



CANADA SNOWBOARD:
INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES
FOR THE 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES TEAM

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Canada Snowboard is revising the High Performance Program (HPP) General Policy as of the approval date of this Internal Nomination Procedures. Situations related to the revision of the HPP General Policy may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedures to be modified. Any required modifications will be communicated as soon as possible and come into effect as of the publication date of the new HPP General Policy.

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Canada Snowboard (CS or Canada Snowboard) for the nomination of athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games (OWG), Canadian Team for competition in the snowboard events. The 2026 OWG is scheduled to take place from February 5-22, 2026, in Milano-Cortina, Italy. The goal of any such nominations is to field the most competitive and capable team to achieve Canada Snowboard's ultimate performance objective of winning Olympic medals.

Canada Snowboard's High Performance philosophy is to field and best support a competitive team of athletes capable of making finals (progressing from qualification to finals) within their respective discipline at the 2026 OWG. Canada Snowboard's guiding principle is to nominate those athletes who have satisfied the minimum performance standards outlined in this INP (including eligibility, criteria, and 'Health Related Curtailments' as defined in Section 10). This principle guides the nomination of Canada Snowboard athletes to the COC for participation in the 2026 OWG's as a member of the Canadian Olympic Team.

Athletes must earn their nomination to represent themselves and Canada Snowboard on Team Canada at the OWG by demonstrating competitiveness within the athletes' field during the Olympic Qualification Period (defined in Section 7). Competitiveness within an athletes' field shall be understood as demonstrating an ability to achieve results that progress the athlete from qualification to finals for Speed discipline or demonstrate an ability to achieve top third (1/3) results for Style disciplines at individual FIS World Cup, FIS World Championships and/or WSPL 700 and above events.

This Canada Snowboard 2026 Olympic Winter Games INP sets out the process of:

- a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for nomination to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team; and
- b) From the group of eligible athletes, determining the athletes who have met the criteria outlined in this INP document; and
- c) Ranking of these athletes within their respective disciplines and genders, and throughout all the disciplines and genders for the purpose of nominating snowboard athletes to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team; and
- d) Determining the CS athlete support team members to be nominated by CS to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

The 2026 OWG include the following Snowboard events for the two genders declared by FIS (men and women):

Speed:

- Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)
- Snowboardcross (SBX)
- Snowboardcross Mixed Gender Team Event (BTX)

Park and Pipe:

- Slopestyle (SBS)
- Big Air (BA)
- Halfpipe (HP)

Key dates applicable to this INP document are outlined in the table below:

CANADA SNOWBOARD: KEY DATES RELATED TO 2026 OWG TEAM NOMINATION	
DATE	Activity
1 JULY 2024	Beginning FIS Qualification Period
1 JULY 2024	CS Qualification Period for Method 'A' and 'B' begins
3 DECEMBER 2024	CS Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) Published
1 JULY 2025	CS Qualification Period Method 'A' ends
5 JANUARY 2026	CS Qualification Period Method 'B' ends
7 JANUARY 2026	CS 2026 OWG Provisional Team Nominations are communicated
7 JANUARY 2026	Provisional Team Nomination appeal window opens
8 JANUARY 2026	Provisional Team Nomination appeal window closes at 23:59 Pacific Standard Time
18 JANUARY 2026	End of the FIS Qualification Period
19 JANUARY 2026	Publication on the FIS website of the Olympic Quota Allocation List
19-22 JANUARY 2026	Quota Allocation Confirmed and Reallocation Process
22 JANUARY 2026	CS Team Nomination communicated by CS to the COC*
26 JANUARY 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries Deadline
5-22 FEBRUARY 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

*COC and CS team announcement dates TBD

2. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

Canada Snowboard has the authority to nominate athletes in the events listed above (Section 1) to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team. Prior to publication, this INP document was drafted by the CS High Performance Directors and shared with Canada Snowboard's Athletes' Council, CS National Team Coaches, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and CS's Sport Lawyer, for review and feedback, and submitted to CS Vice President, Sport for final review and approval.

Nominations made by Canada Snowboard will be based upon the criteria, policies and procedures set out in this Internal Nomination Procedures document and on any other Canada Snowboard policies and procedures referenced herein.

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' will evaluate all eligible athletes based on the criteria listed in this document and CS will nominate a prioritized list of athletes to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' shall consist of the High-Performance Directors (HPD) for Speed, and Park and Pipe, in consultation with the National Team Coach(es) for the respective disciplines. The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' shall submit its nominations for selection to the Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team to Canada Snowboard's Vice President, Sport (VPS) or designate for approval.

During the 2026 OWG competition period (February 5-22, 2026), final decision-making authority shall reside with the discipline specific HPD (Speed or Park and Pipe), based on consultation with the National Team discipline-specific coaches and others deemed relevant by the respective HPD.

3. MANDATE

- a) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is the body responsible for staging the OWG.
- b) The COC is mandated by the IOC to select those athletes who will represent Canada in the 2026 OWG.
- c) The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) is recognized by the IOC as the international governing body for the sport of snowboarding. The IOC, in partnership with FIS and the Milano-Cortina Organizing Committee for the 2026 Olympic Games (MOCOG), determines the overall maximum number of snowboard athletes that may participate in the OWG and establishes the eligibility standards for all participating athletes. The FIS also establishes quotas for each nation with respect to that nation's maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender, and maximum number of athletes per event. Further information in this regard is set out in the FIS Olympic Qualification Procedures. In the event of a discrepancy between the FIS Olympic Qualification Procedures and this document, the FIS Olympic Qualification Procedures shall prevail which can be found at this link under "Quota Information – Snowboard": <https://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/general-fis-documents/olympic-winter-games-2026>
- d) Canada Snowboard is mandated by the COC to nominate athletes to represent Canada at the 2026 OWG in the snowboard disciplines, in accordance with criteria established by Canada Snowboard and the minimum performance criteria as established by the FIS. Ultimately, the final selection of athletes as members of the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team resides with the COC.

4. OBJECTIVES

For Canadian snowboard athletes competing in PGS, SBX, BXT, HP, SBS and BA, the Olympic Winter Games is the most important competition held every four years. Results from this competition have an impact on funding received from various governmental and non-governmental sources for direct athlete funding, and financial support for CS's high performance operations.

