



**CANADA SNOWBOARD:
INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES
2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

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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 Paralympic Committee (CPC) for selection to the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG), Canadian Team for competition in the para-snowboard events. The 2026 PWG is scheduled to take place from March 6 – 15, 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 Paralympic medals.

Canada Snowboard's High Performance philosophy is to field and best support a competitive team of athletes capable of reaching finals within their respective discipline at the 2026 PWG. 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 11). This principle guides the nomination of Canada Snowboard athletes to the CPC for participation in the 2026 PWG's as a member of the Canadian Paralympic Team.

Athletes must earn their nomination to represent themselves and Canada Snowboard on Team Canada at the PWG by demonstrating competitiveness within the athletes' field during the Paralympic Qualification Period (defined in Section 8). Competitiveness within an athletes' field shall be understood as demonstrating an ability to achieve results that achieve top third (1/3)

results for Men or results that achieve a top half (1/2) for Women at individual FIS World Cup and 2025 FIS Para Snowboard World Championships.

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

- a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for nomination to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic 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 CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team; and
- d) Determining the CS athlete support team members to be nominated by CS to the CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

The 2026 PWG include the following para-snowboard events for the two genders declared by FIS (men and women):

- SBX: Snowboardcross
 - Men - LL1, LL2, UL
 - Female - LL2*
- BSL: Banked Slalom
 - Men - LL1, LL2, UL
 - Female - LL2*

*Note: Eligible sport classes for women's events are SB-LL1 and SB-LL2, combined into one sport classification (SB-LL1/LL2) at the PWG.

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

CANADA SNOWBOARD: KEY DATES RELATED TO 2026 PWG TEAM NOMINATION	
DATE	Activity
1 JULY 2024	CS Qualification Period for Method 'A' and 'B' begins
1 JANUARY 2025	Beginning IPC Qualification Period for the purpose of Slot Allocation
5 MAY 2025	Closing date of the 2024/25 FIS World Ranking Lists for Qualification Quota (slot) Allocation
2 JUNE 2025	FIS confirms to NPCs the Number of Qualification Quota (slots) Allocated
1 JULY 2025	NPC's confirm to FIS the Number of Accepted Qualification Quota (slots)

1 JULY 2025	CS Qualification Period Method 'A' ends
TBD 2025	Deadline for MOCOG Accreditation Forms Submitted by NPC's (via 'Accreditation Long List')
12 JANUARY 2026	Bipartite Commission Invitation Application Process Starts
8 FEBRUARY 2026	CS Qualification Period Method 'B' ends
9 FEBRUARY 2026	CS 2026 PWG Provisional Team Nominations are communicated
9 FEBRUARY 2026	Provisional Team Nomination appeal window opens
10 FEBRUARY 2026	Provisional Team Nomination appeal window closes at 23:59 Pacific Standard Time
13 FEBRUARY 2026	Bipartite Commission Invitation Application Process Deadline
15 FEBRUARY 2026	Closing Date of FIS (Dual) Banked Slalom and Snowboardcross Ranking List for FIS Eligibility Purposes
16 FEBRUARY 2026	FIS Confirms Bipartite Commission Invitation Application Status
17 FEBRUARY 2026	CPC Team Nomination Deadline
17 FEBRUARY 2026	CS Team Final Nomination communicated by CS to the CPC*
20 FEBRUARY 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries Deadline
6-15 MARCH 2026	Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

*CPC 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 CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team. Prior to publication, this INP document was drafted by the CS High Performance Director and shared with Canada Snowboard's Athletes' Council, CS National Team Coaches, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and CS's Sport Lawyer, for review and feedback, and submitted to CS High Performance Director - Speed, 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 CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

The 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' shall consist of the High-Performance Directors (HPD) for Speed, 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 Paralympic Winter Games Team to Canada Snowboard's designate for approval.

During the 2026 PWG competition period (March 6-15, 2026), final decision-making authority shall reside with the discipline specific HPD (Speed), based on consultation with the National Team discipline-specific coaches and others deemed relevant by the HPD.

