



**FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:
SNOWBOARD 2022 SELECTION PROTOCOL: ALL DISCIPLINES**

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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 2022 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, including Canada Snowboard, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
2. The 2022 FIS JWC will be hosted for the following disciplines:
 - a. Slopestyle, Big Air, Halfpipe (SBS, BA, HP): Leysin, SUI March 6 to 13, 2022
 - Snowboardcross, Snowboardcross Mixed Gender Team, Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, and Parallel Team (SBX, BTX, PGS, PSL, PRT): Chiesa in Valmalenco, ITA March 31 to April 3, 2022.



***IMPORTANT: the above-referenced events are self-funded. ***

3. This document sets out the process for selecting which athletes will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2022 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": <https://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. The Selection Committee's recommendations to the Executive Director shall be made on the basis of the athlete's performances during the August 1, 2021 to February 6 2022 for freestyle and August 1, 2021 to February 24, 2022 for speed.
7. 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>
8. Athletes may be eligible for selection to the events referred to in Section 2 above; however, their selection and registration will only be confirmed once Canada Snowboard receives written confirmation that they agree to self-fund their participation in the relevant event and upon receipt of a deposit to be paid in advance of the departure of the event to Canada Snowboard.

All selected athletes, without exception, 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).

9. The Government of Canada continues to take unprecedented action to protect the health and safety of Canadians. New rules on international travel, in addition to the restrictions previously in place, continue to be announced to prevent further introduction and transmission of Covid-19. These updated rules will continue to apply to traveling team members.

Compliance with new and existing travel measures will be mandatory for all 2022 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 team member and incurred at their own expense.



For updated information, please reference: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

10. All interested and eligible athletes (or their personal coach) are required to submit a participation request for Junior World Championships in their respective disciplines online at least four (4) weeks before the selection deadlines, outlined immediately below, through the Canada Snowboard website at:

<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>

- The deadline to submit a participation request for Freestyle JWC (SBS, BA, HP) is: January 9, 2022
- The deadline to submit a participation request for Speed JWC (SBX, PGS, PSL) is: January 31, 2022

If an athlete, or their personal coach, submits a participation request online by the respective deadline, as outlined above, this does not automatically guarantee selection to a specific event or to the 2022 FIS Junior World Championships. Interested athletes must be allocated a quota spot for their discipline as outlined in Sections 19 – 21 below.

11. Athlete selection for the Speed JWC will be determined no later than four (4) weeks before the event.
- a. For SBX and Alpine: February 24th, 2022
- Athlete selection for the Freestyle JWC will be determined no later than four (4) weeks before the event.
- b. For Freestyle: February 6th, 2022

TERMS

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

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

OBJECTIVE

13. 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. For selection purposes, "Podium success in North American competition" is taken to mean athletes capable of achieving podium results at FIS



Continental Cups or National (N) level events on the WSPL; and two or more podium results at NorAm events and Junior National Championships.

ELIGIBILITY

14. 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; and
 - b) Have a valid and active FIS license, Canada Snowboard membership, Advanced Competitor's Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association membership and have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP; Level 1 is mandatory for National Team members or those participating in more than one international World Cup competition or a minimum of Level 2 for out of country coverage); and
 - c) Have submitted a participation request for their respective disciplines online on or before the selection deadlines outlined in Section 10 above through the Canada Snowboard website at:
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>; and
 - d) **For Alpine events:**
 - I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose fifteenth to nineteenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins. (2022: 2002-2006).
 - II. Have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in their discipline as indicated on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline.
 - e) **For SBX events:**
 - I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose fifteenth to nineteenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins. (2022: 2002-2006).
 - II. Have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in their discipline as indicated on the most recent FIS Points List as of the selection deadline.
 - f) **For SS, BA, and HP events:**
 - I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose thirteenth to seventeenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins. (2022: 2004-2008)
 - II. Must be ranked within the top 30 Canadian Men and top 20 Canadian Women on the WSPL
 - a. For Slopestyle & Big Air, only the Slopestyle WSPL will be used.
 - III. Have a minimum of 80 WSPL Points in his or her discipline as of the selection deadline.
 - IV. Slopestyle/BA: Minimum skill requirement of consistent execution of grabbed tricks on a 50ft jump:



- a. Men: 2 way 1080s, 2 way 900s
 - b. Women: 2 way 360s, 1 way 540s, boardslide/lipslide at 90° through entire rail feature
- V. HP: Minimum skill requirement of consistent execution in an entire run in a 18ft pipe (i.e., skills are not evaluated independently)
- a. Men: Straight airs at 6ft, 2 way 720s at 5ft, 2 way 540's at 5ft,
 - b. Women: Straight airs at 3ft, 2 way 540 at 2ft

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

15. Only eligible results achieved from individual competitions will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 19 through 21 below.

Team Event results will not be considered in the recommendation of athletes for available positions within the 2022 JWC team.

16. 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 DEFINITION

17. When determining if an athlete has satisfied a threshold field placing result, as outlined from time to time in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 19 through 21 below, Canada Snowboard does not round to the nearest whole number because the given priority is looking for an actual final finish position result within the field. As a practical example, the dividing line between the Top Third (1/3) 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 considered to be in the Top Third (1/3) and those who finished 20th 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 from the field size calculation.

TEAM SIZE

18. Each national association recognized by the FIS may enter in JWC a maximum of:

- a) Up to a maximum of 6 athletes per event per gender (e.g. Men's SBX).
 - Athletes may be selected to compete in more than one event.
 - Slopestyle and Big Air are considered one discipline; however, selection will be based on Slopestyle results only.
 - PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based on results from both PGS and PSL.



