



**FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
**SNOWBOARD 2024 SELECTION PROTOCOL: ALL DISCIPLINES**

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

## 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 2024 FIS Junior World Championships (JWC) are set to take place across the following disciplines, hosted at the locations listed below:
  - Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, and Parallel Team (PGS, PSL, PRT): Lachtal, AUT March 22 - 24, 2024.
  - Snowboardcross and Snowboardcross Team (SBX & BTX): **Gudauri, GEO April 6 – 7, 2024**
  - Slopestyle and Big Air, (SS, BA, ): Livingo/Mottolino, ITA March 22 – 30, 2024.
  - Halfpipe (Pipe): TBC

**IMPORTANT:** the above-referenced competitions are self-funded, which means that selected athletes are responsible for co-sharing the travel expenses and the day-rate (if applicable) of nominated coaches and support staff appointed by Canada Snowboard as it relates to participation in the 2024 FIS JWC, as specified in Section 9 below, in addition to being responsible for their own related expenses. Athletes selected for participation will be provided an estimated budget for the event prior to confirming their attendance and an agreement to shared costs.

3. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be nominated by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2024 JWC in all disciplines.
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (National/NextGen 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. Notwithstanding any athlete ranking resulting from the application of this Selection Protocol, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to withhold competitive opportunities in accordance with the “HPP Protocol for Return to Snow and Competition”.

Canada Snowboard further reserves the right to select athletes to participate in competitive opportunities in an order other than that indicated by the rankings established through the application of this Selection Protocol, and/or to select fewer male or female athletes than the maximum quota provided to Canada by FIS. The grounds for any such decisions must be discussed and documented by the Selection Committee and must be made in accordance with the HPP General Policy.

All policies referenced in this section can be found in the ‘Document Centre’ on the Canada Snowboard website.

6. Except where otherwise specified herein, final decisions regarding athlete selection for the JWC shall be ratified by the Vice President, Sport (VPS) on the basis of recommendations by the Selection Committee, which shall consist of the High Performance Director (HPD) in Speed and Freestyle, the Podium Pathway Manager (PPM), the High Performance Coordinator (HPC), the CS HPP coaching staff, as the discipline technical experts, and other HPP Staff as designated by the Selection Committee.
7. Except as otherwise specified herein, the Selection Committee’s recommendations to the Vice President, Sport (VPS) for the purpose of selection, will consider the athlete’s FIS rankings and performances (results) as of the Selection Deadline (specified in Section 19), for each discipline. Only results from the current competition season (up to the time of selection) will be used, which is defined as the August 2023 – April 2024 competitive season (the Selection Period).
8. 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>
9. Athletes may be deemed 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 departure for 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).

## TERMS

10. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:
  - a) BA: Big Air
  - b) BXT: Snowboardcross Team
  - c) FIS: International Ski and Snowboard Federation
  - d) HP: Halfpipe
  - e) HPP: High Performance Program
  - f) JWC: FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships
  - g) OWG: Olympic Winter Games
  - h) PGS: Parallel Giant Slalom



- i) PRT: Parallel Team
- j) PSL: Parallel Slalom
- k) SBX: Snowboardcross
- l) SS: Slopestyle
- m) WSPL: World Snowboarding Points List
- n) YOG: Youth Olympic Games

## OBJECTIVES

11. Canada Snowboard's primary objective at the JWC is to compete for JWC medals and provide a high-level competitive experience to athletes who have demonstrated an ability to achieve podium success in Continental Cup competitions.

For selection purposes, "Podium success in Continental Cup competitions" is taken to mean athletes who have demonstrated, through their performances, that they are capable of achieving podium results at FIS Continental Cups (NorAms or Europa Cups).

This is the guiding principle Canada Snowboard took into consideration when developing this Selection Protocol and serves as the basis for guiding selection decisions made under this Protocol.

## ELIGIBILITY

12. To be eligible to participate in a JWC, an athlete must:
- a) Be a member in good standing of Canada Snowboard and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association, 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 and a minimum of Level 2 is required for out of country coverage); and
    - I. **Speed Disciplines**
      - a. **(ALP), (SBX):** Have competed in a minimum of four (4) Continental Cup level events or higher (within the Selection Period and as of the Selection Deadline); or
      - b. **(SBX):** Have competed in a minimum of two (2) FIS level events, or higher (within the Selection Period and as of the Selection Deadline); and
    - II. **Freestyle Disciplines (SBS, BA, HP):** Have Competed in a minimum of one (1) FIS events or higher (within the Selection Period and as of the Selection Deadline); and
  - c) Have submitted a participation request for their respective discipline(s) online on or before the deadlines outlined in Section 18 through the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>; and
  - d) Have a valid Canadian Passport, which must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel; and
  - e) Upon selection, read and sign the Canada Snowboard Code of Conduct and Ethics, which outlines the expectations an athlete representing Canada must follow; and
  - f) Comply with all relevant FIS requirements for eligibility; and
  - g) **For Alpine (PGS, PSL) and Snowboardcross (SBX) events:**