3. MANDATE

- a) The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the body responsible for staging the PWG.
- b) The CPC is mandated by the IPC to select those athletes who will represent Canada in the 2026 PWG.
- c) The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is recognized as the international governing body for the sport of para-snowboarding. The IPC publishes the [Milano-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games- Qualification Regulations](#), which determines the overall maximum number of para-snowboard athletes that may participate in the PWG and establishes the eligibility standards for all participating athletes. The IPC 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 IPC Milano-Cortina Qualification Regulations. Further information in this regard is set out in the IPC Milano-Cortina Qualification Regulations. In the event of a discrepancy between the IPC Qualification Procedures and this document, the [IPC Qualification Procedures](#) shall prevail.
- d) CS is mandated by the CPC to nominate athletes to represent Canada in the 2026 PWG, in accordance with criteria established by CS and the minimum performance criteria as established by the IPC. However, the final selection of athletes as members of the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team resides with the CPC.

4. OBJECTIVES

For Canadian para-snowboard athletes competing in SBX and BSL, the Paralympic 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 PWG to support athletes who have demonstrated an ability and potential to win Paralympic medals at these Games.

Canada Snowboard's secondary performance objective at the 2026 PWG is to support athletes who have demonstrated an ability and potential to finish within the Top 8 of the field in their respective sport classification medal events.

These principles guided the 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' when developing

this 2026 Paralympic Winter Games INP document and will serve as the basis for guiding selection decisions.

5. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition at the 2026 PWG and nomination to the CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team, an athlete must:

- a) Be a Canadian citizen in compliance with the provisions of the [IPC Athlete Nationality Code](#) published in the [IPC Handbook](#);
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire prior to October 15, 2026;
- c) 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
- d) Be named as a member of the 2025/26 Canada Snowboard High Performance Program (Para Snowboard National or NextGen Team).
- e) Hold an active and valid FIS License for the 2025/26 competitive season.
- f) Achieve *FIS* race points in at least one (1) *medal event* of the 2025/26 season by February 15, 2026;
- g) Be born in the year 2010 or earlier;
- h) Be internationally classified by the FIS with either a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after the 2025/26 season (e.g. R-2026);
- i) For Banked Slalom (BSL) Events:
 - i. Be ranked and have achieved 100 FIS Points or more on the FIS (Dual) Banked Slalom Ranking List as of February 15, 2026.
 - ii. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method as established by the IPC.
- j) For Snowboardcross (SBX) Events:
 - i. Be ranked and have achieved 100 FIS Points or more on the FIS Snowboardcross Ranking list as of February 15, 2026.
 - ii. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method as established by the IPC.
- k) Sign, submit, and comply with the Canada Snowboard 2025/26 Athlete Agreement, the CPC Athlete Agreement, and the MOCOG Conditions of Participation Form for the 2026 PWG prior to the CPC’s deadline;
- l) 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 CPC;
- m) Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIS, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), the IPC and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority; and
- n) Comply with all relevant IPC, FIS or CPC requirements for eligibility.

6. IPC QUOTA ALLOCATION

The IPC determines the number of athletes that may compete at the 2026 PWG by establishing quotas per discipline, sport classification, and per FIS declared gender for each country participating in the Games.

For the 2026 PWG, the IPC has established the following Snowboard quotas (slots) for each country:

- A maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event (e.g. Men's LL1 SBX)
 - Exceptions can be made by Bipartite Invitation slots.
- A maximum of ten (10) male and four (4) female qualification slots may be allocated to a Nation.
 - Exceptions can be made by Bipartite Invitation slots.

The IPC have established a maximum number of quota spots of all who can be entered into a Paralympic Snowboard event at the 2026 PWG across the eight (8) medal events. These quotas are outlined below:

Event	Women	Men	Total
<i>SBX / BSL</i>	20	65	85

The qualification quota (slot) is allocated to the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) (e.g. Canada), not to an individual athlete. An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot for the NPC. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC. Slots are allocated by sport class, by FIS declared gender, (e.g. Men's LL1, LL2, UL) and must be used accordingly.