As stated above, it is Canada Snowboard's primary performance objective at the 2026 OWG to support athletes who have demonstrated an ability and potential to win Olympic medals at these games.

Canada Snowboard's secondary performance objective at the 2026 OWG is to support athletes to make finals (move from qualification to finals) of the field in their respective discipline.

These principles guided the 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' when developing this 2026 Olympic Winter Games INP document and will serve as the basis for guiding selection decisions.

5. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition at the 2026 OWG and nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team, an athlete must:

- a) Be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors):
<https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/International-Olympic-Committee/IOC-Publications/EN-Olympic-Charter.pdf> ;
- b) Comply with all provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, which includes but is not limited to Rule 43 of the Olympic Charter (World Anti-Doping Code) and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions;
- c) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire prior to August 22, 2026;
- d) Be in good standing with Canada Snowboard, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied mutatis mutandis;
https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_Bylaws_EN.pdf
- e) Meet the FIS eligibility criteria for their individual event including but not limited to:
 - i. One Top 30 result in an individual FIS World Cup or the 2025 FIS World Championship competition between July 1, 2024, and January 17, 2026.

- ii. Have a minimum of 100 points (SBX, PAR); or at least 50 points (HP, SBS or BA) on the January 19th, 2026, FIS Snowboard Points List.
- f) Sign, submit, and comply with the Canada Snowboard 2025/26 Athlete Agreement, the COC Athlete Agreement, and the MOCO Conditions of Participation Form for the 2026 OWG prior to the COC's deadline;
- g) Sign the Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form (or any consent form of the successor of Abuse-Free Sport), as required by Canada Snowboard and/or the COC;
- h) Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIS, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), the IOC and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority; and
- i) Comply with all other relevant FIS, COC and IOC requirements for eligibility.

6. IOC/FIS QUOTA ALLOCATION

The IOC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2026 OWG by establishing quotas per discipline and per FIS declared gender for each country participating in the Games. However, it's important to note that following the IOC and FIS Quota Allocation, Canada Snowboard conducts an internal quota allocation process. The 'CS Quota Allocation' process is outlined in Section 8.3, below. The purpose of the 'CS Quota Allocation' process is to ensure that available quota is prioritized and allocated to eligible athletes who have met the specific performance criteria based on the overall athlete ranking process outlined in the 'Nomination Process' in Section 8, below.

For the 2026 OWG, the IOC has established the following Snowboard quotas for each country:

- A maximum of four (4) athletes per FIS declared gender per event; (SBS/BA are considered as one event).
- A maximum of thirteen (13) athletes per FIS declared gender.
- Three (3) Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Teams (BXT), which are composed of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete per team.
- Overall maximum team size of twenty-six (26) athletes.

The FIS and IOC have established a maximum number (quota spots) of all the who can be entered into an Olympic Snowboard event at the 2026 OWG. These quotas are outlined below:

Event	Women	Men
<i>Parallel Giant Slalom*</i>	32	32
<i>Halfpipe</i>	25	25
<i>Snowboardcross**</i>	32	32
<i>Slopestyle and Big Air</i>	30	30

***NOTE:** The FIS Ranking of the Parallel Giant Slalom Quota Allocation list will use both PAR (PGS & PSL) individual events.

****NOTE:** Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event may be eligible for selection to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross Event.

Quota spots for National Olympic Committees (NOCs) with eligible athletes will be allocated based on the number of participants per event, as outlined above. This allocation will use the Olympic Quota Allocation List, which combines FIS World Cup points per event (by gender) from July 1, 2024, to January 18, 2026, and rankings from the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships and will be published on the FIS [website](#). The same points system used for the World Cup will be used.

For Slopestyle and Big Air, only an athlete's top four (4) Big Air results and top six (6) Slopestyle World Cup points results will be used for the calculation, along with the athletes' points obtained from Big Air and/or Slopestyle events at the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships.

Quota allocation will be made by assigning one (1) quota place per athlete, starting from the top of the Olympic Quota Allocation List (downwards), until the maximum number of quotas for each event and FIS declared gender is reached in Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboardcross, and Slopestyle/Big Air***.

*****NOTE:** Slopestyle and Big Air are treated as a single discipline.

Once an NOC reaches its maximum of four (4) quota places, any remaining eligible athletes from that NOC will not be counted, and the next eligible NOC on the list will receive the quota place.

If an NOC is allocated more than the maximum of 26 (13 per FIS declared gender) competitors across the eligible Snowboard events, the NOC will be responsible for selecting a final team composition of up to 26 athletes (13 per FIS declared gender) across the various events from January 19 - 20, 2026. After FIS allocates quota places and NOCs confirm entries, any unused quota places will be reallocated by FIS to the next eligible NOC on the Olympic Quota Allocation List for the respective event and FIS declared gender.

In the event of a discrepancy between the above and the actual FIS Olympic Qualification System, the FIS Olympic Qualification System shall prevail. The full details

and latest version of the FIS Olympic Qualification System can be found here:
<https://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/general-fis-documents/olympic-winter-games-2026>
(Quota Information - Snowboard).

This INP document is based on IOC/FIS rules and regulations as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Canada Snowboard. Any changes in the selection criteria and procedures necessitated by a change in the IOC/FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected parties as soon as reasonably possible. In such circumstances, Canada Snowboard will review and amend, where necessary, this INP document to comply with new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website.

7. ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

To be considered for nomination by Canada Snowboard to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team, athletes must participate in specific competitions designated for each discipline. These competitions, referred to as 'eligible competitions', are the only competitions where the final results will be used to determine an athlete's nomination priority. The eligible competitions are listed for both the Method 'A' and Method 'B' Nomination Procedures and take place within a defined 'CS Olympic Qualification Period', which are outlined immediately below for Speed disciplines (SBX, PGS) and Park and Pipe (SBS/BA, HP).

The 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' is defined as July 1, 2024, to January 5, 2026, inclusive.

