13 – 17 years old	4 / 5
18+*	18+ years old	4 / 5
Junior FIS**	13 – 17 years old	4 / 5 / 6 / 7
FIS**	13+ years old	4 / 5 / 6 / 7

*The organizer may combine age groups depending on the number of participants registered per age group. *Note that if an athlete because of the combining of categories is “forced” to ride up, he can continue competing in his regular age category at the following competitions vs. an athletes/coach’s personal choice to ride up at a competition. This athlete is riding in that higher category the rest of the season.*

**The organizer cannot make any changes to these categories.

*** Air Nation Tour: In the NorAM stops or events with a National Championship Status only athletes with a FIS License are allowed to compete. For Junior Nationals (13-17 years old) however a FIS License is recommended. U13 (11 – 12 years old) and U11 (9-10 years old) athletes will also be considered to be eligible for Junior National Competitions.

**** Numbers in finals stay the same, regardless of the amount of FIS vs. Non-FIS riders, when Non-FIS riders make the finals the numbers are not being increased to accommodate more FIS riders in the finals.

*****All competitor ages for the purpose of determining eligibility to participate in FIS competitions shall be expressed in terms of the anniversary of birthday that the competitor will reach during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) that includes the start of the FIS Competition Year in which the competition is scheduled. The FIS competition year begins on the first day of July and ends on the last day of June of the following calendar year.

PARA Snowboard Division

LTAD Stage	AGE	SPEED	PARK & PIPE
3*	No restrictions**	YES	YES
4*	No restrictions**	YES	YES
5	No restrictions**	YES	NO

6	As per IPC rules***	YES	NO
7	As per IPC rules***	YES	NO

*Athletes will be ranked with all other athletes (overall ranking) and in separate rankings with other adaptive athletes if applicable

**Athletes must come with a CADS instructor and/or CS Coach

***Athletes must be part of Canada Snowboard High Performance structure

ADMINISTRATION

Registration and Entry Fees

All Registrations will need to go through the Membership Platform - [Snow Reg.](#)

All athletes, coaches, officials and judges will need to have an active [membership](#) in order to compete, work or [volunteer](#) at a Canada Snowboard sanctioned event.

All registration refunds will need to be performed in accordance with [Canada Snowboard Refund Policy.](#)

Each organizer shall set the entry fees accordingly with each event Handbook:

- GROM Series
- Provincial/ Territorial Series
- Air Nation Freestyle Tour
- Speed Nation SBX Tour
- Speed Nation Alpine Tour

Start List

The Start List must contain all the information generated by the Membership Platform, and the required information for the level of the competition. An unofficial Start List must be made available to all Coaches immediately following the Draw. Errors in Start Lists After an unofficial Start List is available, the Coaches must inform the Jury within 15 minutes if there is an error. If there is an error in the Start List, there must be a redraw. After 15 minutes, the Start List becomes official and must be distributed immediately to all officials, coaches, competitors, television, media personnel and VIPs where applicable.

Coaches Meetings

Purpose

- The Coaches meeting shall be held, before each competition and training day, and shall include information about the organizational aspects of the competition; including, but not limited to, the weather forecast, the members of the Jury, the time of competition, the location of the competition, the format, and the start order.

Coaches attendance at meetings

- o All coaches representing athletes must attend the Coaches Meeting prior to the competition. It is the sole responsibility of the coach to know the content of the Coaches Meeting. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to be represented at the Coaches Meeting.

Athletes without Coaches – Stage 3/ 4 LTAD

- o Athletes without an appropriate certified coach can be represented by another coach only with:
 1. The coach approval
 2. Athlete approval
 3. The Jury approval

Without approval, the athlete will lose all the protest rights before, during and after the event due a conflict of interest with the Jury.

Athletes without Coaches – Stage 5/ 6/7 LTAD

- o Athletes without an appropriate certified coach will not be able to compete at any Stage 5/6 or 7 LTAD Canada Snowboard competition.

Results

- o Official results must be approved by the FIS Technical Delegate, Head Judge, and the PTSA Series Coordinator overseeing the event. Submission guideline and instruction can be found [HERE](#)
- o The official results must be transmitted to the Canada Snowboard Representative, under the responsibility of the PTSA Events Coordinator or Major Official responsible.
- o All Provincial and Provincial FIS competitions will be submitted as a Regional WSF Event. Results MUST be submitted as one overall submission, at no point can results split out into separate categories, this will not be accepted.
- o The World Snowboarding Points List will follow the guidelines set out [HERE](#). Results are to be emailed to events@canadasnowboard.ca and will be submitted by the Canada Snowboard Representative.

Distribution

- o After the completion of every event, the official result report has to be transmitted to the Canada Snowboard Representative, under the responsibility of the Provincial/ Territorial Executive Director or Major Official responsible.
- o The World Snowboarding Points List will be submitted by the Canada Snowboard Representative and must follow the [guidelines](#) set by the WSPL and [CS rules](#).
- o For FIS level events refer to section 3700 in the [ICR](#).

Communication of Official Information

PTSA Executive Director

- o Official information or communication shall be prepared or reviewed by the Jury, the PTSA Executive Director and/or the Canada Snowboard representative and include his or her signature.

Information Boards

- o There can be three (3) official announcements and communications boards at each competition. One will be placed in the Event Office for posting of official communications; official changes from the printed handbook and announcement from the Coaches Meetings. The other two (2), for official competition announcements & results, shall be placed in the arrival area and the start area of each competition.

Announcer

The announcer must know the sport and respect the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct. A bilingual announcer is mandatory for all the Air Nation and Speed Nation events.

Radios

At all Canada Snowboard competitions, the Jury members must be equipped with radios. These must function on a single reserved frequency and be free of interference.