RANKING PROCESS – ALL DISCIPLINES

19. The Selection Committee is restricted by the quotas allocated by the FIS, as outlined in Section 18 above. Nominations will be made at each priority level until there are no remaining eligible athletes in the priority before allocating the quota to the next priority and so on. Once the quota has been met in a discipline, or gender, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be eligible for nomination regardless of their ranking.

Eligible athletes in all disciplines will be ranked in descending order based on the following priorities:

Priority One (1):

- Eligible athletes achieving the following results on the World Cup Tour Event, WSPL 700+ Point event, Sr. World Championships or Olympic Winter Games as of the selection deadline:
 - i. SS, BA, HP, SBX: Top Half (1/2) of the final field
 - ii. PGS, PSL: Top Two-Thirds (2/3) of the final field

Priority Two (2):

- Eligible athletes achieving a Top Third (1/3) final result in any individual competition at the previous 2021 Jr. World Championships in Krasnoyarsk, RUS.
- Speed Only: Eligible athletes achieving a podium at any FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) event as of the selection deadline.
- Freestyle Only: Eligible athletes achieving a podium at any 400+ WSPL level event

Priority Three (3):

- Speed Only: Eligible athletes who achieve one of the following:
 - i. A Top Half (1/2) or higher final result at any FIS Europa Cup event as of the selection deadline.
 - ii. A Top Third (1/3) or higher final result at any FIS NorAm Cup event as of the selection deadline.
- Freestyle Only: Eligible athletes within the Top 20 Canadian Men and Top 15 Canadian Women on the Slopestyle or Halfpipe WSPL, based on the individual points and ranking.

20. Eligible athletes will be ranked within Priorities 1 – 3 in descending order based on the average of the FIS Points earned from their Top Two eligible results in the 2021-22 season.

Eligible athletes will be ranked in each priority until the maximum quota for each discipline, six (6) per gender is reached, or there are no more eligible athletes.

If a tie exists in the FIS points rankings for Priorities 1, 2, or 3, the tie shall be broken by the single best (lowest) field placing at an eligible event, as outline in section 15 and 16 above, within the Priority until the tie is broken using the following calculation: (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.

21. Only eligible results achieved from an individual competition(s) will be considered in the 'Ranking Process' detailed in Sections 19 – 20 above. Team event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for any JWC competitions or disciplines.

SNOWBOARDCROSS MIXED GENDER TEAM EVENT

22. Snowboardcross Mixed Gender Team race is scheduled to be held at the 2022 FIS Snowboard JWC in Cheisa in Valmalenco, ITA on April 3, 2022.

23. The number of teams per Nation will be determined according to FIS Snowboard Rules.

24. Team Event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:

- a. Team #1: Top Ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.

In the event that Canada is allocated two or more teams, participation will be determined as follows:

- b. Team #2: Male and Female athlete with the fastest time trial run from the Qualification Rounds of the individual race at the same venue.
- c. Team #3 will be determined by the Snowboardcross Coach and on the basis of the factors listed below in an exercise of discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result.

Factors that will be considered by the Snowboardcross coach in the selection of Team #3 include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics.

These factors include, but are not limited to:

- 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 decision making.
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Snowboardcross races at the international level; and
- Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue.

It is understood that in making selections to create the most competitive team, it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) may not be selected.



NOTE: The timing of Team Event participation decision(s) will be made onsite during the JWC competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at that venue.

NOTE: Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual JWC competitions as outlined in Sections 19 through 21 of this document.

ALPINE MIXED GENDER TEAM EVENT

25. Alpine Mixed Gender Team race is scheduled to be held at the 2022 FIS Snowboard JWC in Cheisa in Valmalenco, ITA on April 2, 2022.

26. The number of teams per Nation will be determined according to FIS Snowboard Rules.

27. Team Event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:

- a. Team #1: The top ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.

In the event that Canada is allocated two or more teams, participation will be determined as follows:

- b. Team#2: The next ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.
- c. Team #3 will be determined by the Alpine Coach and on the basis of the factors listed below in an exercise of discretion with the ultimate goal of fielding the most competitive team pairing who have demonstrated that they are the most capable of achieving a podium result.

Factors that will be considered by the Alpine coach in the selection of Team #3 include technical and tactical aspects of the event, as well as team dynamics.

These factors include, but are not limited to:

- 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 decision making.
- Proven competitive experience and success in individual Alpine races at the international level; and
- Consideration of performance at the individual race at the same venue.

It is understood that in making selections to create the most competitive team, it is possible that the highest ranked individual athlete(s) may not be selected.

NOTE: The timing of Team Event participation decision(s) will be made onsite during the JWC competition period in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at that venue.



NOTE: Team Event results will not be considered in the allocation of competitive opportunities for individual JWC competitions as outlined in Sections 19 through 21 of this document.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

28. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the “HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol” (General Policy):

https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20RTS%20protocol_2018.pdf

29. 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.

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”.

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

- a) The athlete’s level of physical conditioning is evaluated in terms of the “Strength & conditioning Minimum Standards” established for the High-Performance Program.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
 - i. 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.
- e) An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their



calculated ranking.

- i. Very strong results will ordinarily reflect an ability to perform consistently at or above the midpoint 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.
- f) An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- g) An athlete who has failed to capitalize on numerous competitive opportunities and is therefore not progressing towards the program goal may move lower than their calculated ranking.

HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

31. 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 with the health-related curtailment has been assessed by a Canada Snowboard approved physician and such assessment supports this decision
32. 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

33. 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 Canada Snowboard, 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, Canada Snowboard will communicate directly with any individual impacted by such action, and provide reasons for any action taken.
34. 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 Canada Snowboard 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

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>

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During the actual competition period onsite at the 2022 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)

35. The Canada Snowboard High-Performance Director has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leaders and coach(s) for the 2022 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

36. 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.
37. 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.
38. 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.
39. 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.