



## *FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SNOWBOARD 2020 SELECTION PROTOCOL*

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Canada Snowboard, through its membership in the Canadian Snowsports Association, is granted by the FIS the right to enter eligible athletes in FIS sanctioned Snowboard events, including Junior World Championships (JWC). Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
2. The 2020 FIS JWC will be hosted for the following disciplines:
  - SBX: March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in St. Lary, France;
  - Alpine: March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 in Lachtal, Austria.
  - Freestyle: TBD by FIS.
3. This document sets out the process for selecting which athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships (JWC).
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (National Team, World Cups, Senior World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard “Document Centre”:  
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>.
5. Final decisions regarding athlete selection for the JWC shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the JWC Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the HPP Managers and one National Team coach from each discipline.
6. Athletes may be recognized and eligible for selection, however they will only be registered upon commitment to attend this *self-funded event* and upon submission of a deposit in



advance of the event. *All athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and /or physio, team leader and the coaches for their respective discipline(s).*

7. Athlete selection for the Speed JWC will be determined no later than five (5) weeks before the event.
  - For SBX: February 17, 2020
  - For Alpine: February 24, 2020

**NOTE:** Due to the Uncertainty of location and timing of the Freestyle JWC the athlete selection will be made four (4) weeks before the event if timing permits, otherwise the selection will be made as soon as possible following the event announcement by FIS.

- For Freestyle: TBD

## TERMS

8. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:

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| a) <b>BA:</b>  | Big Air                          |
| b) <b>CRL:</b> | Canadian Ranking List            |
| c) <b>FIS:</b> | Fédération Internationale de Ski |
| d) <b>HP:</b>  | Halfpipe                         |
| e) <b>HPP:</b> | High Performance Program         |
| f) <b>JWC:</b> | Junior World Championships       |
| g) <b>PGS:</b> | Parallel Giant Slalom            |
| h) <b>PSL:</b> | Parallel Slalom                  |
| i) <b>NOC:</b> | National Olympic Committee       |
| j) <b>OWG:</b> | Olympic Winter Games             |
| k) <b>SS:</b>  | Slopestyle                       |
| l) <b>SBX:</b> | Snowboardcross                   |

## OBJECTIVE

9. Canada Snowboard's primary objective at the JWC is to provide a high level competitive experience to athletes who have demonstrated an ability to achieve podium success in North American competitions.
10. For selection purposes, "Podium success in North American competition" is taken to mean athletes capable of achieving: podium results at FIS races, or regional events on the WSPL; and two or more podium results at NorAm events and Junior National Championships.

## ELIGIBILITY



11. To be eligible for selection to participate in a FIS Snowboard JWC, an athlete must:
  - a) Be a member in good standing of Canada Snowboard, as that term is understood in Section 1.1(f) of the Canada Snowboard Bylaws, applied mutatis mutandis;
  - b) Have a valid FIS license, Canada Snowboard membership, Advanced Competitor's provincial/territorial snowboard association membership and Level 1 or Level 2 SAIP Insurance coverage; and
  - c) **For Alpine and SBX events:**
    - I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose fifteenth respectively nineteenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins. (2020: 2000-2004; 2021: 2001-2005))
    - II. Have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in his or her discipline on the FIS Points List published most recently prior to the selection date.
  - d) **For SS, BA, and HP events:**
    - I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose thirteenth respectively seventeenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins. (2020: 2002-2006; 2021: 2003-2007)
    - II. Must be ranked within the top 20 Men and top 15 Women on the CRL
    - III. Have a minimum of 150 CRL Points in his or her discipline at the time of selection.

## TEAM SIZE

12. Each national association recognized by the FIS may enter a maximum of 30 athletes in the JWC, with the following restrictions:
  - a) A maximum of 6 athletes per event (e.g. Men's SBX).
  - b) A maximum of 22 athletes per gender.
13. Athletes may be selected to compete in more than one event.
14. Slopestyle and Big Air are considered one discipline, however; selection will be based off Slopestyle results only.
15. PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based on results from both PGS and PSL.

