



## *FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SNOWBOARD 2021 SELECTION PROTOCOL: ALL DICIPLINES*

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Canada Snowboard is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact domestic nomination of athletes to the 2021 FIS Junior World Championships. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Canada Snowboard will respect this published Selection Protocol as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Selection Protocol to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Selection Protocol. In such circumstances, any modifications will come into effect as of the date of publication and will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Selection Protocol to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Selection Protocol, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Canada Snowboard will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

### 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 2021 FIS JWC will be hosted for the following diciplines:

All Diciplines (SBS, BA, HP, SBX, BXT, PGS, PSL, PST): March 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in



Krasnoyarsk, Russia.

3. This document sets out the process for selecting which athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2021 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 Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High-Performance Director, the HPP Manager(s) and one National Team coach from each discipline.
6. Any exceptions to the procedures set out in this Selection Protocol must be based on the general policies of the Canada Snowboard high Performance Program (HPP). The HPP General Policies can be found in the Document Center on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>
7. 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 selected athletes are responsible for cost-sharing the expenses of the team doctor and /or physio, team leader and the nominated coach(es) for their respective discipline(s).

**NOTE:** The Government of Canada continues to take unprecedented action to protect the health and safety of Canadians. On January 29, 2021, new rules on international travel, in addition to the restrictions previously in place, were announced to prevent further introduction and transmission of Covid-19.

Details of the new measures have not yet been detailed, however, all air travellers arriving in Canada should expect to reserve a room in a Government of Canada approved hotel for a minimum of three (3) nights at their own cost, as well as commit to a series of additional Covid-19 molecular tests upon arrival at their own cost, in addition to the current measures in place.

Compliance with new and existing measures will be mandatory for all 2021 Junior World Championship team members and any cost incurred as a result of the Government of Canada mandated measures and mandatory quarantine period(s) will be the sole responsibility of the traveller and incurred at their own expense.



For updated information, please reference: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

8. Athlete selection for the Speed JWC will be determined no later than three (3) weeks before the event.
  - For SBX and Alpine: February 28, 2021
9. Athlete selection for the Freestyle JWC will be determined no later than four (4) weeks before the event.
  - For Freestyle: February 18, 2021

#### 2020-2021 COVID Precision

Canada Snowboard realizes that the 2020-2021 season will be a challenge due to the uncertainty and various restrictions caused by COVID-19. The information provided in this document will form the framework for decision making, however, the Selection Committee will have the flexibility to adjust criteria in the event that it is not possible to follow the published processes based on any circumstances related to COVID-19 that are beyond the control of CS.

Should there be an inadequate number of competitive opportunities, the Selection Committee will use best efforts to create specific opportunities for selection purposes where possible.

In the event that modifications to this Selection Protocol are needed, affected parties will be notified as early as possible and any modifications to this Selection Protocol will be published on the CS website.

## TERMS

10. 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                   |



- m) **BXT:** Snowboardcross Team
- n) **PST:** Parallel Team

## OBJECTIVE

11. 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.
12. For selection purposes, "Podium success in North American competition" is taken to mean athletes capable of achieving: podium results at FIS races, or National (N) events on the WSPL; and two or more podium results at NorAm events and Junior National Championships.

## ELIGIBILITY

13. 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 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. (2021: 2001-2005; 2022: 2002-2006).
    - II. Have a minimum of 30 FIS Points in his or her discipline as described on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline.
  - d) **For Snowboardcross 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. (2021: 2001-2005; 2022: 2002-2006).
    - II. Have a minimum of 20 FIS Points in his or her discipline as described on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline.
  - e) **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. (2021: 2003-2007; 2022: 2004-2008)
    - II. Must be ranked within the top 20 Canadian Men and top 15 Canadian Women



on the WSPL

- III. Have a minimum of 80 WSPL Points in his or her discipline at the time of selection.

## QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

14. Only eligible results achieved from individual competitions will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 21 through 23 below.

Team Event results will not be considered in the recommendation of athletes for available positions within the 2021 JWC team.

15. For the purpose of selection, the following competitions will be considered:
  - a. Olympic Winter Games
  - b. FIS World Championships – Senior (WCH) and Junior (JWCH)
  - c. FIS World Cup (WC)
  - d. WSPL 700+ Point Events
  - e. FIS North American Cup (NAC)
  - f. FIS European Cups (EC)
  - g. 400+ WSPL Point Events

## FIELD PLACING DEFINATION

16. A top one-third (1/3) or 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 final finish position result. As a practical example, the dividing line between the top one-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 19<sup>th</sup> place or better are in the top one-third and those who finished 20<sup>th</sup> or poorer are not. DNFs and DSOs are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in the event; however, DNS does not count toward the field size and will be removed.

## TEAM SIZE

17. Each national association recognized by the FIS may enter a maximum of 38 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.
18. Athletes may be selected to compete in more than one event.



19. Slopestyle and Big Air are considered one discipline, however; selection will be based off Slopestyle results only.
20. PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based on results from both PGS and PSL.

## RANKING PROCESS – ALL DISCIPLINES

21. 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 within the 2021 competition season:
  - 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 2020 Jr. World Championships for Alpine or the 2019 Jr. World Championships for Snowboardcross.

### Priority Three (3):

- **Speed Only:** Eligible athletes achieving a podium at any FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) event within the 2021 competition season.
- **Freestyle Only:** Eligible athletes achieving a podium at any 400+ WSPL level event

### Priority Four (4):

- **Speed Only:** Eligible athletes achieving a Top Third (1/3) or higher at any FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) event within the 2021 competition season.
- **Freestyle Only:** Eligible athletes within the top 20 Canadian Men and top 15 Canadian Women on the Slopestyle or Halfpipe WSPL, based on the individuals points and ranking.