Snowboard cross Events channels:

- Channel #1: Jury
- Channel #2: Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations, Starter, Chief of Section Judges, Section Judges, Chief of Finish, Connection Coach
- Channel #3: Chief of Competition, Chief of Course, First Aid and Medical Services
- Channel #4: Open channel

Parallel Slalom | Parallel Giant Slalom channels:

- Channel #1: Jury
- Channel #2: Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations, Starter, Chief of Gate Judges, Gate Judges, Chief of Finish, Connection Coach
- Channel #3: Chief of Competition, Chief of Course, First Aid and Medical Services
- Channel #4: Open channel

Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air channels:

- Channel #1: Jury
- Channel #2: Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations, Starter, Head of Judges, Chief of Finish, Connection Coach
- Channel #3: Chief of Competition, Chief of Slopestyle/ Halfpipe, First Aid and Medical Services

- Channel #4: Open channel

Timing Equipment

The timing equipment shall be used for all alpine disciplines, Banked Slalom and Snowboard cross time trials

Electronic Timing

- o Electronic-timing systems, which measure results to the nearest one-one thousandths (1/1000) of a second, are required. Timing capability to the thousandth (1/1000) of a second shall be used to break ties. If Athletes are still tied then the higher seeded rider receives the higher place.

Backup Timing

- o Two separate backup timing systems are recommended. One shall be a separate electronic timing system and the other shall be a hand timing system. All back-up timing systems must have a separate and entirely independent means of communication between the start and finish from that of the primary electronic timing system.

Start and Finish

- o The start gate must be placed in such a way that all starts will initiate the timing measurement. Photocells on each side of the finish line shall be placed in such a height that an Athlete finishing normally cuts the beam with the lower half of his legs, between the ankle and the knee.

System Failure

- o If there is a malfunction or failure of the electronic timing system, then the backup timing shall be used for the official time. To verify the accuracy of the back-up system, the average difference between the primary timing and back-up timing of ten other Athletes may be taken. These results may be from the five Athletes who competed before and the five who competed after the failed result. The start or finish referee must immediately inform the jury when a failure occurs. In the case of failure of all timing systems, the Athlete(s) shall re-run.

DISQUALIFICATION, PROTEST & SANCTION

An athlete shall be disqualified:

- o For not wearing a [helmet](#)
- o If a [helmet](#) comes off during a run
- o If there is an infraction under, Athlete's Obligations, Athlete's Equipment, Doping, Gate Faults, Provisional Start, and False Start.
- o If false information is presented to Canada Snowboard, the Provincial Territorial Snowboard Association or the Local Organizing Committee.
- o For unsportsmanlike conduct:

- For using foul or obscene language
- For making foul or obscene gestures toward Canada Snowboard judges, officials, volunteers, spectators or resort's staff
- o For shadowing a competition course, or a coach/ parent shadowing an Athlete
- o For modifying the setting of a competition area
- o For doing anything to disrupt an event by destructive means, such as destroying or moving a safety fence or changing a gate setup
- o For accepting assistance during a run
- o For not wearing a bib properly during inspection, competition, or official training.
- o For competing in a bib other than their own or letting another Athlete compete for them. No borrowing or lending of bibs
- o For not starting properly
- o For not passing the finish line with at least one foot fixed in a binding on the board at Alpine and Snowboard cross races.
- o For not respecting the host resort's regulations
- o For being under the influence or the possession of illegal drugs or alcohol at a competition venue.
- o For entering the competition field of play not through the start gate or the proper course access defined by the Local Organizing Committee.
- o For accessing, in any case, the competition field of play outside of the competition schedule.

Types of protest

*It is understood that this table applies for Provincial/ Territorial Series, Air Nation Freestyle Tour, Speed Nation SBX Tour and Speed Nation Alpine Tour.

A	The Start list	\$100	Before the end of the TC Meeting	Jury	Posted on the official notice board
B	The Course	\$100	30 minutes after the start of the inspection or before training	Jury	Announced and posted on the official notice board
C	Disqualification	\$100	15 minutes after the official posting*	Jury	Announced and posted on the official notice board
D	Timing & Calculation	\$100	15 minutes after the official posting*	Jury	Announced and posted on the official notice board
E & F	Results Lists/Jury Decisions	\$100	24 hours after the competition	CS Representative	Communicated by email

The deposit will be returned to the coach if the protest is upheld, otherwise it will be forfeited to the sanctioning body.

Forms of Protests

In Person (A, B, C, D)

Protest shall be directed to any of the Jury Members during the Competition and during the Protest Competition timelines. Jury Members shall share the protest process during the Coaches meeting the day before.

In Writing (E, F)

Protests shall be submitted in writing via email to events@canadasnowboard.ca

Invalid

A protest that is not submitted within the required period of time or without a deposit shall be invalid when received. Any protest against another Athlete shall be invalid. An exception exists in Snowboard cross

Authorization

Only Canada Snowboard current certified coaches with current memberships are authorized to present a protest (A, B, C, D).

Recipient

During the event, all protests (A, B, C, D) shall be directed to the competition Jury. After the event, all protests (E, F) shall be directed to the Canada Snowboard Representative

Settlement of Protests

Responsibility

The Jury has the responsibility to issue a ruling on protests. They shall announce at the Coaches meeting the time and place for such determinations.

Evidence

In making its determination, the Jury shall include statements from officials who worked at the competition and others whom it considers it have pertinent information.

Final Decision – A, B, C, D

Only members of the jury will be present when they make a final decision on a protest. The National Technical Delegate, the FIS Technical Delegate or the Major Canadian Official will act as chairperson of these meetings. Minutes shall be kept of all Jury decisions throughout each competition phase and sent to the Canada Snowboard Events Department as part of the event report (TD report when applicable). The decision requires a majority of all voting members of the Jury. Whether or not they are present.