Speed: Eligible competitions for Speed Disciplines (Parallel Giant Slalom and Snowboardcross) will only include the following PGS, PSL**** and SBX events for ranking purposes:

- Method 'A': July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025
 - Eligible Competitions: PGS and SBX individual FIS World Cup (WC) competitions.

- Method 'B': July 1, 2024, to January 5, 2026.
 - Priorities 1 – 4: Eligible Competitions; PGS and SBX individual FIS World Cup competitions, and the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships PGS or SBX competitions.
 - Priority 5: Eligible Competitions; PGS, PSL, and SBX individual FIS World Cup competitions, and the 2025 FIS Snowboard World Championships PGS, PSL, or SBX competitions.

******NOTE:** For Alpine, PSL events will only be considered as an eligible competition for Priority 5 ranking purposes as outlined in 8.2.1 Method 'B'.

Only final results achieved during eligible individual PGS, PSL****, and SBX competition(s) will be considered in the 'Nomination Process' detailed in Section 8, below. Alpine or Snowboardcross Team Events (PRT or BXT) results will not be considered during the 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' for nomination to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

Park and Pipe: Eligible Competitions for the Park and Pipe disciplines (Slopestyle/Big Air and Halfpipe) will only include the following SBS, BA and HP events for ranking purposes:

- Method 'A': July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025
 - Eligible competitions: 900 and higher WSPL events
- Method 'B': July 1, 2024, to January 5, 2026
 - To meet the minimum requirement Eligible Competitions: 700 and higher WSPL Events
 - For ranking of the nomination order within their respective discipline (SBS/BA or HP), only results achieved from 700 and higher WSPL events within their 52 week ranking period as of January 5, 2026, will be used

WSPL event details including values and competition results can be found on the World Snowboard Federation website here: <https://www.worldsnowboardfederation.org>

8. NOMINATION PROCESS

Eligible athletes meeting the criteria in Method 'A' will be ranked ahead of athletes meeting Method 'B' and the rankings from both Methods ('A' and 'B') will determine the athlete ranking within their own discipline only. The Cross-Discipline (includes all the individual snowboard discipline) ranking to determine quota allocation will be done in accordance with Section 8.3 'CS Quota Allocation'. For further clarification, the 'CS Quota Allocation' will not change the ranking of the athletes within their respective discipline based on the prioritized list generated from Method 'A' and 'B' rankings. The 'CS Quota Allocation' will only determine the quota allocation to those athletes across the other disciplines until the maximum gender, discipline, or team size is exhausted.

The athlete who opens a quota spot for Canada, or for their respective discipline, is not necessarily the athlete who will be nominated to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team for that discipline. Quota spots will be allocated to each eligible athlete

according to the 'CS Quota Allocation' outlined in Section 8.3, below, and in compliance with FIS and IOC rules (26 total athletes, 13 athletes per FIS declared gender, with a maximum of 4 athletes per discipline/gender). This process will continue until all quota spots are filled, or there are no remaining eligible athletes who meet the performance requirements or nomination priorities within their discipline outlined in Method 'A' or Method 'B' below (Section 8.1 and 8.2), within the 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' outlined in Section 7, above.

As noted above*** Slopestyle and Big Air will be treated as one (1) discipline. Athletes nominated to the Slopestyle/Big Air team will be nominated to compete in both events at the 2026 OWG based on the process below.

As noted above** athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Snowboardcross event may be eligible for selection to participate in the Mixed Team Snowboardcross event. The nomination of the Mixed Team Event pairings will be done on-site of the 2026 OWG and in accordance with Section 8.2.1, below.

8.1 METHOD 'A' – (PROVISIONAL) EARLY NOMINATION FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

The maximum number of eligible athletes that may be provisionally nominated to the COC through Method 'A' are:

- a) Two (2) male and two (2) female snowboard athletes from each discipline. (Slopestyle/Big Air, Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, and Snowboardcross)
 - a. Slopestyle and Big Air will be considered one (1) discipline***; as such, only two (2) male and two (2) female athletes may be nominated through Method 'A' to represent Slopestyle and Big Air.
 - i. For Big Air, only one (1) athlete per gender may be nominated through Method A, and only if their ranking is better than the second ranked Slopestyle eligible athlete in the ranking process.

Eligible athletes may be provisional nominated to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team based on the results achieved in their respective competitions described below:

- **Park and Pipe** – Method 'A' Eligible Competitions (SBS, BA and HP) shall consist of all 2024-25 season 900 and above WSPL events occurring between July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.
- **Speed** – Method 'A' Eligible Competitions (PGS and Snowboardcross) shall consist of all 2024-25 PGS or SBX individual FIS World Cup events occurring between July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

1. **Park and Pipe:** To be provisionally nominated to the COC through Method 'A' for Park and Pipe events (SBS/BA or HP), an eligible athlete must:
 - a. Achieve two (2) Podium (top three) results at eligible competitions within the discipline events for Method 'A'; and
 - b. Achieve one other result that falls within the top ten (10) and within the top third (1/3) of the field at an eligible competition.
 - i. For Slopestyle and Big Air, all three (3) results must be in the same discipline (SBS **or** BA) to be eligible and included in the ranking process; and
 - ii. A minimum result within the top third (1/3) of the field placing is required in both disciplines (SBS & BA) at an eligible competition.

2. **Speed:** To be provisionally nominated to the COC through Method 'A' for Speed events (PGS or SBX), an eligible athlete must:
 - a. Be ranked within the Top Three (3) in the world of their respective discipline as described on the final 2025 FIS Snowboardcross World Cup Overall Tour Standings or the final 2025 FIS Alpine Snowboard PGS World Cup Overall Tour Standings, published at the conclusion of the 2024/25 FIS World Cup competition season.

3. Eligible athletes who have achieved the criteria to be provisionally nominated as outlined in points 1 or 2 above at the end of the Method 'A' Selection Period (July 1, 2025) will be included in the ranking process for nomination according to the following procedure:
 - a. Eight (8) discipline and gender specific ranking lists will be created (one for each gender in Slopestyle/Big Air, Halfpipe, Parallel Giant Slalom, and Snowboardcross).
 - i. **PGS and Snowboardcross:** Athletes will be ranked by their best three (3) final results from eligible competitions based on the FIS points allocation.
 - ii. **Halfpipe:** Athletes will be ranked by their best three (3) Halfpipe results from eligible competitions based on their WSPL points allocation.
 - iii. **Slopestyle and Big Air:** Athletes will be ranked by their best three (3) Slopestyle **and** best three (3) Big Air results from eligible competitions based on their WSPL points allocation.
 - b. In the event of a tie of the aggregate total between two (2) or more athlete's best three (3) (Speed/Halfpipe) or best six (6) (3 Slopestyle and 3

Big Air) placings, the athlete with the single highest field placing breaking the tie from above will be selected.