Qualification quota (slots) will be allocated to the NPC's based on three (3) methods as follows:

- I. 2024/25 FIS World Ranking List Allocation (48 Male and 16 Female athletes)
 - The eight (8) highest ranked male athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of May 5, 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota restrictions defined above.
 - The five (5) highest ranked SB-LL2 female athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of May 5, 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota restrictions defined above.
 - The three (3) highest ranked SB-LL1 female athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of May 5, 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota restrictions defined above.

- If two or more athletes are tied for the last available qualification slot, all such athletes will obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.
 - In this circumstance, the qualification slot will be deducted from the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation quota (slot) (see below in Point 3).
- In the case that an athlete is eligible for slot allocation in more than one (1) medal event under this method, they will only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC in the medal event where they are ranked higher (if an athlete holds the same position in multiple rankings the qualification slot will come from the ranking in which they has more points). If an athlete holds the same position and same points in multiple rankings, the qualification slot will be determined by the event in which the athlete has more World Cup Points. If the athlete has the same amount of World Cup Points in multiple rankings, the qualification slot will be determined by the event in which the athlete achieved higher ranked World Cup finishes in the 2024/2025 World Cup season. If the athlete holds the same position in the World Cup finished in the 2024/2025 season for multiple events, the athlete obtains the slot for the NPC in the Banked Slalom event.
- Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (see below in Point 3).

II. Representation Allocation (10 Male and 2 Female athletes)

- If an NPC has not qualified a minimum of one (1) slot in each gender via the 2024/25 FIS World Ranking List Allocation (see above in Point 1), the NPC can earn up to one (1) male and one (1) female slot if the NPC has athletes of that gender which have participated in at least one FIS sanctioned competition of the 2024/25 season.
 - If the number of eligible NPC's exceed the number of slots available, the highest ranked athlete in each gender from each of these eligible NPCs will obtain one slot for their NPC until all available slots under this method have been allocated.
- Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method will be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (see below in Point 3).

III. Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation (7 Male and 2 Female athletes)

- A maximum of seven (7) eligible male athletes and two (2) eligible female athletes will be considered by FIS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.

- Bipartite Commission Invitation slots do not allow entry into all medal events; the invitation will specify which event(s) the athlete is invited to enter.
 - To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPC's must submit an official application in writing to the IPC by February 13, 2026.

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method by February 16, 2026.

Qualification slots that cannot be reallocated by the established deadlines or become vacant (following the reallocation deadline of February 16, 2026) may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC to any sport on the programme and across gender categories. However, in all circumstances slot redistribution cannot be used to override:

- The general IPC regulations on eligibility; or
- The IF's (FIS) classification eligibility requirements, and slot redistribution may only be granted in relation to an event that is open to the athlete's respective sport class under the IF's (FIS) rules.

Each slot redistribution is granted to individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All redistribution decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal to the IPC.

In the event of a discrepancy between the above and the actual IPC Qualification System, the Paralympic Qualification Criteria as published by [IPC Paralympic Qualification System](#) shall prevail.

This INP document is based on IPC/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 IPC/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. CS QUOTA ALLOCATION

The allocation of Canada's quota (slots) to each medal event is restricted by the quotas (slots) established by the IPC, as outlined in Section 6, above. Athlete nomination to available quota (slots) will be made based on the athletes ranking list generated within the 'Nomination Process' as described in Section 9 below.

8. ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

To be considered for nomination by Canada Snowboard to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic 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 Paralympic Qualification Period’, which are outlined immediately below for both PWG disciplines (SBX, BSL).

The ‘CS Paralympic Qualification Period’ is defined as July 1, 2024, to February 8, 2026, inclusive.

- Method ‘A’: July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025
 - Eligible Competitions: SBX and BSL individual FIS World Cup (WC) competitions and the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships (WCH) SBX and BSL com.
- Method ‘B’: July 1, 2024, to February 8, 2026.
 - Eligible Competitions: SBX and BSL individual FIS World Cup competitions, and the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships SBX or BSL competitions.