*refer to FIS [ICR](#) section rules 2029, 2030 & 2031

ATHLETES

Athlete's Obligations

- Be responsible to contact the event organizer to be informed of any changes or cancellations.
- Have the appropriate membership to participate in the event.
- Familiarize themselves with the [Athlete's Protection Policy](#)
- Comply with special instructions from authorized officials.
- Possess the appropriate liability release, waiver and image release.
- Behave in a courteous and polite manner.
- Take responsibility for their physical and mental ability to compete

Athlete's Equipment

Snowboard

A snowboard is equipment, which permits gliding in all snow conditions.

- The bindings must be affixed in a sideways manner on the longitudinal axis of the board.
- The boots cannot overlap each other.
- Snowboard retention devices shall be used when mandated by the resort.
- Riders acknowledge that the sport of snowboarding is a hazardous activity with inherent risk of serious personal injury, disability and death. It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select appropriate safety equipment for their event.
- Snowboards are boards that are usually the width of one's foot lengthwise, with the ability to glide on snow.
- Hand held devices to aid with propulsion or balance are not allowed except for adaptive riders.
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Safety Equipment

- The use of [helmets is mandatory](#) for all Canada Snowboard sanctioned events. Helmets shall be specifically designed and manufactured for use in snow sports and shall bear a CE mark and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEE 1077 or US 2040, ASTM 2040.
- Helmet conformity to the rules may be checked at any event, and the lack of an approved helmet is grounds for refusal to allow an Athlete to participate in an event.
- Helmets – The helmet must be attached as per manufacturer's specifications. There are no physical modifications to helmets permitted. The use of helmet mounted cameras is not allowed.
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Start Numbers/Bibs

The Athletes may not change the shape and or size of the bibs. Bibs must be worn correctly and visibly at all times on the competition site, the inspection, and the official training. Bibs must be returned as instructed by the Local Organizing Committee. When possible, have different sizes of bibs.

Forbidden Equipment

Equipment that is worn or used for the purpose of balance, increased weight, or other improper physically enhancing purposes, is strictly forbidden. This rule may be waived for the Adaptive class.

[Anti-Doping Control](#)

Prohibited Substances

The use of dope (reference is made to the official IOC list) by a Canada Snowboard athlete is strictly forbidden. Tests may be performed upon any athlete to determine the presence of prohibited substances and any such positive result of a doping test may result in the athlete being ineligible from competition.

Personal Responsibility

Athletes are responsible for their medical condition upon taking their start of a Canada Snowboard sanctioned event.

Examination

The jury may request an Athlete to undergo a medical examination before or after a sanctioned Canada Snowboard event. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether the athlete is eligible to compete based upon results from doping or medical tests. If illegal substances are present or if the athlete is unable to compete safely for medical reasons, the athlete shall not compete. An Athlete refusing to undergo the examination shall not be permitted to start.

Find more information in our [Anti Doping Policy](#).

COACHES

Coaches' Obligations

- Be responsible to contact the event organizer to be informed of any changes or cancellations.
- Have the appropriate membership to participate in the event.
- Familiarize themselves with and follow the Canada Snowboard [Coaches Program](#)
- Comply with special instructions from authorized officials.
- Possess the appropriate liability release, waiver and image release.
- Behave in a courteous and polite manner.
- Take responsibility for their athlete's physical and mental ability to compete
- Represent the athletes during official training and competition.
 - Represent the athlete(s) at the Coaches meeting
 - Sign off on the technical ability of the athlete(s) to train and compete at the event

- o Ensure athletes are in good physical and mental standing to train and compete at the event
- o Be the voice of the athlete in front of the Jury

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Follow the CSCP Policies

- CSCP Responsible Coaching Movement
- CSCP Scope of Practice
- CSCP Operational Manual
- Full details can be found [HERE](#)

JURY MEMBERS & KEY EVENT PERSONNEL

Canada Snowboard Representative – Jury member

A Canada Snowboard Representative, from the SSD department (in the ICR this is referred to as the Continental Cup Coordinator (CoC)) must be present for all Canada Snowboard Speed Nation and Air Nation Events. *For the most up to date information refer to FIS [ICR](#) section 2007

Duties

The CS Representative shall enforce the rules and directives of Canada Snowboard, ensure the fairness of the event, protection of the competition venue, advise event organizers, and serve as the official representative of Canada Snowboard.

- Before the event, the CS Representative shall review all insurance certificates from the organizing resort, review Athlete listings and verify licenses of the officials.
- During the event, the CS Representative shall lead the jury, supervise and direct the event and take appropriate action when infractions of the rules occur.
- After the event, the CS Representative shall assist the Referee with the disqualification report, review and confirm the decisions of the Jury concerning protests, review the results list and sign the official document, prepare and submit the event results and the report within 48hrs of the completion of the event.

All official documentation must be shared with the PTSA Events Coordinator and shall be kept on file and provided to the Canada Snowboard Representative upon request. All injuries must be reported on the required form and submitted with the results.

Rights

The PTSA Executive Director shall make initial contact with the CS Representative as soon as possible. The CS Representative shall control the proper operation of the technical systems and if necessary, appoint members of the Jury; maintain safe conditions; modify the event schedule, location, or operation as may be required.

Canada Snowboard Representative vs FIS Technical Delegate – Jury member

The primary duties of the Technical Delegate:

- to make sure that the rules and directions of the CS and FIS or WSF or IPC are adhered to
- To see that the competition runs in fair manner
- To advise the organisers within the scope of their duties
- FIS sanctioned events - to be the official representative of FIS (FIS Technical Delegates)
- Non-FIS sanctioned events – to be the official representative of CS

*The CS Representative will take this role during any Air Nation or Speed Nation event.

Responsibility

The FIS Technical Delegate structure comes under the responsibility of the FIS Snowboard Freestyle Freeski Committee. The Technical Delegate working group for Technical Delegates exercises this authority.

The Canadian Technical Delegate structure comes under the responsibility of Canada Snowboard Representative. The Officials Working Group exercises this authority.