- c. In the unlikely event that less than three (3) events of the **Method ‘A’ Eligible Competitions** for Slopestyle or Big Air occur athletes can still qualify for Method ‘A’ through the opposite discipline.
 - d. In the unlikely event Slopestyle and Big Air both have less than three (3) events, athletes may only be nominated by Method ‘B’ outlined below.
 - e. In the unlikely event that less than three (3) events of the **Method ‘A’ Eligible Competitions** for Halfpipe, Parallel Giant Slalom or Snowboardcross occur, athletes may only be nominated by **Method ‘B’** outlined below.
4. Provisionally nominated athletes must achieve the following requirements for final nomination to the COC on January 19, 2026:
- a. **Park and Pipe:** For final nomination, provisionally nominated athletes must achieve a single top third (1/3) result at a FIS World Cup, or WSPL 900 or above event in the 2025/26 season before January 5, 2026.
 - b. **Speed:** For final nomination, provisionally nominated athletes must achieve a single final result that falls within the Top 16 for Men and Women at a PGS FIS World Cup or falls within the Top 16 Women or Top 32 Men at a SBX FIS World Cup in the 2025/26 season before January 5, 2026.
 - c. For final nomination to the COC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team, athletes provisionally nominated through **Method ‘A’** must be ranked within the top number of athletes in accordance with the list below for their discipline and gender on the FIS Olympic Quota Allocation List at the end of the OWG quota allocation period, January 19, 2026.

Parallel Giant Slalom (PAR*):	32
Halfpipe (HP):	25
Snowboardcross (SBX):	32
Slopestyle & Big Air (SBS/BA):	30

8.2 METHOD ‘B’ – RESULTS BASED NOMINATION FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

8.2.1 METHOD ‘B’ - SPEED DISCIPLINES (SBX and PGS)

All eligible athletes will be ranked within Method ‘A’ first and then within Method ‘B’ by the listed performance priorities for their individual discipline based on the results achieved from eligible competitions within the ‘CS Olympic Qualification Period’.

Eligible athletes ranked within Method 'A' will be ranked ahead of athletes ranked within Method 'B'. Rankings for Method 'B' are top down starting at Priority 1 through to Priority 5 and will be made starting at the highest priority level (Priority 1) unless there are no athletes, or until there are no further athletes, who have the required performances within the designated 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' for that priority level, in which case, the CS Nominations Committee will move on to the next priority level (Priority 2) and so on.

The prioritized rankings of Method 'A' and 'B' will determine the ranking order in which eligible athletes are nominated for available quota within their specific discipline. The 'CS Quota Allocation' process outlined in Section 8.3, below, applies only to distributing quota across the other disciplines. For further clarification, the 'CS Quota Allocation' will not change the ranking order of eligible athletes within their own discipline as determined by the Method 'A' and 'B' rankings. The 'CS Quota Allocation' will only determine the quota allocation to those eligible athletes across the other disciplines until the maximum gender, discipline, or team size is exhausted or until there are no further athletes who have the required performances at eligible competitions within the designated 'CS Olympic Qualification Period'.

Eligible competitions for ranking purposes in 8.2.1 Method 'B' – Speed Disciplines (SBX and PGS) are outlined in Section 7 'Eligible Competitions', above.

Priority 1: Priority in ranking shall be determined by eligible athletes who achieve the following criteria:

- One (1) podium (top three) at an individual SBX or PGS FIS World Cup or the 2025 SBX or PGS FIS Snowboard World Championships.

Eligible athletes with multiple podium finishes will be ranked higher (e.g. an athlete with two podium results will be ranked ahead of an athlete with one), and athletes with the same number of podium finishes will be ranked by the aggregate total (see example below) of their final podium results.

Priority 2: The second priority in ranking shall be determined by eligible athletes who achieve the following criteria:

- One (1) Top Four (4) final result at an individual SBX or PGS FIS World Cup or the 2025 SBX or PGS FIS Snowboard World Championships.

Eligible athletes with multiple Top Four (4) results will be ranked higher (e.g. an athlete with three Top four (4) results will be ranked ahead of an athlete with two).

Priority 3: The third priority in ranking shall be determined by eligible athletes who achieve the following criteria:

- SBX: Two (2) Top Eight (8) final results at individual SBX FIS World Cups or the 2025 SBX FIS Snowboard World Championships.

SBX: Eligible athletes will be ranked by the aggregate total of their eligible two best (2) Top Eight (8) results (e.g. an athlete who has a 6th and 7th place, which equal 13, will be ranked ahead of an athlete with two 7th places, which equal 14).

- PGS: One (1) Top Eight (8) final result at an individual PGS FIS World Cup or the 2025 PGS FIS Snowboard World Championships.

PGS: Eligible athletes will be ranked by their final placing of their eligible Top Eight (8) result (e.g. an athlete who has a 6th place finish will be ranked ahead of an athlete with a 7th place result).

Priority 4: The fourth priority in ranking shall be determined by eligible athletes who achieve the following criteria:

- SBX: Two (2) final results that fall within the Top 12 Women or the Top 24 Men at individual SBX FIS World Cups or the 2025 SBX FIS Snowboard World Championships.
- PGS: Two (2) final results that fall within the Top 16 Women or Men at individual PGS FIS World Cups or the 2025 PGS FIS Snowboard World Championships.

In Priority 4 ranking, eligible athletes will be ranked according to the average of their best two eligible results according to the athlete's final placing and field size ("athlete's field placing"). This is expressed as a percentage of the field that meets the performance criteria outlined in Priority 4, above. In calculating the final percentages, the calculation will include two decimal placements (to the hundredth).