### Priority Five (5):

**Speed Only:** Eligible athletes will be ranked, per gender, who achieved a final result at any individual World Cup within the 2020 or 2021 competition season.

Only athletes with previous World Cup competition experience will be considered.

Previous World Cup competition experience shall be defined as an athlete who has



received a final result from a World Cup competition. Athletes who have forerun, DNS or were previously awarded a quota but did not start in the competition are not considered to have had previous World Cup competition experience.

The Selection Committee will review remaining eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans and communicate with their current coach before a quota is allocated. This reasonably ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a Junior World Championship competition and has been training in a suitable environment during the 2020/21 season.

**Priority Six (6):**

**SBX Only:** Remaining competitive opportunities will be allocated to eligible athletes, per gender, who achieve a Top Half (1/2) final result or higher at one of the following Europa Cup competitions:

- a. February 27, 2021: Reiteralm, Austria (SBX)
- b. February 28, 2021: Reiteralm, Austria (SBX)

Athlete participation is conditional on the athlete competing at both of the Europa Cup competitions listed above.

Athletes will be ranked within Priority Six (6) for SBX as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's best single final result from the Europa Cup Competitions listed above.
- b. In the event of a tie, the athletes next best result will be used.
- c. If the tie still remains, it shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the most FIS Points as described on the most recent FIS Point list as of the selection deadline will be ranked ahead.

The Selection Committee will review remaining eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans and communicate with their current coach before a quota is allocated. This reasonably ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a Junior World Championship competition and has been training in a suitable environment for the 2020/21 season.

NOTE: Please see Section 22, below, for the ranking process for Priorities 1 – 5, as outlined above, for Snowboardcross.

**Alpine Only:** For remaining competitive opportunities, interested athletes must submit a participation request for the specific event(s) online at least two weeks (14days) prior to the selection deadline listed in Section 8 above through Canada Snowboard's website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>

The Selection Committee will review remaining eligible athlete(s) Yearly Training Plans and communicate with their current coach before a quota is allocated. This reasonably



ensures that the athlete has trained enough to be ready for a Junior World Championship competition and has been training in a suitable environment for the 2020/21 season.

NOTE: If an athlete communicates a participation request, as outlined above, this **does not** automatically guarantee selection to a specific event or to the 2021 FIS Junior Worlds Championships. Interested athletes must be allocated a quota spot as outlined in Section 22 below.

22. Eligible athletes will be ranked within Priorities 1 – 5 & 6 (Alpine Only), based on their FIS Points within their discipline as described on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline.

Eligible athletes will be ranked in each priority until the maximum quota for each discipline, six (6), or team size of thirty-six (36) is reached, or there are no more eligible athletes.

If a tie exists in the FIS points rankings for priorities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 (Alpine Only), the tie 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+ not already listed as a FIS event (for example: Dew Tour, X Games or the US Open), the points will be manually calculated for the athletes' rankings, if necessary based on the point distribution of a FIS World Cup.
23. Only eligible results achieved from an individual competition(s) will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 21 – 22 above. Team event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for any JWC competitions or disciplines.

## SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

24. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the "HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol" (General Policy).
25. 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.
26. 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.
  - Determination of what constitutes a significant gap may fluctuate depending on results achieved and where the majority of riders fall within the criteria met. When determining what constitutes a significant gap, CS will provide reasoned explanations and data to support any decisions to not select athletes because it has been considered that a significant gap exists.
- An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
  - Very strong results will ordinarily reflect an ability to perform consistently at or above the mid-point of a final World Cup field; which may be demonstrated by consistently performing within the Top 8 at Junior World Championships, or comparable Continental Cup events with a strong international field.
- 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

27. CS 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 be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment



conducted by a CS recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The medical assessment is for the purpose of confirming the degree of the athlete's ability to compete and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.

28. 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.

### **DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND APPEAL PROCESS**

29. Final decisions on the selections of athletes to be named to the HPP shall be ratified by the Executive Director of CS, on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee.
30. In the event that an unforeseeable issue or exceptional circumstance arises that is not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol and this issue or circumstance will have a material impact on the selection process as outlined herein, the Executive Director of CS, in consultation with the Sport and High-Performance Director, shall determine how the issue or circumstance shall be addressed, taking into account the best interests of the HPP program from a performance perspective. Should any action be taken pursuant to this provision, CS will communicate directly with any individual impacted by such action, and provide reasons for any action taken.
31. Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the HPP may be appealed by any individual directly affected by a CS decision, as long as they are in good standing with CS and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association, and provided there are sufficient grounds for an appeal according to the CS 'Appeals Policy', available on the CS website at:

[https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada\\_Snowboard\\_Appeals\\_Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Canada_Snowboard_Appeals_Policy_EN.pdf)

Members in good standing are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard Appeals Process Map which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at:

<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>

32. During the actual competition period onsite at the 2021 FIS Junior World Championships all final decision-making authority will reside with the Head Coach(es) of each discipline, in consultation with the Team Leader, if applicable. The Team Leader shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Head Coach.

### **STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, TEAM LEADERS & SUPPORT STAFF)**

33. The Canada Snowboard High Performance Director has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leaders and coach(s) for the 2021 FIS Junior World



Championships. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of support staff that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the event.

## GENERAL

34. This Selection Protocol 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.
35. This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.
36. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Canada Snowboard High Performance Director will, where possible, consult with the Executive Director to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High-Performance Director shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.
37. This Selection Protocol is based on 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 FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected parties as soon as reasonably possible. Should such a circumstance occur, Canada Snowboard will review and amend this Selection Protocol to comply with new regulations or conditions. Amendments to this document will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as soon as is reasonably possible as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website.
38. 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>).