Duties of the TD for all Competitions

Before the competition

- Reviews where applicable the homologation file and consults with the organiser about the possible existence of a special authorisation. (FIS TD)
- Reviews the technical data of courses in accordance with FIS SBFSFK Course Standards. (FIS TD)
- Reviews the preparation of the terrain of all courses and arrangements for all necessary and proper measures (width of courses etc.) in accordance with the Canada Snowboard terrain requirements: [ALPINE](#) / [SBX](#) / [FREESTYLE](#)
- Review the influence of the weather on the courses and the forecast for the training and competition days.
- If he establishes that no homologation exists, the Jury must cancel the competition that requires such homologation. (FIS TD)
- The TD must check to see that the proposals of FIS or the Homologation Inspector have been carried out. (FIS TD)
- Reads the TD reports about previous competitions at the site and checks whether the improvements proposed in these reports have been carried out.
- Requests and inspects the liability insurance certificate as required by art 212 and reports to the FIS where necessary. (FIS TD)
- Inspects the competition and training courses.
- Supervises the official training.
- controls the fastening of the gate flags
- Collaborates in the administrative and technical preparations.
- Checks the official entry lists, including FIS points, WSPL points and IPC points
- Checks the validity of the competitors FIS licence, the age-limit and the quotas that every Nation is entitled. (FIS TD)
- Checks on the presence of sufficient radios for all members of the Jury.
- Checks the accreditation and the authorisation for entry to the slope.
- Checks over the competition courses with regard to safety, to preparation, marking, crowd control, as well as the layout of start and finish areas.
- Supervises the course setting together with the Jury.
- Supervises the course preparation for all building in Cross, Slopestyle, Big Air, Half Pipe, competitions together with the competition Jury.
- Checks the location of the television towers cameras and sees they are adequately protected.
- Supervises the locations of the first aid service along the course as well as the organisation of the medical care.
- Checks on all technical installations such as timekeeping, hand timing, communications, transport of people, Judges stand, etc.
- Is present in the competition area during all training.

- Takes part in all meetings of the Jury and of the team
- Works closely together with the officials of the Organising Committee, and the CS Representative.
- If necessary, appoints members to the Jury.

During the competition

- Must be present in the course area.
- Works closely with the Jury and the coaches.
- Keeps watch on whether the valid rules and directives are obeyed in regard to advertising, etc, on clothing and competition equipment.
- Supervises the technical and organisational conduct of the competition.
- Advises the organisation concerning the observance of the CS Guidelines, FIS Rules, WSF Rules and IPC Rules.

After the competition

- Helps with the compilation of the referee's disqualification report.
- Presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision.
- Signs the official result lists established by the competition administrator and gives the authorisation for the award ceremony.
- Oversees the electronic transmission xml files and completes his TD Report online immediately after the event. (FIS TD)
- Must also check that the results are correct on the FIS website. (FIS TD)
- Presents to the FIS Office any applicable proposals for changes in the competition rules on the basis of practical experience at the competition in question. (FIS TD)
- For all interrupted or terminated competition(s), a fully detailed report is to be made by the TD to the FIS and the organising National Ski and Snowboard Association. The report has to contain a well-founded recommendation, whether the terminated competition is to be taken into consideration for FIS points or not. (FIS TD)

In general

- Decides on questions which are not covered or are insufficiently covered by, CS Guidelines, the FIS Rules, WSF Rules, IPC Rules, in so far as these have not already been decided by the Jury and do not fall within the purview of other authorities.
- Acts as technical consultant to the Jury
- Has the right to order the interruption of a competition, if the prerequisites of art. 2034 are present, to cause the termination of a competition, if the prerequisites of art. 2035 are present. (FIS TD)
- Has the right to propose to the Jury the exclusion of competitors from participation in the competition.
- Has the right to obtain support from the Organising Committee and all officials under its jurisdiction in all matters necessary to the fulfilment of his duties.

- In exceptional and extraordinary circumstances, the decision of the TD is final and binding. In such a case, the TD must put his decision in writing, together with the reasons for it, and bring it immediately to the attention of the FIS Office. (FIS TD)

Chief of Competition – Jury member

The Chief of Competition supervises the work of all course officials, summons the meetings of the competition committee for consideration of technical questions and generally acts as chairman of the Coaches meetings after consultation with the CS Representative, the FIS Technical Delegate and/or the Canada Snowboard Technical Delegate.

The Referee (PSL | PGS) – Jury member

The Referee will record the reports from the Chief of Gate Judges about infractions of the rules and gate faults at the end of each run or phase and at the end of the competition - checking, signing and posting referee minutes immediately after each run or phase on the official notice board.

The referees minutes shall include a list with the names of the competitors disqualified, the gate numbers where the faults occurred, the rule number leading to the disqualifications and the exact time the disqualifications were posted with the exact limit time for protests.

Chief of Finish (Snowboard Cross) – Jury member

The Chief of Finish is responsible for the organisation and supervision of the finish area and the finish line Judges. The Chief of Finish will accept protests in the finish area. The Chief of Finish must report all protests immediately to the other jury members.

Head Judge (Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air) – Jury member

The Canadian Judges Committee, for the level of the competition he or she is controlling, must certify the Head Judge. The head Judge is responsible for managing the panel of judges.

The Head Judges duties are:

- To police the judges stand
- To conduct a judge meeting prior to the first day of competition
- To select which judge will be judging each category/ feature
- To communicate and coordinate between the judges
- To provide the judges with necessary materials and supplies
- To organize the work for the judges
- To approve the construction of the freestyle competition area
- To act as a judge, when necessary
- To serve as part of the jury
- To check the time schedule and format with the Chief Of Competition, Technical Delegate and organizer
- Communicate with the starter regarding the riders start.