In determining an athlete's field placing, Canada Snowboard will use the following calculation:

$X/Y = P\% * 100$, where "X" is the athlete result and "Y" is the final field depth*****

*******NOTE:** The Final Field Depth is the number of competitors who started in the competition including the number competitors who Did Not Finish (DNF) or were Disqualified (DSQ) and excludes competitors who Did Not Start (DNS).

Priority 5: The fifth priority in ranking shall be determined by eligible athletes who achieve the following criteria:

- SBX: Two (2) final results that fall within the Top 16 Women or the Top 32 Men at individual SBX FIS World Cups or the 2025 FIS SBX Snowboard World Championships.
- PGS: Two (2) final results that fall within the Top 16 Men or Women at individual PGS or PSL FIS World Cups or the 2025 PGS or PSL FIS Snowboard World Championships.
 - At least one (1) Top 16 final result at an eligible FIS World Cup or the 2025 FIS World Championships must come from an eligible result achieved in PGS.

In Priority 5 ranking, eligible athletes will be ranked according to the average of their best two eligible results according to the athlete's final placing and field size ("athlete's field placing"). This is expressed as a percentage of the field that meets the performance criteria outlined in Priority 5, above.

In determining an athlete's field placing, Canada Snowboard will use the following calculation:

$X/Y=P\%*100$, where "X" is the athlete result and "Y" is the final field depth*****

*******NOTE:** The Final Field Depth is the number of competitors who started in the competition including the number competitors who Did Not Finish (DNF) or were Disqualified (DSQ) and excludes competitors who Did Not Start (DNS).

Tie Breaking Method (Priority 1 - 5): In the event of a tie in the result(s) in the implementation of the 'Method B – Speed Disciplines' nomination process, the tie will be broken by using the tied athlete's single best percentile of field placing. If the athletes are still tied, the process will continue using the athlete's second best percentile of field placing, third best, and so on, until the tie is broken. Only final results from eligible competitions obtained during the CS Olympic Qualification Period will be considered.

In determining an athlete's field placing, Canada Snowboard will use the following calculation:

$X/Y=P\%*100$, where "X" is the athlete result and "Y" is the final field depth*****

*******NOTE:** The Final Field Depth is the number of competitors who started in the competition including the number competitors who Did Not Finish (DNF) or were Disqualified (DSQ) and excludes competitors who Did Not Start (DNS).

Aggregate Total Ranking Example: The aggregate (whole sum) of the athletes' podiums will be added together to generate a final number used for ranking purposes. As an example, Athlete A has four (4) eligible podium results (1 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd) and Athlete B has four (4) eligible podium results (2 x 2nd, 2 x 3rd). Athlete A's aggregate total would equal eight (8) (1+2+2+3) and Athlete B's aggregate total would equal ten (10) (2+2+3+3). The athlete with the lower aggregate total sum, in this example Athlete A, would be ranked ahead (higher) than Athlete B.

Method of Fielding Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Team Event (BTX)

The composition and fielding of the Mixed Gender Snowboardcross Team Event will be made by the Snowboardcross Head Coaches, by consensus, and in consultation with the High Performance Director – Speed. The team selection decision is an exercise of the Head Coaches' discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing(s) with athletes who have demonstrated they are the most capable of achieving a podium result. The timing of this decision will be made onsite during the 2026 OWG competition period in accordance with any IOC/FIS rules and regulations.

In making their determination under this clause, the Head Coaches may have regard to some, none, or all of the following considerations, in their absolute discretion:

- Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH, OLY);
- Team composition requirements and technical demands of the specific course;
- Demonstrated strong field of play tactical decision making;
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Snowboardcross races at the international level and proven performance under pressure;
- Consideration of performance during the individual event or at the same venue during test events;
- Performance readiness, which is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in order to be nominated for selection to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team. The final decision on performance readiness will be made by the Head Coaches using all available information at their disposal, including performance results and progress during the selection period, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness, and any other relevant performance related information;
- Any other factor that, in the opinion of the Head Coaches, is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing a team pairing who will achieve the best result(s) at the 2026 OWG.

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible team(s), it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) from the 2026 OWG Snowboardcross individual competition may not be ultimately selected into their preferred team pairing, or any team pairing. Due to the timing of rendering team pairing decisions on-site at the 2026 OWG, all team pairing decisions are considered final.

8.2.2 METHOD 'B' - PARK AND PIPE DISCIPLINES (HP, and SBS / BA)

Method 'B' for Park and Pipe Disciplines:

The prioritized rankings of Method 'A' and 'B' will determine the ranking order in which eligible athletes are nominated for available quota within their specific discipline. The 'CS Quota Allocation' process outlined in Section 8.3, below, applies only to distributing quota across the other disciplines. For further clarification, the 'CS Quota Allocation' will not change the ranking order of eligible athletes within their own discipline as determined by the Method 'A' and 'B' rankings. The 'CS Quota Allocation' will only determine the quota allocation to those eligible athletes across the other disciplines until the maximum gender, discipline, or team size is exhausted or until there are no further athletes who have the required performances at eligible competitions within the designated 'CS Olympic Qualification Period'.

To be eligible for the ranking process in Method 'B' - Athletes must achieve a minimum of one single (1) result that falls within the Top Third (1/3) of the field at an eligible competition during the 'CS Qualification Period' for Park and Pipe (July 1, 2024, to January 5, 2026), at a 700 WSPL point or higher event.

A Top Third (1/3) of the field placement is not rounded to the nearest whole number. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top third and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 58 competitors is at 19.33 so all those who finished 19th place or better are in the top third and those who finished 20th or poorer are not. DNFs and DSQs are counted towards the field depth total as those competitors started in the event; however, DNS does not count towards the field depth totals.

All Park and Pipe eligible athletes will be ranked according to FIS declared gender and discipline. The rankings for Method 'B' will be based on the athlete's highest points earned at eligible events with 700 WSPL points or higher, using WSPL ranking period from January 5, 2025, to January 5, 2026.