Only final results achieved during eligible individual SBX and BSL competition(s) will be considered in the ‘Nomination Process’ detailed in Section 9, below. Para-Snowboard Team Events (BXT) results will not be considered during the ‘CS Paralympic Qualification Period’ for nomination to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team.

9. 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 the discipline and sport classification of how available quota (slots) will be allocated.

The athlete who opens a quota (slot) for Canada, or for their respective discipline, is not necessarily the athlete who will be nominated to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team for that discipline. Quota spots will be allocated to each eligible athlete according to the ‘Nomination Process’ outlined below, and in compliance with FIS and IPC rules (a maximum of 3 athletes per medal event, 14 total athletes comprising of a maximum of 10 male athletes and 4 female athletes). 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 8, above.

For clarity, when a priority within the Nomination Process refers to ‘the event’s respective sport classification’ it means the athlete categorization as described on the final race results. These classification groupings align with the eligible categories for the 2026 PWG medal events: Women’s LL1/LL2 combined, and Men’s LL1, LL2, UL. When a priority refers to ‘the athlete’s sport classification’ it means the specific sport classification in which the athlete is currently classified under: Women’s LL1, LL2, and Men’s LL1, LL2, UL.

9.1 METHOD 'A' – (PROVISIONAL) EARLY NOMINATION FOR ALL DISCIPLINES (SBX and BSL)

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

- a) Two (2) male and two (2) female para-snowboard athletes

Eligible athletes may be provisionally nominated for both para-snowboard disciplines to the CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team based on the results achieved in their respective competitions described below:

- 'Method 'A': July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025
 - Eligible Competitions: SBX and BSL individual FIS World Cup (WC) competitions and the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships (WCH) SBX and BSL competitions.
 - **Para-Snowboard:** To be provisionally nominated to the CPC through Method 'A' for SBX or BSL event(s), an eligible athlete must:
 - a. Achieve two (2) Podium (top three) results at eligible competitions (SBX and/or BSL) for Method 'A' in the event's respective sport classifications (e.g. Men's UL, or Women's LL1/LL2 combined).
2. Eligible athletes who have achieved the criteria to be provisionally nominated as outlined in Point 1, 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. Two (2) discipline and gender specific ranking lists will be created (one for each gender in Snowboardcross and Banked Slalom).
 - i. **Snowboardcross and Banked Slalom:** Athletes will be ranked by their best three (3) final results from eligible Method 'A' competitions (SBX or BSL) based on the FIS Point (Race Points) allocation of their final eligible results.
 - b. In the event of a tie of the aggregate total between two (2) or more athlete's best three (3) results, the athlete with the single highest field placing (expressed as a percentage) from an eligible result will break the tie.
 - c. In the unlikely event that less than three (3) events of the **Method 'A' Eligible Competitions** for Snowboardcross or Banked Slalom occur, athletes may only be nominated by **Method 'B'** outlined below.
 3. Provisionally nominated athletes must achieve the following requirements for final nomination to the CPC on February 8, 2026.

- a. **Para-Snowboard:** For final nomination, provisionally nominated athletes must start in at least two (2x) individual FIS SBX or BSL World Cup in the 2025/26 season at two separate locations prior to February 8, 2026.
- b. For final nomination to the CPC for selection to the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team, athletes provisionally nominated through **Method 'A'** must be ranked within the top number of athletes (20W or 65M) for both disciplines (SBX and BSL) in accordance with the quota allocation list for their discipline, sport classification, and gender on the FIS Paralympic Quota Allocation List which is communicated to CS at the end of the FIS Quota Allocation period, June 2, 2025.

9.2 METHOD 'B' RESULTS BASED NOMINATION FOR ALL DISCIPLINES (SBX and BSL)

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 Paralympic 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 Paralympic 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 and sport classification.

Eligible competitions for ranking purposes in 9.2 Method 'B' are outlined in Section 8 'Eligible Competitions', and summarized below:

- Method 'B': July 1, 2024, to February 8, 2026.
 - Eligible Competitions: SBX and BSL individual FIS World Cup competitions, and the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships SBX or BSL competitions.