- I. Participation is restricted to those competitors whose fifteenth to nineteenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the 2023/24 competition year begins (2023).
    - a. Year of birth must be on or within 2004 – 2008.
  - II. Have a minimum of 50 FIS Points in their discipline as indicated on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
- h) **For Freestyle (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 2023/24 competition year begins (2023).
    - a. Year of birth must be on or within 2006 – 2010.
  - II. Must be ranked within the Top 30 Canadian Men and Top 20 Canadian Women on the WSPL (as of the Selection Deadline).
    - a. For SS & BA, 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. SS/BA: Must satisfy the 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
  - V. HP: Must satisfy the 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

The ability of an athlete to satisfy the minimum skill requirements will be determined by the Selection Committee, in their sole discretion based on coaches' input and video analysis.

13. Except as otherwise stated herein, the opportunity to participate in JWC competitions shall be offered to athletes who satisfy all of the eligibility requirements set out as Section 12 (a-j), above, in the order of their ranking determined by the Selection Process detailed in Sections 21 - 22, below.

All eligible athletes must have earned result(s) within the JWC Selection Period, as outlined in Section 7 above, that meet at least one of the priorities outlined in the Selection Process, detailed in Sections 21 – 22, below, in order to be considered for selection to participate in the JWC.

Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements but do not have competition result(s) earned within the JWC Selection Period that meet at least one of the priorities outlined in the Selection Process detailed in Sections 21 - 22, below, will not be considered unless they meet the Health Related Curtailment detailed in Sections 29 - 30.

## QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

14. Only eligible results achieved from individual competitions will be considered in the "Selection Process" detailed in Sections 21 through 22 below.

Team Event results will not be considered in the recommendation of athletes for available positions within the 2024 JWC team.

15. For the purpose of selection, only the following FIS competitions will be considered:

- a. Olympic Winter Games (OWG),



- b. FIS World Championships (WCH),
- c. FIS Worlds Cups (WC).
- d. The 2023 Junior World Championships (JWC), which took place in:
  - o SBX: Passo San Pellegrino, ITA March 30 – 31, 2023, and
  - o ALP: Bansko, BUL March 22 – 27, 2023, and
  - o SS/BA: Cardrona, NZL August 28 – Sept 4, 2023, and
  - o Halfpipe: Cancelled for the 2023 JWC.
- e. Continental Cups (Europa Cups or NorAms).
- f. 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games (YOG), which took place in:
  - o Gangwon, South Korea January 20 – February 1, 2024.

#### **MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE & ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES**

16. Each national association recognized by the FIS (e.g. Canada Snowboard) may enter in the JWC a maximum of 6 athletes per event per FIS declared gender (e.g. Men's SBX).
  - Athletes may be selected to compete in more than one event;
  - SS and BA are considered one discipline; however, selection will be based only on SS results;
  - PGS and PSL are considered one discipline and selection will be based on results from both PGS and PSL; and
  - Athletes who are eligible and selected to participate in the individual Alpine or Snowboardcross events (at the same venue) are also eligible for potential selection to participate in the Mixed Gender Alpine Team or Snowboardcross Team events respectively. The number of teams Canada may field at a given event will be determined according to FIS Rules and team composition will be made on-site in accordance with Sections 23 – 28, below.
17. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FIS and is described as the 'Canadian Quota' for that event. Although FIS establishes the quota, Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota), that is, to nominate fewer athletes than the number designated as the 'Canadian Quota' for a particular event or discipline.

The grounds for any such decision must be discussed in detail by the Selection Committee, clearly documented, and communicated to the impacted parties.

Examples of situations where the Selection Committee would offer fewer competitive opportunities (Quota) than established by FIS for an event may include, but are not limited to:

- There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who meet the eligibility requirements and who have the requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period to satisfy the selection process for nomination; and/or
  - There are no athletes, or no further athletes, whose performances demonstrate that they have the potential to achieve the performance objective indicated in Section 11, above; and/or
  - There are no athletes, or no further athletes, who are able to successfully and safely complete a JWC level course, as assessed by the Selection Committee, at their sole discretion.
18. All interested athletes (or their personal coach) are required to submit a participation request for JWC in their respective disciplines, at least one (1) week before the Selection Deadline, outlined immediately below.