Slopestyle (SBS) and Big Air (BA)

The **Slopestyle and Big Air** ranking list will use the WSPL 52 week ranking as of January 5, 2026. The ranking of all eligible athletes will be based on their best three

(3) Slopestyle and best three (3) Big Air results from the 700 WSPL point or higher events within the 52-week ranking period. Sixty percent (60%) of the total points from Slopestyle and forty percent (40%) of the total points from Big Air will be used to determine the rank of the athletes, as per the equation below:

$$\text{(Total of the best 3 Slopestyle points * 0.6) + (Total of the best 3 Big Air points * 0.4) = Riders Points for Ranking}$$

In the event of a tie on the ranking list the athlete with the next best single result at an eligible event based on WSPL points in Slopestyle will be used until the tie is broken.

Halfpipe (HP)

The **Halfpipe** ranking list will use the WSPL 52 week ranking as of January 5, 2026. The ranking of all eligible athletes will be based on their best three (3) Halfpipe results from the 700 and above WSPL events within the 52-week qualification period to determine the ranks of the athletes.

In the event of a tie on the Halfpipe ranking list, the athlete with the single best result at an eligible event based on WSPL points in Halfpipe will be used until the tie is broken.

8.3. CANADA SNOWBOARD QUOTA ALLOCATION

The allocation of Canada Snowboard's Olympic quota to each discipline is restricted by the quota spots established by the IOC/FIS, as outlined in Section 6 above. When the total number of eligible athletes exceeds the maximum number for IOC/FIS declared gender (n=13) or team size (n=26) then the athletes from each discipline/gender who have met the criteria for selection through the 'CS Nomination Process' outlined above in Section 8 will be allocated quota in priority order based on the procedure below:

1. For each athlete per FIS declared gender and discipline that rank within the Top 30 on the most recently published FIS Points List (SBX or PAR for Speed) or the WSPL (SBS or HP for Park and Pipe) as of January 5, 2026. One quota spot will be allocated to their respective discipline and distributed based on the athlete ranking order of the Nomination Process in 8.1 Method 'A' and the discipline specific sections 8.2.1 Method 'B' - Speed and 8.2.2 Method 'B' - Park and Pipe.
2. For any remaining quota, quota spots will be allocated using an athlete ranking determined by the Cross-Discipline 'Canada Snowboard Athlete Ranking List'. The 'Canada Snowboard Athlete Ranking List' determines an athlete's rank across the disciplines (Cross-Discipline) using the athlete's points from eligible World Cups, World Championships, and 800 WSPL

point and above results during the 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' (July 1, 2024 – January 5, 2026). 'Canada Snowboard Athlete Ranking List' will be produced internally by Canada Snowboard collecting the relevant data from the FIS Points List for Speed, and for Park and Pipe the World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) and FIS Points List.

- a) Park and Pipe athletes will be ranked on the same points scale as Speed athletes and will be based on the Speed FIS Points rules. Any event that is a FIS World Cup (or higher) or non-FIS event that is 800 and above WSPL Point event or higher (being a World Cup or better event) will be calculated on the same point distribution as a FIS Speed World Cup on the FIS 1000 point scale. The athlete's best two (2) results will be averaged and calculated, which will be the same as the Speed FIS Points List for each eligible athlete. The 1000 point scale CS will use can be referenced on page 5 of the Rules of the FIS Points Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski, available here:
https://assets.fis-ski.com/f/252177/x/c8a8e9920c/sbfsfk_fis_points-2425-clean.pdf
- b) For the quota allocation, only individual competition results will be used. The four disciplines for quota allocation will include: Alpine [(including both Parallel Slalom (PSL) and Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)], Slopestyle/Big Air [(including both Slopestyle (SBS) and Big Air (BA)], Snowboardcross, and Halfpipe.

To further clarify, the 'CS Quota Allocation' process will not change the rank of the individual athletes within their discipline rankings, which is determined by the athlete's ranking order from Method 'A' and 'B' nomination process. The 'CS Quota Allocation' process determines the Cross-Discipline rankings of athletes, and where available quota spots will be allocated across the disciplines. Please see the examples below:

- Example A: It is possible for an SBX athlete who meets the performance criteria outlined in Priority 5 of their discipline in Method 'B' to be allocated a quota through the 'CS Quota Allocation' process based on their 'Canada Snowboard Athlete Ranking List' ranking before an Alpine athlete who meets Priority 4 in Method 'B' within their respective discipline.
- Example A: An athlete who meets Priority 5 in Method 'B' in Alpine will not be allocated a quota spot prior to an athlete who has met Priority 4 in Method 'B' in Alpine (same discipline) regardless of if they have more points on the 'CS Athlete Ranking List' as determined by the 'CS Quota Allocation' process.

If there is a tie for the final quota spot in a FIS declared gender, discipline or total team size, the athlete with the single best field placing will be allocated the final quota. Field placing is expressed as a percentage of the field at an eligible FIS World Cup, the 2025 FIS World Championships or a WSPL 800 and above event during the 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' (1 July 2024 – 5 January 2026) in their respective event. If the athletes are still tied, the process will continue using the athlete's second best field placing expressed as a percentage of the field, third best, and so on, until the tie is broken. In calculating the final percentages, the calculation will include two decimal placements (to the hundredth).

Percentile of field placing is calculated according to the following formula:

$X/Y = P\% \times 100$, where "X" is the **athlete result/placing** and "Y" is the **final field depth*******.

*******NOTE:** The Final Field Depth is the number of competitors who started in the competition including the number competitors who Did Not Finish (DNF) or were Disqualified (DSQ) and excludes competitors who Did Not Start (DNS).

8.4 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities (quota spots), that is, to nominate fewer athletes than the number designated as the Canadian Olympic Quota for a particular FIS declared gender or discipline if it determines that there are no athletes, or no further athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 5 or achieve the necessary performances at eligible competitions within the designated 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' as defined by the performance standards outlined in the Nomination Process (Section 8) under Method 'A' or Method 'B,'.

'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' also reserves the right to assign quota or nominate athletes in an order other than that indicated by Section 8.3 'CS Quota Allocation' or Section 8 'Nomination Process', specifically 8.1 Method 'A' and 8.2 Method 'B' (8.2.1 Speed and 8.2.2 – Park and Pipe) above. In such cases, Canada Snowboard must state in writing the reasons for its decisions. These reasons must reflect the performance objectives of Canada Snowboard as presented in this INP document and follow the High Performance Program General Policies available here: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>.