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

- One (1) podium (Top Three) at an individual FIS World Cup or the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL) in the event's respective sport classification (e.g. Men's LL1).

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 FIS World Cup or the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL) in the event's respective sport classification (e.g. Women's LL1/LL2 combined).

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:

- One (1) final result*** at an individual FIS World Cup or the 2025 FIS Para-Snowboard World Championships that falls within 5% of the average time of the Top 3 leaders for the event's respective sport classification (e.g. Men's LL2) in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL).
 - ***Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions where official time trials occur, and athletes compete on the same track utilizing the same start gate and features. If time trials do not occur or athletes compete on a different course (either full or partial) as outlined directly above, then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing

Eligible athletes will be ranked within the priority by their eligible Top 5% results. Eligible athletes with multiple Top 5% finishes will be ranked higher (e.g. an athlete with two Top 5% results will be ranked ahead of an athlete with one Top 5% result), and athletes with the same number of Top 5% finishes will have the tie in the ranking broken by the 'Tie Breaking Method' outlined below.

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

- Two (2x) Top Eight (8) final results** at individual FIS World Cups or the 2025 FIS Para-World Championships in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL) in the event's respective sport classification (e.g. Women's LL1/LL2 combined).
 - **Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions that fall within the

Top Two Thirds (2/3) of the field in the event's sport classification (e.g. Women's LL1/LL2). If the field depth thresholds, as outlined directly above, are not met then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing.

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

$X/Y = P\% \times 100$, 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).

A Top Two Thirds (2/3) of the field final result is not rounded to the nearest whole number because the priority is looking for an actual finish position result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top two thirds and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 13 competitors is at 8.66 so all those who finished 8th place or better are in the top two thirds and those who finished 9th or lower 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.

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

- Fall within the Top Half (1/2) of the athlete's respective sport classification field (e.g. Women's LL2) as described on the most recently published FIS World Ranking Points List in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL) as of the Selection Deadline.

Eligible athletes will be ranked within the priority by their final placement on the most recently published FIS World Ranking List as of the Selection Deadline. The athlete's best ranking in either Snowboardcross (SBX) or Banked Slalom (BSL) will be used. Athletes with the same ranking will have the tie in the ranking broken by the 'Tie Breaking Method' outlined below.

A Top Half (1/2) of the field final result is not rounded to the nearest whole number because the priority is looking for an actual finish position result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top half and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 35 competitors is at 17.55 so all those who finished 17th place or better are in the top half and those who finished 18th or lower 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.

Tie Breaking Method (Priority 1 - 5): In the event of a tie in the result(s) in the implementation of the 'Method B' 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 Paralympic Qualification Period will be considered.

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

$X/Y = P\% \times 100$, 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.

9.3 NOMINATION VIA BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION

Athletes ranking in the Top Half (1/2) of the FIS World Ranking Points List in their medal event and the athlete's sport classification (e.g. Men's LL1 or Women's LL2), as of February 8, 2026 (the Selection Deadline), but who are outside of the obtained Canadian quota (slot) allocation, CS will be submitted to the IPC for a Bipartite Invitation. If the application is accepted, the IPC will invite and allocate quota (slot) directly to the athlete(s) for participation in the 2026 PWG in the medal event indicated by the IPC.

The Bipartite Commission Invitation application process opens on January 12, 2026, and the deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations is February 13, 2026. On February 16, 2026, FIS will confirm in writing to the NPCs the awarding of reallocation of quota (slots) and Bipartite Commission Invitation quota (slot).

All Bipartite Invitation decisions are made at the sole discretion of IPC and are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

A Top Half (1/2) of the field final result is not rounded to the nearest whole number because the priority is looking for an actual finish position result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top half and the rest of the field in a final finish field depth of 35 competitors is at 17.55 so all those who finished 17th place or better are in the top half and those who finished 18th or lower 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.