## RANKING PROCESS – ALL DISCIPLINES

16. Eligible athletes in all disciplines will be ranked based on the following priorities:

### Priority One (1):

- Eligible athletes achieving the following objective on the World Cup Tour Event,



WSPL 700+ Point event, Sr. World Championships or Olympic Winter Games:

- i. SS, BA, HP, SBX: Top half (1/2)
- ii. PGS, PSL: Top two-thirds (2/3)

**Priority Two (2):**

- Eligible athletes achieving a top third (1/3) result in any individual competition at the previous 2019 Jr. World Championships

**Priority Three (3):**

- Eligible athletes achieving a podium at any NorAm event.

**Priority Four (4):**

- **Speed Only:** Eligible athletes achieving a top third (1/3) or higher at any NorAm event.
- **Freestyle Only:** Eligible athletes within the top 20 Men and top 15 Women on the Slopestyle CRL, based on ranking

**NOTE:** Due to the Gore Mountain, USA snowboardcross NorAM cancellation, the time trial results from this event will be utilized in the 'Ranking Process' as outlined in Section 16 above.

17. Eligible athletes will be ranked within each priority, based on their FIS Points achieved in the competition season as indicated on the most recent FIS Points List. This list will include all FIS events up until the selection date. Eligible athletes will be ranked in each priority until the maximum quota for each discipline, six (6), or team size of thirty (30) is reached, or there are no more eligible athletes. If a tie exists in the FIS points rankings for priorities 1, 2, 3, or 4 they shall be broken by the single best (lowest) field placing at an eligible event within the priority until the tie is broken (field placing = Result / field size x 100).
  - a) For eligible freestyle athletes any WSPL level events of 700+ points will be manually calculated for the athletes' rankings, if necessary based on the point distribution of a FIS World Cup.
18. Only eligible results achieved from an individual competition(s) will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 16 – 17 above. Team event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for any JWCH competitions or disciplines.

## **SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS**

19. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the "HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol" (General Policy).
20. On the basis of the Special Ranking Considerations listed below, and notwithstanding selection rankings, Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to select athletes to



participate in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. Canada Snowboard shall also have the discretion to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota provided by FIS.

21. The grounds for any such decisions must be clearly detailed by the Selection Committee in their meeting minutes and must be in accordance with the General Policies of the High Performance Program. The General Policies are posted on the Canada Snowboard website within the "Document Centre".

Special Ranking Considerations include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- The athlete's level of physical conditioning evaluated in terms of the "Strength & conditioning Minimum Standards" established for the High Performance Program.
- The athlete's level of technical skill will be evaluated in terms of the HPP Technical Skills Chart and Athlete Development Matrix. Benchmarks are determined by performance demands of each discipline according to the Gold Medal Profile.
- Anomalies in competitions arising from factors such as weather or abnormally small field sizes, or the gross inflation of the points value of the event, which are considered by the selection committee to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain results.
- Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability. A gap will be defined as a 5% change of the maximum allowance of points. For instance, if using the FIS Points system (1000 Point Maximum) three athletes have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 45 points, a gap may be said to exist which indicates an athlete's potential ability or inability to compete at the same level as other Canada Snowboard athletes in the same discipline.
- An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved higher than her or his calculated ranking.
- An athlete who has failed to capitalize on numerous competitive opportunities and is therefore not progressing towards the program goal may move lower than his or her calculated ranking.

## HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

22. There may be occasions when an athlete who is otherwise selected to participate is, or becomes by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, unable to compete. In such circumstances Canada Snowboard shall have the discretion to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete, provided that the athlete has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision.
23. Canada Snowboard may, at any time, require an athlete who is unable to participate in



training or competition due to injury, to obtain a medical assessment from a team physician. The purpose of the medical assessment is to confirm the degree of the athlete's injury and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.

## APPEALS

24. Any appeal of any decision of the Selection Committee may be made by any CS member in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Canada Snowboard Appeals Protocol, which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/docs>.

## GENERAL

25. Issues not otherwise covered by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by Canada Snowboard's "Dispute Resolution Policy" which is available on the Canada Snowboard website (<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/docs>).