9. ALTERNATES

For each discipline and FIS declared gender, Canada Snowboard may identify up to

three (3) athletes who meet the criteria for nomination set out in Section 8, but who cannot be nominated due to quota limitations, as 'Alternates' in their specific event (or events).

It is important to note that athletes nominated into alternate positions will not travel to the 2026 Winter Olympic Games with Team Canada, nor will they receive any accreditation or Team Canada outfitting kit.

Should a nominated athlete decline their nomination at any time before January 18th, 2026, or otherwise be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner or ineligible to compete, that athlete may be replaced by an alternate (in any discipline) based on the ranking from the 'CS Quota Allocation' outlined in Section 8.3, above, where quota is available for the next highest ranked alternate. For example, if an injury occurs on January 15th, 2026, before CS confirms its quota, it's possible for the quota from the injured athlete's discipline to be allocated to another discipline as the next highest alternate based on the maximum quota allocations of discipline/gender, overall gender and overall team size restrictions.

Should a nominated athlete decline their nomination after the COC deadline of 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 18th, 2026 or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner or ineligible to compete, that athlete may be replaced, subject to IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked Alternate as determined by Method 'A' or 'B' ranking of this INP in their event (or events).

Substitutions after January 26th, 2026, are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy. Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline of January 26th, 2026 and the sport technical meeting for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, decline his or her nomination or be declared ineligible or unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete may be replaced, subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee, IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIS regulations, by the highest ranked Alternate in his or her event (or events). Athlete substitutions are subject to COC Team Selection Committee confirmation and approval.

10. HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the 'CS Olympic Qualification Period' and is unable to compete for a significant amount of time during that period, the following accommodations will be made to permit that athlete to be ranked for nomination (under certain conditions) to the COC for the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.

- a. To be considered “unable, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, to compete”, an athlete must qualify under the FIS “injury status” regulations (which may be referenced in Section 4.6 of the FIS Points Rulebook {Snowboard}): https://assets.fis-ski.com/f/252177/x/c8a8e9920c/sbfsfk_fis_points-2425-clean.pdf and must have their injury status confirmed by the Canada Snowboard’s Chief Medical Officer (CMO).
- b. 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 designated doctor.
 - Based on the medical assessment, if Canada Snowboard determines that the athlete is unable to participate in the 2026 OWG in a competitive manner by satisfying the competitive readiness criteria specified in Section 13, Canada Snowboard may remove that athlete from its list of nominations for selection to the Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team.
- c. In all cases, for an eligible athlete to be considered for an extraordinary circumstance consideration, their physical injury must be medically documented by the athlete’s physician and approved by the CMO of Canada Snowboard.

10.1 SNOWBOARDCROSS (SBX) AND PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM (PGS)

It may occur that an athlete is unable, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities (injury, illness, pregnancy), to participate in at least three eligible competitions that they would have ordinarily been invited by Canada Snowboard to compete in during the ‘CS Olympic Qualification Period’. In such circumstance, the qualifying period for that athlete shall be extended backwards to include the same number of competitions in the athlete’s primary event (e.g. Women’s Snowboardcross) as are missed through the health-related curtailment of activities, with the following limitations:

- a. The athlete must submit medical documentation from a Canada Snowboard approved physician (or CS Physiotherapy Lead) describing the injury and request to freeze their points.
- b. Up to a maximum of three (3) most recent results obtained will be considered within the extended qualifying period.
- c. An extended qualifying period may not be used for Method ‘A’ nominations.
- d. Only FIS World Cup individual PGS, PSL, or SBX final event results will be considered. Results must have been achieved in the 2023/24 competition season.
- e. Results will only be considered for eligible competitions missed between June 1st, 2024, and January 5th, 2026.

10.2 SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR (SBS / BA), AND HALFPIPE (HP)

It may occur that an athlete is unable, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, to participate in at least three (3) eligible competitions during the WSPL 52 week ranking period of Method 'B' January 5, 2025, to January 5, 2026, that the athlete would have ordinarily been invited by Canada Snowboard to participate. In such circumstance the athletes ranking in Method 'B' will be determined by using their discipline specific frozen points from the time of health curtailment (average of their best three results at 700 WSPL point or above events) and include the same number of competition results in the athlete's ranking (SBS / BA or HP only) as are missed through the health-related curtailment of activities, with the following limitations:

- a. The athlete must submit medical documentation from a Canada Snowboard approved physician (or CS Physiotherapy Lead) describing the injury and request to freeze their points.
- b. If an athlete's points are unfrozen before being able to compete in three (3) SBS and three (3) BA events or three (3) Halfpipe events, the previous average of their three (3) best frozen results associated with the rider would be used to complete the athlete's full ranking of three (3) SBS and (3) BA results for nomination.
- c. Only events of a similar field quality and field size will be considered in the average frozen points. All results calculated from their frozen points must be from FIS World Cups, FIS World Championships or 700 and above WSPL point events from January 5th, 2024, to January 5th, 2025.
- d. Results will only be considered for eligible competitions missed between January 5th, 2025, and January 5th, 2026.

10.3 INJURY AT GAMES

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in their status that could affect their ability to train and compete at their highest level at the 2026 OWG to the discipline specific coaching staff, the Canada Snowboard discipline specific medical staff or to the discipline specific Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe).

In the case of injury or illness, the discipline specific Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe), will consider medical recommendations from the Canada Snowboard medical staff and coach input in making a final decision to compete. Injured or ill athletes may be subject to any testing deemed necessary by the Canada Snowboard Technical and/or Medical Team in order to be cleared for Olympic competition.

Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

11. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

Subject to FIS reallocation of quotas, Canada Snowboard shall identify the athletes for provisional nomination to the COC for positions on the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team, along with the eligible alternates, on January 7th, 2026. The provisional nomination list will be communicated by email (via email to the most current email address on file with CS) to the Canada Snowboard National/NextGen Team and any eligible athletes (including their personal coaches and/or parents if considered a minor) within the selection process.