- Prior to the event, check the visibility of the judges stand and any possible disturbances of the judges view caused by media
- Control judges scores, give advice for changes, and oversee the end result (certify the results)
- To call the safety patrol when necessary

The Chief of Course (Snowboard cross and Alpine Snowboard)

The chief of course is responsible for the preparation of the courses in accordance with the directives and decisions of the Jury. He must be familiar with local snow conditions on the terrain concerned.

Chief of Pipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air (Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air)

The Chief of Pipe/Slopestyle is responsible for the construction and preparation in accordance with the CS Freestyle Guidelines of the Slopestyle, Big Air or Halfpipe site before and during the competition. He must be familiar with the local snow conditions and preferably be from the host resort.

In addition, the Chief of Pipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air:

- Should be a member of the Organising Committee
- Is under the direction of the Jury and the CS Representative (Air Nation Events)
- Must assure that the Halfpipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air course at all times during training and competition conforms with CS Freestyle Guidelines
- Oversees the building and construction of the Judges podium
- Provides for adequate accommodations (i.e. tables, chairs, partitions, heaters etc.) to fulfil the needed requirements on the Judge's podium
- Supervise Halfpipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air training in the absence of the Head Judge and/or the CS Representative, Canadian Technical Delegate or FIS Technical Delegate
- Must attend all Halfpipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air Coaches meetings
- Provide for sufficient food and refreshments etc. for the Judges as requested by the Head Judge.
- Must have experience in building and maintaining Halfpipe/Slopestyle/ Big air courses. Canada Snowboard has the possibility to request the presence of a technical adviser appointed by Canada Snowboard for the preparation and maintenance of the Halfpipe/Slopestyle/ Big Air courses.

Connection Coach

The connection coach will be designated by the Chief of Competition or the CS Representative (Air Nation, Speed Nation) during the first Coaches meeting. The Connection Coach will be the direct line of communication between the Jury and the Coaches.

The Course Designer

Based upon the characteristics of the course and the Course Specifications the Course Designer shall develop a plan and work schedule for the development of the course.

Start & Finish Personnel

Start Referee

The start referee must remain at the start from the beginning of the official inspection time until the end of training and/or competition. He/ She is responsible for the organisation and supervision of the start and observance of all regulations i.e.

- Make sure that the regulations for the start and the start organisation are properly observed.
- Determine late and false starts.
- Be able to communicate immediately with the Jury at all times.
- reports the names of all competitors who did not start, have made a false or late start and informs the Jury of all rule infringements.
- Ensure that reserve bibs are at the start.

Starter

Directs the starting signals and the accuracy of the intervals between actual starts.

At Freestyle events the Starter is responsible for communicating with the Head Judge according to the communication protocol. The Starter will only send riders in the course when he receives the Head Judges permission.

Assistant Starter

Calls the Athletes to the start in their correct order and ensures the smooth flow of an event by making sure that a certain number of riders are always ready to enter the start area.

Finish Referee

The finish referee must remain at the finish from the beginning of the official inspection time until the end of training and / or competition. He/ she is responsible for the organisation and supervision of the finish and observance of all regulations i.e.

He/ she:

- Make sure that the regulations for the organisation of the finish and the finish in-run and out-run or landing hill and out-run/finish area are properly observed.
- Supervises the finish controller, the timing and the crowd control in the finish area.
- Is able to communicate immediately with the Jury at all times.
- Reports the names of all competitors who do not finish and informs the Jury of all rule infringements.

Medical

The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services

The chief of medical and rescue services is responsible for organising adequate first aid and medical coverage during the official training periods and the actual competition. They must be sure that

telephone or radio communication is available over the entire length of the course and must coordinate plans with the chief of competition before the start of official training.

They must arrange for quarters to which injured competitors may be taken and treated.

First Aid and Medical Service

The first aid and medical services must be completely operational during all training times. Details of the Medical Support Requirements are given in the different Event Handbook.

The Race/Competition Administrator

The Competition Administrator is responsible for all aspects of the competition and amongst others for the preparation of the draw. They must ensure that the official results contain the information required by Canada Snowboard and/or the International Federations. They are responsible for the minutes of the competition committee, Jury and the Coaches meetings. They must ensure that all forms for start, finish, timing, calculations, and gate judging are well prepared, and handed over to the officials concerned in good order at the proper time. They can receive official protests and give them to those who are concerned. They must facilitate the calculation of results by appropriate preparation and ensure that they are duplicated and published as quickly as possible after the completion of the competition.

Timing, Scoring and Calculations

The Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations

The Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations is responsible for the coordination of officials at the start and finish, including timing, calculations and in the judged events checks the scoring results along with the Head Judge. In timed events, he/ she or a special assistant along with the Jury will decide the interval between starts.

The following officials are under his direction:

- Starter
- Head of Judges
- Announcer
- Score board
- Start Referee
- Finish Referee
- Chief of Calculations and his Assistants

Score Board

Minimum one (1) scoreboard at the Start area of the competition with radio connection with the Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations.

Gate Judge & Section Judges

The chief gate judge organises and supervises the work of the gate Judges. He designates the gates each will supervise and places them in position. At the end of the 1st run and the end of the competition he will collect the gate Judges control cards for delivery to the referee. He must distribute, in good time, to each gate judge the material that they need (control card, pencil, start list, etc.) and be prepared to offer assistance either to help keep the spectators off the course or to help maintain the course, etc. He must make sure that the numbering and the marking of the gates is done within the required time.

The Gate Judges/ The Section Judges

The Jury shall determine the number of gate judges and communicate this information to the Chief of Competition. The Chief of Competition shall conduct a meeting of the gate judges prior to the competition to review their duties. The Head Gate Keeper shall be included in this meeting.

Decision of a Gate Judge

The Gate Judge shall decide if an Athlete is disqualified or not disqualified and report to the jury. The jury will make the final decision related to DQ's. If there is doubt the decision will favour the Athlete.