9.4 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

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 Paralympic Qualification Period' as defined by the performance standards outlined in the Nomination Process (Section 9) 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 7 'Quota Allocation' or Section 9 'Nomination Process', specifically 9.1 Method 'A' and 9.2 Method 'B', 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>.

10. 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 9, 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 Paralympic 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 February 16, 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 'Nomination Process' outlined in Section 9, above, where quota is available for the next highest ranked alternate. For example, if an injury occurs on February 11, 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.

All substitutions must follow the Late Athlete Replacement policy that will be jointly developed by the IPC and the Milan Cortina Organizing Committee. Details of the policy are not yet available at the publication of this document and will be communicated once received.

11. HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

In the event that an eligible athlete is injured during the 'CS Paralympic 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 CPC for the 2026 Canadian Paralympic 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 PWG in a competitive manner by satisfying the competitive readiness criteria specified in Section 14, Canada Snowboard may remove that athlete from its list of nominations for selection to the Canadian Paralympic 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.

11.1 HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT SNOWBOARDCROSS (SBX) AND BANKED SLALOM (BSL) EVENTS

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 Paralympic 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 LL2 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 SBX or BSL 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 February 8, 2026.

11.2 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 PWG to the discipline specific coaching staff, the Canada Snowboard discipline specific medical staff or to the discipline specific Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed).

In the case of injury or illness, the discipline specific Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed), 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 Paralympic 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 CPC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the CPC Team Selection Committee.

12. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

Subject to FIS reallocation of quotas, Canada Snowboard shall identify the athletes for provisional nomination to the CPC for positions on the 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team, along with the eligible alternates, on February 8, 2026. Canada Snowboard reserves the right to not nominate any alternate athletes to the PWG. If alternates are identified, alternate athletes will not travel to Games or be provided with an accreditation, venue access, or any related benefits for the 2026 PWG.

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 February 16, 2026, following the FIS Quota Reallocation 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.

13. 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 Paralympic 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 Paralympic 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 PWG.

Prior to nomination to the CPC, the 'Canada Snowboard Nomination Committee' will have the final authority over dismissal of any athlete from the athlete pool and/or 2026 Canadian Paralympic Winter Games Team. Following nomination to the CPC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the CPC 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 CPC,

- 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 CPC 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 PWG competition period,
- If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the Canada Snowboard Athlete Agreement.

14. PERFORMANCE READINESS

"Competitive Ready" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the Paralympic 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) 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 Paralympic 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 Paralympic Winter Games Team prepare in such a way as to be at peak performance readiness for the 2026 PWG. Canada Snowboard will provide an environment to ensure peak performance for the Canada Snowboard Paralympic 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 Paralympic 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.

15. 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 Paralympic Winter Games.

Nomination decisions made under this INP may be appealed following the February 8, 2026, nomination order that is communicated from these decisions to all eligible athletes.

To meet the external nomination and selection timelines set by the FIS, IPC and CPC a notice of appeal to the provisional nomination decision must be filed no later than 11:59 pm PST to Canada Snowboard on February 10th, 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.

16. ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

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

17. STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS & SUPPORT STAFF)

It is the responsibility of the Canada Snowboard High Performance Director (Speed) in selecting the support staff, including the technical staff (coaches, technicians), medical staff, and other performance related staff for the 2026 PWG. 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 PWG.

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

CS Paralympic 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 CPC 's Team Leader Position
3. Have a valid passport that does not expire for up to 6 months after the 2026 PWG (September 22, 2026)
4. Be in compliance with all relevant CPC, FIS, and IOC requirements for eligibility. Sign, submit, and comply with the CPC 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 CPC
6. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIS, the CADP, the IPC 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 PWG 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 Paralympic 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 PWG.

18. 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 PWG, Canada Snowboard will communicate all relevant information, as it is currently known, to the impacted parties as soon as is reasonably possible.

19. CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

The CS designate, in consultation with the High Performance Director (Speed), 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 CS designate and the High Performance Director (Speed) 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 CS designate, in consultation with the High Performance Director (Speed), 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 PWG. 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 Director (Speed) will consult with the CS 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) shall communicate any changes to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

20. 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.

21. CONTACT

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