The official and public announcement will be done by electronic newsletter from Canada Snowboard to the public and posting on the Canada Snowboard Website around January 22nd, 2026, following the FIS Quota Allocation process. It is important to note that the newsletter mailing list used by Canada Snowboard is generated by the Canada Snowboard membership system (SnowReg) to those individuals that have opted in to such communication only.

12. REMOVAL OF ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED OR NOMINATED

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' may, at any time, and at their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team if that athlete has been found to have breached Canada Snowboard's Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy or any other relevant and applicable policy, such as the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS). A copy of the Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:
https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_Safe_Sport_Policy_Manual_EN.pdf

An athlete will not be eligible for nomination and/or will be removed from the Canadian Olympic Team if he/she is subject to a provisional suspension by any anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete or if they have been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation by any such organization and will be subject to a period of ineligibility that will be in force during the 2026 OWG.

Prior to nomination to the COC, the 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' will have the final authority over dismissal of any athlete from the athlete pool and/or 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to:

- Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by Canada Snowboards medical staff,
- Violation of Team rules as defined by Canada Snowboard and/or the COC,
- Violation of Canada Snowboard's Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy or any other relevant and applicable policy, such as the UCCMS,
- Detrimental conduct to the team and/or the image of Canada Snowboard or the Canadian National Team Programs,
- Failure to adhere to all World Anti-Doping Association (WADA), Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), FIS and COC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures (or those of any other anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete),
- If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by Canada Snowboard prior to the 2026 OWG competition period,
- If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement.

13. PERFORMANCE READINESS

"Competitive Ready" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the Olympic event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by the discipline specific High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) in consultation with the Canada Snowboard National Team Coach(s) of each discipline, using all available information at their disposal, including performance results and progress during the Canada Snowboard Olympic Qualification Period, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other competitive readiness indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultations with the athlete's personal coach, and any other relevant performance related information.

It is implicit that all athletes selected to the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team prepare in such a way as to be at peak performance readiness for the 2026 OWG. Canada Snowboard will provide an environment to ensure peak performance for the Canada Snowboard Olympic Team athletes but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some of their training preparation outside of the Canada Snowboard program. In such circumstances, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to designate mandatory participation periods in the Canada Snowboard environment and/or to

perform testing on athletes nominated for the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team in order to assess their performance readiness. Canada Snowboard also reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury, and to replace that athlete with a nominated alternate athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

14. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY AND APPEAL PROCESS

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' comprised of the National Team Coaches and the High Performance Program (HPP) management staff will recommend nominations to the VP, Sport, who will have full and final authority on all nomination decisions for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

Provisional nomination decisions made under this INP may be appealed following the January 7th, 2026, nomination order is communicated from these decisions to all eligible athletes.

To meet the external nomination and selection timelines set by the FIS, IOC and COC a notice of appeal to the provisional nomination decision must be filed no later than 11:59 pm PST to Canada Snowboard on January 8th, 2026.

Due to the time sensitivity of the nominations, the internal Canada Snowboard Appeals process will be bypassed, and the matter will be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the process.

15. ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2026 OWG, all final decision-making authority will reside with the discipline specific High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe), based on consultation with the Canada Snowboard National Team discipline-specific coach(s) and staff.

16. STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS and SUPPORT STAFF)

It is the responsibility of the Canada Snowboard High Performance Directors (Speed or Park and Pipe) in selecting the support staff, including the technical staff (coaches, technicians), medical staff, and other performance related staff for the 2026 OWG. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is most capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the 2026 OWG.

All staff are subject to meeting and complying with the COC, MOCOG, and Canada Snowboard eligibility criteria and requirements, including but not limited to:

CS Olympic Staff and Support Team: Eligibility and Requirements

1. All technical coaches must be a registered and/or a Chartered Professional Coach® with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard
2. The team leaders must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the COC 's Team Leader Position
3. Have a valid passport that does not expire for up to 6 months after the 2026 OWG (August 22, 2026)
4. Be in compliance with all relevant COC, FIS, and IOC requirements for eligibility. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and the MOCOG Conditions of Participation form.
5. Sign the Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form (or any consent form of the successor of Abuse-Free Sport), if required by Canada Snowboard and/or the COC
6. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIS, the CADP, the IOC and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority
7. Be 18 years of age or older.

Canada Snowboard is limited in the accreditation allocation for support staff for the 2026 OWG and as such, it is possible that selected support staff may not receive an accreditation or related benefits. Efforts will be prioritized to ensure support staff have appropriate access to venues as it relates to performing their duties and contributing to the overall success of the 2026 Canadian Olympic Winter Games Team performance.

Due to the limited accreditation at Canada Snowboard's disposal, in most cases, personal coaches (if they differ from the selected discipline coaching staff) will not receive accreditation, venue access, or any related benefits for the 2026 OWG.

17. FUNDING

In the event that there are funding implications requiring athletes (and/or staff) to pay for the partial or full costs associated with selection or attendance for the 2026 OWG, Canada Snowboard will communicate all relevant information, as it is currently known, to the impacted parties as soon as is reasonably possible.

18. CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

The VP, Sport, in consultation with the High Performance Directors (Speed or Park and Pipe), shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this INP. Specifically, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Canada Snowboard that prevent this INP from being fairly implemented as written, the VP, Sport and the High Performance Directors (Speed or Park & Pipe) shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account the factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

The VP, Sport, in consultation with the High Performance Directors (Speed or Park and Pipe), reserves the right to make changes to this document which in their discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best team possible for the 2026 OWG. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes affected at the earliest opportunity. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the Canada Snowboard Internal Nomination Procedures outlined in this document unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance.

This INP document is intended to apply as drafted. Unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control may arise where the procedure for nomination as described in this INP would result in a nomination process which is unfair or not in the best interests of Canada Snowboard's performance objectives and the general principles for selection, as indicated in this INP. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the High Performance Directors (Speed or Park and Pipe) will consult with the VP, Sport or designate to determine if the circumstances warrant a change in nomination and/or the nomination process should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High Performance Director (Speed or Park and Pipe) shall communicate any changes to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

19. LANGUAGE

This INP document was originally drafted in English and then translated into French. Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, which may be due to translation, then the English version shall be used to understand the intent of the drafting of the French version.

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