Participation requests must be submitted online through the Canada Snowboard website at:

[www.canadasnowboard.ca](http://www.canadasnowboard.ca)



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

The deadline to submit a participation request for

- a. Alpine JWC (PGS, PSL) is: February 16, 2024
- b. Snowboardcross JWC (SBX) is: **February 26, 2024**
- c. Slopestyle/Big Air JWC (SBS, BA) is: February 12, 2024
- d. Halfpipe (HP) is: TBC

Participation requests received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

Submission of a participation request online by the respective deadline, as outlined above, does not automatically guarantee selection to the 2024 JWC. Interested athletes must meet all conditions of eligibility, as outlined in Section 12, above, and be allocated a Quota spot as outlined in the Selection Process in Sections 21 and 22, below.

19. Athlete selection for the JWC will be determined no later than four (4) weeks before the event.
  - a. The Selection Deadline for Alpine (PGS, PSL) is: February 23, 2024
  - b. The Selection Deadline for Snowboardcross (SBX) is: **March 04, 2024**
  - c. The Selection Deadline for Slopestyle/Big Air (SBS, BA) is: February 26, 2024
  - d. The Selection Deadline for Halfpipe (HP): is TBC
20. When determining if an athlete has satisfied a threshold field placing result, as outlined within this document, Canada Snowboard does not round to the nearest whole number because the given priority is looking for the actual final finish position 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 beyond 20th are not. DNFs and DSQs are counted when determining the field size as those competitors started in the event; however, DNS does not count toward determining the field size and will be removed from the field size calculation.

## **SELECTION PROCESS – ALL DISCIPLINES**

21. Except as otherwise stated herein, the order in which eligible athletes are selected to participate in the 2024 JWC will be based on the criteria below. The Selection Committee is restricted by the quotas allocated by the FIS as outlined in Section 17 above. Nominations 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 requisite performance(s) within the designated competition period at that priority level, in which case the Selection Committee will move on to the next priority level (Priority 2), and so on.

However, notwithstanding the aforementioned, in accordance with Section 17 above, the Selection Committee is not required to fill all Canadian Quotas.

Once the quota has been met in a discipline or gender, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be considered for nomination regardless of their performance(s) or ranking.



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

**Priority One (1):**

- Eligible athletes who have achieved a Top Eight (8) final result at the 2023 FIS Snowboard Jr World Championships.

**Priority Two (2):**

- Eligible athletes achieving the following results in an individual FIS World Cup Event, or FIS Senior World Championships (as of the Selection Deadline):
  - i. SS, BA, HP: Top Half (1/2) of the final field.
  - ii. PGS, PSL, SBX: Top Two-Thirds (2/3) of the final field.

**Priority Three (3):**

- Eligible athletes achieving a podium result at any FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) competition (as of the Selection Deadline); or
- Eligible athletes achieving a podium result at the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games (YOG).

**Priority Four (4):**

- **Speed Only:** Eligible athletes who achieve one of the following:
  - i. A Top Half (1/2), or higher, final result at any FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) event (as of the Selection Deadline); or
  - ii. A Top Half (1/2), or higher, final result at the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games.
- **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, as of the Selection Deadline.

**Speed:** Eligible athletes will be ranked within Priorities 1 – 4 in descending order (from highest to lowest) based on the average of the FIS Points earned from their Top Two (2) eligible results in the 2023-24 competitive season (within the Selection Period and as of the Selection Deadline).

**Freestyle:** Eligible athletes will be ranked within Priorities 1 – 4 in descending order (from highest to lowest) based on their WSPL Points in their respective discipline (Slopestyle or Halfpipe) as of the Selection Deadline.

If a tie exists in the FIS (Speed) or WSPL (Freestyle) points rankings for Priorities 1-4, the tie shall be broken in favour of the athlete with the single best (lowest) field placing at an eligible event within the Priority, as outlined above, using the following calculation: (field placing = Result / field size x 100).

**Speed Athlete Point Calculation and Ranking Example:**

Priority 4: WMNS SBX

Name	Result #1	Result #2	Subtotal	Average	Rank
Athlete A	64.8	57.6	112.4	<b>61.2</b>	1
Athlete B	38.4	31.2	69.6	<b>34.8</b>	2
Athlete C	35.2	26.4	61.6	<b>30.8</b>	3
Athlete D	18	17.6	35.6	<b>17.8</b>	4

In the above example, the athletes are first ranked by the priority they have met. All athletes in this example are Snowboardcross (Speed) athletes, of the same FIS declared gender, which requires them to have



achieved at least one (1x) Top ½ result from a FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) or the 2024 YOG competition as of the Selection Deadline to have met Priority 4. The athletes are then ranked by the average of the FIS Points earned from their Top Two (2) eligible results within the Selection Period and as of the Selection Deadline. The FIS Points from eligible results used to calculate their rank do not need to fall within the Top ½ of the field in order to be considered in the rankings, as long as the athlete has achieved at least one (1) Top ½ result from a FIS Continental Cup (Europa Cup or NorAm) or the 2024 YOG competition within the Selection Period. FIS Points achieved from competitions during the Selection Period that are not described in Section 15, above, will not be considered for ranking purposes.

