



SELECTION PROTOCOL
LAUSANNE 2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

January 9th – 20th 2020

Ratified:

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 Youth Olympic Games (YOG). Athletes who are not eligible, as established by the FIS and its member national associations, may not participate in FIS sanctioned events.
2. Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will be hosted **January 9th – 22nd 2020 in Lausanne Switzerland.**
3. This document sets out the process for identifying which athletes are eligible and who will be nominated by Canada Snowboard to participate in the 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG).
4. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (National Team, World Cups, Jr & Sr 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 on the nomination of athletes including eligible alternates for the YOG shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the YOG Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the HPP Managers and one National Team coach from each discipline. All Canada Snowboard nominations are subject to the approval of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC). During the actual competition period onsite at the YOG all final decision making authority will reside with the Team Leader, with consultation from coaching staff. These decisions may include; pulling athletes not fit to compete due to health related, or technical reasons, composition of "team" for team events.
6. The Selection Date for the 2020 YOG shall be December 8th, 2019, Nominations including alternates to the COC will be made on the nomination Deadline of December 11th, 2019. Should a reallocation of quotas increase the number of starts available for Canada, the eligible alternates will be offered the positions.

CONTACT

For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, please contact Canada Snowboard's Performance Pathway Manager, Adam Higgins – adam@canadasnowboard.ca.

TERMS

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

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) **NOC:** National Olympic Committee
- h) **YOG:** Youth Olympic Games
- i) **SS:** Slopestyle
- j) **SBX:** Snowboardcross

OBJECTIVE

8. Canada Snowboard's primary objective at the YOG is to provide international competitive and cultural experience to the top performing youth female and male riders within the YOG Program; Halfpipe (HP), Slopestyle (SS), Big Air (BA), and Snowboardcross (SBX).

ELIGIBILITY

9. To be eligible for selection to participate in the YOG, an athlete must:
- a) Be a member in good standing of Canada Snowboard and his or her provincial/territorial snowboard association; and
 - 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) Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Lausanne 2020 Conditions of Participation form.
 - d) **For SBX events:**
 - i) Born no earlier than January 1st 2002 and no later than December 31st 2003
 - ii) Have YOG FIS Points in his or her discipline on the YOG FIS Points List published most recently prior to the selection date. (YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2018 to 8 December 2019.)
 - e) **For SS, BA, and HP events:**
 - i) Born no earlier than January 1st 2002 and no later than December 31st 2004
 - ii) Have YOG FIS Points in his or her discipline on the YOG FIS Points List published most recently prior to the selection date. (YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2018 to 8 December 2019.)

QUOTAS

10. Quotas are allocated by FIS based on the Qualification System (QS) detailed in Appendix A. This selection protocol is based on the FIS QS rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any changes in the selection criteria necessitated by a change in FIS rules and regulations will be distributed to the effected athletes and support team as soon as reasonably possible. In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the QS, the QS shall prevail.



11. Each national association recognized by the FIS could enter a maximum of 12 athletes in the Youth Olympic Games, with the following restrictions:
 - a) Quotas allocated to Canada Snowboard through the qualification system.
 - b) A maximum of 3 athletes per event per gender.
12. Based on section B 2 in Appendix A, (FIS YOG Qualification System) Athletes may be selected to compete in one event and can also compete in the other event.
13. Appendix A can be referenced here: <https://data.fis-ski.com/media/youth-olympic-games/2020/lausanne2020-qs-fis-sbd-v2.pdf>

SELECTION PROCESS – GENERAL

14. The deadline for the selection to Canada Snowboard's Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games Team is December 8th, 2019.
15. Athletes shall be ranked and selected separately for each event.
16. Up to four athletes will be nominated for each discipline, to account for an alternate entry and the reallocation of quota process.ST

SELECTION PROCESS – HALFPIPE

17. Criteria 1:
 - c) Athletes in the eligible age range shall be ranked, by gender, according to the most current Canadian Halfpipe Ranking List as of December 8th, 2019 available on the Canada Snowboard website at :
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/halfpipe/#b5>
 - d) In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest points at a single event shall be selected. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next highest points at a single event shall be selected until the tie is broken.

SELECTION PROCESS – SLOPESTYLE / BIG AIR

18. Criteria 1:
 - e) Athletes in the eligible age range shall be ranked, by gender, according to the most current Canadian Slopestyle Ranking List as of December 8th, 2019 on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/slopestyle/#b5>
 - f) In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest points at a single event shall be selected. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next highest points at a single event shall be selected until the tie is broken.

SELECTION PROCESS – SNOWBOARDCROSS

19. Criteria 1:
 - g) Athletes in the selected age range shall be ranked, by gender according to the FIS points allocated at their top 2 results during the YOG qualification period, July 1 2018 –



December 8th 2019, at Level 3 events or higher: Continental Cups, Junior World Championships, National Championships & Jr. FIS Events (Jr. National Championships etc.)

- h) In the event of a tie, the athlete with the highest points at a single event shall be selected. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next highest points at a single event shall be selected until the tie is broken.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

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

21. Selection rankings notwithstanding, 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".

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 and available for review at:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/Strength&ConditioningMinStandards.pdf>
- 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.*
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.*
24. *Following nomination to the COC, any replacement of athletes is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. After December 16, 2019, any such replacements are also subject to the Lausanne 2020 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.*

APPEALS

25. *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> <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/docs> <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/docs> If both parties are in agreement, the Canada Snowboard Appeals Protocol may be bypassed and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.*

GENERAL

26. *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>).*