Sanctioned Caused by Intentional Contact

Intentional contact by pushing, pulling, positioning an arm in front of another competitor to avoid being passed or other means which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course is not allowed. Blocking, by intentional movements of the body or an abrupt and radical changing of the actual riding line for blocking reasons is also not permitted. Any of the described intentional contacts will cause a sanction. Unavoidable "casual contact" may be acceptable. All contact infractions will be at the discretion of the course Judges and competition Jury.

If there is an infraction of the rule above (intentional contact) the competitor will be sanctioned according to the "Sanction System", as follows:

Warning (WRG): two warnings during the same competition shall lead to a Yellow Card.

Yellow Card/ RAL: competitors will be automatically ranked as last in their heat and listed as RAL (Ranked as Last) in the result list and will be ranked last at the end of the 4th /6th ranked competitors, but before the DNS. All other competitors, even if they are victims of this intentional contact, will be ranked as they came in- to the Finish. In case they do not cross the finish line, the rankings of the remaining competitors will be based on the location where they ceased making correct passage of the course. The competitor that has made it further down the course correctly will receive the better rank. WC/CoC: the Yellow Cards remain with the competitor. Two Yellow Cards issued to a competitor within a competition season in WC or in one of the CoCs will lead automatically to a Red Card. Yellow Cards given in different competition levels or in different CoCs shall not be counted together. A competitor who receives a Yellow Card is not permitted to start in any further heat in the competition.

Red Card /DSQ: competitor will be disqualified from the current competition, listed at the end of the result list and not get ranked. DSQ shall result in the suspension of the competitor from the next competition at the same level (WC, EC, NAC, SAC, AC or ANC).

The color of the card and its related sanction will depend on:

- a) whether the offender gained an advantage from the action
- b) whether the fault was serious enough to constitute unsportsmanlike behaviour
- c) the related consequences of the action.

Duties

The Gate Judge must replace or re-plant gates and flags that have been broken, torn, or dislodged. The replaced gates and flags must be of the same color and in the same location as the removed gate or flag. Racecourses must be cleared of any obstruction, spectators must be kept away from the racecourse, and accredited persons informed that they must not disturb the Athlete's visibility or obstruct their run. The Gate Judge must maintain the quality of the racecourse throughout the competition.

Assistance

The Head Gate Keeper shall provide assistance to the Gate Judges as required.

The Head Gate Keeper shall distribute to gate judges:

- Spare poles and flags of both colours
- Shovel and/or rakes
- Check cards with pencils

Position and Dress

The Gate Judge shall choose a position from which all assigned gates are clearly visible and from which the Athletes will not be disturbed.

Clothing worn by the Gate Judge shall not be of the same colour as the gates and gate panels.

Check Card and Recording Infractions

- Each gate judge receives a check card that must be completed with:
- Name of the gate Judge
- Numbers of the Gates to be monitored
- Identification of the run: training, qualification, 1st, 2nd, men, women, etc.
- Identification of the discipline.

If an Athlete does not pass a gate correctly, the gate judge must record the following on the check card:

- Bib number of the Athlete
- Gate number where the fault occurred
- Diagram showing the Athlete's fault.

Information to an Athlete

If an Athlete is uncertain if a gate has been passed correctly, that Athlete may request confirmation from the Gate Judge. The Gate Judge shall respond clearly and loudly by saying:

- "GO" if the gate passage was correct, or
- "BACK" if the gate passage was incorrect.

Duty at the End of the Event

Each Gate Judge who has recorded a disqualifying fault or who has witnessed an incident leading to a re-run, shall remain available to the Jury until after any protest has been settled and released by the Jury.

Jury

Composition

- o Alpine Disciplines (PGS | PSL)
 - Technical Delegate
 - Finish Referee
 - Chief of Competition
 - CS Representative
- o Snowboard cross Disciplines (SBX | Para SBX)
 - Technical Delegate
 - Chief of Finish
 - Chief of Competition
 - CS Representative
- o Freestyle Disciplines (HP | SBS | BA)
 - Technical Delegate
 - Head Judge
 - Chief of Competition
 - CS Representative

Decisions

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings and decisions of the Jury and shall be signed by the Technical Delegate (and the Canada Snowboard Representative) for all Air Nation and Speed Nation events). Decisions shall be made by simple majority vote of the Jury members with voting rights. In case of a tie, the CS Representative has the deciding vote.

If an emergency situation arises during the competition, each Jury member has the right to make provisional decisions based upon the rules. The Jury shall confirm these decisions as soon thereafter as possible. If critical situations arise, such as issues of security or safety of the Athletes, the decision of the CS Representative is binding, even if it is contrary to the votes of the other members of the Jury who are entitled to vote. In this case, the CS Representative must submit his decision and reasons for it in writing and share with the appropriate parties.

Duties of the Jury

The Jury monitors the adherence to the rules throughout the entire competition, including the official training.

From a technical standpoint particularly by:

- Checking the competition-course and the set courses as well as official warm-up areas

- Checking the snow conditions on and beside the course
- Checking the preparation of the course
- Approving the use of snow compactors and other chemicals.
- Checking the crowd control systems
- Checking the start, the finish area and the run-out from the finish
- Checking the first aid service
- Appointing the course setters
- Fixing the time of course setting
- Overseeing the work of the course setters and Snowboard Cross course builders/designers (including pipes, jumps, rails etc)
- Checking the fastening of the gate flags
- Opening or closing the competition courses for training in consideration of the technical preparations and the prevailing weather conditions
- Determining the manner of the course inspection
- Inspection of the course before the competition
- Determining the number of forerunners for each run and setting the start order of the forerunners
- Debriefing the forerunners
- Changing the start order in consideration of course conditions and in extraordinary conditions
- Changing the start intervals
- Giving instructions to and obtaining information from the gate Judges.
- Checking the Judges stands and the Judges working conditions.

A member of the Jury should periodically inspect the course during the competition.