Athlete A has the highest average FIS Points and is ranked first in their FIS declared gender and discipline (e.g. Women's SBX) as there are no other eligible athletes who have results that meet higher priorities than Priority 4.

22. Only eligible results achieved from an individual competition(s) will be considered in the "Selection Process" detailed in Sections 21, 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**

23. Snowboardcross Mixed Gender Team event is scheduled to be held at the 2024 FIS Snowboard JWC in ~~TBC~~ **Gudauri, GEO on ~~TBC~~ April 7, 2024.**
24. The number of teams allocated per Nation will be determined according to FIS Snowboard Rules.
25. Canadian athletes will be selected to participate in the Team Event by the Snowboardcross coaches, by consensus, based on the factors below. Selection remains at the discretion of the CS Snowboardcross coach(es), 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 on the day of the competition. Team Event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:
  - i. Team #1: Top Ranked Male and Female Finishers from the individual race preceding the Team Event at the same venue.
  - ii. Team #2 (if allocations permit): Next Top Ranked Male and Female finishers (not previously selected to Team #1) according to the final results in the individual race at the same venue.
  - iii. Team #3 (if allocations permit): Next Top Ranked Male and Female finishers (not previously selected to Team #1 or #2) with the fastest time trial run from the Qualification Rounds of the individual race at the same venue.

Strictly at the discretion of the CS Snowboardcross coach(es), athletes may be selected in a different order than outlined above based on technical and tactical aspects of the athlete and the event. including, but 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 best possible team pairings, 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 following the individual race at the JWC competition in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at that venue.

#### **ALPINE MIXED GENDER TEAM EVENT**

26. Alpine Mixed Gender Team race is scheduled to be held at the 2024 FIS Snowboard JWC in Lachtal, AUT on March 23, 2024.
27. The number of teams per Nation will be determined according to FIS Snowboard Rules.
28. Canadian athletes will be selected to participate in the Team Event by the Alpine coaches, by consensus, based on the factors below. Selection remains at the discretion of the Alpine coaches, 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 on the day of the competition. Team Event participation for Canadian athletes will be determined as follows:
  - i. Team #1: The top ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race preceding the Team Event at the same venue.
  - ii. Team #2 (if allocations permit): The next ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.
  - iii. Team #3 (if allocations permit): The next ranked Male and Female finishers according to the best final result in the individual race at the same venue.

Strictly at the discretion of the CS Alpine coach(es), athletes may be selected in a different order than outlined above based on the technical and tactical aspects of the athlete and event, including, but not limited to:

- Previous and current performance at major international competitions (WC, WCH/JWC, 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.
- 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 Team Event participation decision(s) will be made onsite following the JWC individual race in accordance with any FIS rules and regulations and will only include those athletes who started in the individual race at that venue.

#### **HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

29. 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.

30. 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.

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

31. The Canada Snowboard High Performance Director(s) have the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leaders and coach(es) for the 2024 JWC. 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.

#### **ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

32. During the actual competition period at the 2024 JWC all final decision-making authority will reside with the HPP Head Coach(es) of each discipline. If the HPP Head Coach(es) are not in attendance, then final decision-making authority resides with the lead coach nominated by CS for the discipline, in consultation with the Team Leader. The Team Leader shall retain decision-making authority in the absence of the Head/Lead Coach(es).

#### **APPEALS**

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

Individuals wishing to appeal a decision of the Selection Committee are also encouraged to consult the Canada Snowboard Appeals Policy Process Map which is available on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/AppealsPolicyProcessMap.pdf>

#### **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 drafter's intent.
35. This Selection Protocol is intended to apply as drafted. Unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Snowboard's control may arise which prevent relevant competitions from taking place or from taking place in a fair manner, and/or where the procedure for nomination as described in this Selection Protocol 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 Selection Protocol.



36. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the Canada Snowboard VP of Sport and High Performance Director(s) will, where possible, consult with the Executive Director to determine if the circumstances justify competition and/or nomination taking place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the VP of Sport & the High Performance Director(s) shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible. In the event an alternative selection or nomination process takes place, the Selection Committee remains responsible for making selection decisions, in accordance with the revised protocol as determined by the High Performance Director.
  
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. Amendments to this document necessitated by changes to FIS rules and regulations will be communicated directly to the affected athletes as well as posted to the Canada Snowboard website as soon as is reasonably possible.