From an organisational viewpoint particularly by:

- Ranking of the competitors for the draw
- Division of the competitors without points into groups according to some determined basis
- Granting of provisional runs and reruns
- Cancellation or suspension of the competition: (beforehand)
- if there is too little snow cover on or beside the course, or the snow surface on the course is badly or unevenly prepared
- if areas are deemed to be insufficiently protected
- if the first aid and medical service are inadequate or at all lacking
- if the crowd control is insufficient
- Shortening the course, if snow or weather conditions make this appear necessary
- Interruption of the competition if needed
- Termination of the competition if needed

Written minutes are to be kept of all meetings and decisions of the Jury and signed by each individual member of the Jury, with each individual vote on decisions recorded. They must be verified by the Chairman of the Jury and written in at least one official language of Canada Snowboard (French or English).

From a disciplinary viewpoint particularly by:

- Decision on a proposal of the Technical Delegate to exclude a competitor for lack of physical and technical ability
- Enforcement of the checks on regulations concerning advertising on equipment and clothing in the competition area
- limitation of quotas for officials, technicians and medical personnel for admission to the competition-course
- Pronouncement of disqualifications
- Decisions on infractions by Coaches, trainers, course setters, service personnel and company representatives, if they are accredited to the competition
- Pronouncement on disciplinary measures and sanctions
- Imposition of sanctions
- Decisions on protests
- Issue of particular directives throughout the entire competition

Questions not Covered by Rule:

In general, the Jury takes decisions on all questions not clarified by the Canada Snowboard Guidelines, Event Handbooks.

Forerunners

The PTSA must propose a list of forerunners to the Jury. The Jury may select the forerunners of each competition. The forerunners must be current Canada Snowboard members. The Jury, during the Coaches meeting, shall determine the number of forerunners. Forerunners must sign a liability waiver, wear a bib and a helmet.

TECHNICAL AREAS OF THE COMPETITION

VENUE

Start Area

The start area shall be at least 1 meter wide and 2 meters long. It must be at and Level. The only people permitted to enter the start area are the Starter, Assistant Starter, Jury members and a maximum of 6 Athletes and their coaches. This area must be separated from the preparation area.

Preparation Area

Fencing or rope shall enclose the preparation area. It shall provide security for the Athletes, allow for their preparation for the event, and access shall be limited to authorized personnel and Athletes. This area shall be at and as wide as possible.

Course

Restricted Access

The course must be closed to any and all public access by the use of fencing or other means.

Preparation

The course must be closed to the public before the competition. It may be groomed to provide a compacted surface from the start to the finish. The use of artificial means such as salt or water is permitted. The host resort in accordance with the jury shall install protective fencing, padding, or any other safety measures that it deems necessary to ensure the safety of the public, the Rider's and all those involved in the event.

Maintenance

The course shall be maintained in the best possible condition throughout the competition. It (may) beside-slipped as necessary, by snowboarders or preferably by skiers. Proper maintenance equipment including drills, rakes, and shovels must be available. Snow cats may be used in poor conditions in between the training, qualification, and final runs.

Arrival & Finish Areas

Arrival Area

The arrival area shall be fenced or enclosed, to provide security for the Athletes, and access shall be limited to Athletes and accredited persons only. Outside access shall be available through a single opening, approximately one meter wide. The arrival area may be divided into:

- The finish area.
- A place for the Athletes to safely leave their belongings.
- A place for the announcer and results board.
- A place for accredited persons.

Finish Area

The finish area is to be enclosed to ensure maximum security and comfort for the Athletes. It may be as at and wide as possible to permit stopping safely and easily at the end of the course. The finish line must be easily visible and be at least 6 meters wide for each course. An exit measuring approximately one meter wide shall be set in the fencing to access the arrival area.

PREPARATION & EXECUTION OF COMPETITION

Start order

Parallel Slalom/ Parallel Giant Slalom

Start order shall be as follows: bib number 1 against 2; 3 against 4; and so on. Odd bib numbers (1,3,5) shall start on the right course (looking down from the start area). Even bib numbers (2,4,6) shall start on the left course (looking down from the start area). Athletes may make only one run.

The 8 (or 4) fastest women and 16 (or 8) fastest men on the left course and on the right course will be qualified for the 2nd Qualification.

Or

All Athletes may make one run on the right course and one run on the left course. The 8 (or 4) fastest women and the 16 (or 8) fastest men will be qualified for the Final based on their combined times. The number of men or women qualified for the 2nd Qualification may be changed at the 'Rider's'/ Coaches meeting based on participation levels but must not exceed 16 women and 32 men.

Snowboard cross

The Starter shall prepare Athletes for their start. Beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start, the Starter shall announce in a smooth- flowing manner the start cadence. An Athlete must start within a window of time, from five (5) seconds prior to five (5) seconds following the Starter's call of "Go". A start before or after this window is grounds for disqualification.

The start shall be given by: "Athletes ready ... attention!" The Starter will open the gates and/or give the signal between 0 and 5 seconds after the attention command.

Freestyle

The start order shall follow the start list provided during the Coaches meeting. The Starter shall prepare Athletes for their start. Beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start, the Starter shall announce in a smooth- flowing manner the start cadence. An Athlete must start within a window of time, from five (5) seconds to fifteen (15) seconds following the Starter's call of "Go".

Interruption, Cancellation or Postponement of Competition or Training

The Jury has the right to cancel, interrupt or postpone a competition in any case where to continue could, in the Jury's estimation, be inadvisable on grounds of safety or fairness.

Causes for cancellation shall include but not be limited to:

- Insufficient snow on and beside the course;
- Inadequate or uneven preparation of the snow surface on the course;
- Insufficient protective measures;
- Deficient or insufficient organisation of the medical, rescue and first aid service;
- Insufficient organisation of crowd control;
- Unacceptable weather conditions;
- Extreme cold: if the temperature measured at the Start falls below -20°C, the Jury must meet to consider delaying training or competition until the temperature rises to -20°C or above, or cancelling the competition if it judges that a rise to an acceptable temperature is unlikely. The decision to interrupt a competition may be final or temporary.

Postponement or Cancellation of a Competition

The Jury has the right to cancel an event or an entire competition. The procedure to make-up the event (or competition) must be decided upon by the Jury immediately after the decision to cancel. If the competition cannot be conducted, then the TD must consult with Canada Snowboard to determine whether to reschedule the competition at a later date or permanently cancel the competition.

If a competition is cancelled or postponed, for whatever reason, notice must be given immediately by e-mail to Canada Snowboard. If a competition is postponed, notice of the rescheduled date and location

must be circulated immediately. The rescheduled competition shall be treated as a completely new competition (i.e.: entries can change, new start order, etc.).

The CS Representative (if present) and Technical Delegate can decide to interrupt or cancel a competition (wind, fog, avalanche, blizzard, etc.)

If a competition is to be made up, then the scheduling of the competition must not interfere with the time necessary to conduct any other competition.

Delay

In single races/ competition, the starter shall determine if a start after a missed interval is excused for reasons of force majeure. Racer's equipment malfunction or sickness is not a reason for an excused delay.

An Athlete with an equipment malfunction may, by TD or Starter decision, start at the end of his starting group.

Provisional Start

The Start Referee shall determine if circumstances surrounding a delayed start need further investigation and may grant a provisional start to that Athlete. The Jury may determine when a provisional run can be made.

False Start by an Athlete

An Athlete must immediately stop their run when the Starter signals a false start.

Did Not Start - DNS

All Athletes must be on time at the start area for all official training sessions, qualifications runs and/or finals runs.

If the Athlete is late and misses the official training, in any case another training session will be scheduled for that Athlete.

- **Freestyle:** If during the Qualifications runs and/or the Finals runs the Athlete is not at the start area on time, the Athlete will automatically drop-in after the last Athlete of that heat.
- **Snowboard cross:** If during qualification time-runs the Athlete is not at the start area on time, the Athlete will automatically drop-in after the last Athlete of the start list. If during the finals the Athlete is not on time at the start, the Athlete will be automatically disqualified.
- **Parallel Slalom/ Parallel Giant Slalom:** If during the time-runs and/or finals the Athlete is not on time at the start, the Athlete will be automatically disqualified.

Did not Finish –DNF

- **Freestyle:** The Judges will stop judging and in place of a score, an Athlete will receive a DNF, only for that particular run, if the Athlete:

- o Removes both feet from their snowboard and proceeds to exit the course
- o Exits the competition area prior to completing their run.
- o Stops their run for more than 30 seconds.
- **Snowboard cross:** All athletes not crossing the finish line will receive a DNF. Athletes receiving a DNF will be ranked on the last place in the heat according to the qualification time.
- **Parallel Slalom/ Parallel Giant Slalom:** All athletes not crossing the finish line will receive a DNF. Athletes receiving a DNF will be ranked on the last place in the heat according to the qualification time.

Not Permitted to Start – NPS

A competitor will be subject to being sanctioned, which sanction may include not be permitted to start in any Canada Snowboard competition who:

- wears obscene names and/or symbols on clothing and equipment or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- trains on a course or jump closed for competitors.
- does not follow the Canada Snowboard Helmet Policy
- was disqualified, (DS), did not start (DNS) or did not finish (DNF) in the first run or first phase. See event Handbooks for more information.
- If a competitor has actually started in a competition and is later determined by the Jury to have been in violation of these rules, the Jury must sanction the competitor.

Disqualified – DQ

A disqualification may be assessed by the Jury against a competitor where the competitor:

- submits false information or participates in the competition under false pretences.
- either jeopardizes the security of persons or property or actually causes injury or damage. Is determined to have caused interference to another competitor.
- trains on a course or jump closed for competitors, alters the course in a manner forbidden or acts contrary to the instructions of the Jury as to the execution of the training or the competition.
- does not follow the Canada Snowboard Helmet Policy
- appears late at start, makes a false start or violates the regulations for the execution of the start,
- fails to cross the gate lines with at least one foot buckled to the board.
- accepts outside help in any form during the competition,
- fails to give way to an overtaking competitor at the first call thus interfering with his run, (does not apply in Snowboard Cross Finals)
- unjustifiably requests a provisional re-run, which is later shown to be unsubstantiated

Re-Runs

- **Reasons**
 - o Obstructions of any kind (apart from snow) in the competition venue, which interfere with the Athlete. Exceptions for Snowboard cross: Fallen Rider's, fallen gates, gates out

of place, and safety netting out of place are not considered obstructions and are not reasons for re-runs in Snowboard cross.

- A gate out of position which causes an obstruction. Exception on Snowboard cross
 - Failure of hand timing and back-up timing and the main timing system.
 - Judges missing a run
 - Course Malfunction
- **Required Actions**
 - Athletes shall immediately stop their run and alert an official of an obstruction and exit the course. Athlete must not cross the finish line
 - Athletes must immediately ask the closest gate judge to record the situation on the check card.
 - Athletes must fulfil these conditions or the right to a re-run is forfeited.
 - At Freestyle events, the Athlete must stop immediately, lift one hand up to signal, and go directly to the finish area and report to the Technical Delegate, the Chief of Competition, Head of Judges or the Finish Referee. Under the direction of the Technical Delegate, the Chief of Competition, Head of Judges and the starter the Athlete may have the option of a re-run.
 - **Validity**
 - The Technical Delegate, the Chief of Competition or the Head of Judges may authorize a provisional re-run if the Jury is not available to make the decision.
 - Only the Jury shall officially declare a re-run.
 - If a re-run is official, the result of that re-run will be the official result.
 - **Gate Fault**

A gate has been passed correctly when the Athlete has at least the front foot fixed in the bindings on the board and the entire board crosses the gate line. In case of a fall, the Athlete must pass through the turning gate line.

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