



**HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL
SNOWBOARDCROSS DISCIPLINE
2019-20**

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INTRODUCTION

1. The High Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named by Canada Snowboard (CS) and who are then eligible to receive support directly from CS. Athletes named to the HPP are recognized as members of Canada Snowboard's National Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard; or are team members of a Development Group or NextGen Program within a given discipline.
2. This "*High Performance Program Selection Protocol*" sets out the process of:
 - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2019-20 High Performance Program in the Snowboardcross discipline, and;
 - b. From this group, determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2018-19 Snowboardcross National Team and NextGen Program.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Canada Snowboard Selection Protocols are located on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard website:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>
4. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered National team or NextGen Program spots according to CS's formal '**Selection Process**', which can be referenced in sections #14 through #16 in this document.

TERMS

5. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:
 - a. FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - b. CS: Canada Snowboard
 - c. HPP: High Performance Program
 - d. SBX: Snowboardcross
 - e. NG: NextGen
 - f. NT: National Team
 - g. WCH: Senior World Championships
 - h. JWCH: Junior World Championships
 - i. OWG: Olympic Winter Games

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the Snowboardcross National Team staff, the HPP Director (Sport and High Performance Director) and HPP Manager(s). If required, the committee will seek input from:

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- HPP Strength and Conditioning Trainer(s)
 - HPP Integrated Support Team (IST)
 - Lead Canadian Coaches
7. The Selection Committee will meet on or before May 1, 2019 to identify and recommend the athletes for selection to the HPP for the coming year.
 8. The Canada Snowboard HPP's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athletes' performances during the 2018-19 season.
 9. All HPP athlete selections are valid for one-year, ending on May 30, 2020.
 10. The maximum number of available positions in the HPP shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. The number of spots available will be based on various performance standards and HPP goals, as well as resource constraints of the HPP program.

Note: Due to these constraints, the HPP may **not** be able to support a NextGen Program for some disciplines. If this is the case, the selection protocol for these programs will be **voided** and cannot be appealed.

11. Athlete rankings based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection for available HPP positions; however, the Canada Snowboard HPP Management and coaching staff have the right to recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be set out in detail, and must be in accordance with the document "*General Policies High Performance Program*" located in the 'Document Centre' on the Canada Snowboard website here: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

12. To be eligible for selection to the Snowboardcross National Team or NextGen Program, an athlete must:
 - a. Be in good standing with Canada Snowboard;
 - b. Have competed in a minimum of **four** Continental Cup level or higher events in 2018-19; and
 - c. Have a minimum of 50 FIS SBX points on the most recent FIS points list.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

13. For the purpose of selection, the following competitions will be considered:

Level 1: World Championships, Olympic Winter Games

Level 2: World Cup Individual Races

Level 3: Junior World Championships (JWCH), Nor-Am Overall Tour Standings

SELECTION PROCESS

Snowboardcross National Team:



14. The following methods of meeting team selection will be used to determine different levels of support as defined in points #17 to #20 below.

Snowboard Cross National Team Selection will be based on the following criteria:

National Team 'Tier A'

- Podium at Level 1 event or;
- Two (2) Podiums at Level 2 events.

National Team 'Tier B'

- Two (2) - Top 8 final results at Level 2 events (or higher),
 - Minimum of one result must come from achieving One (1) Big Final.

National Team 'Base Level'

- Three (3) - Top 16 final results at Level 2 events (or higher) or;
- Top 32M/16L in Final World Cup Standings for the 2019 Season.

Snowboardcross NextGen Program:

15. The Snowboard Cross NextGen Program will be invited to National team training camps as training partners. Athletes meeting this are to challenge each other for World Cup entries at qualifying events or have a personal World Cup spot for the 2019/20 season from their Nor-Am Tour results. These athletes will continue to be coached by their Provincial Club/Personal Coaches.

Snowboard Cross NextGen Program Selection will be based on the following criteria. Should an athlete achieve any one of the following results, the Selection Committee Performance Analysis (point #16) will be implemented:

NextGen Program Method 'A'

(Subject to Selection Committee Performance Analysis, point #16)

- Qualification for the finals at a Level 2 event;
- Top 8 at Level 3 (JWCH) event; or
- Top 8 in NorAm Overall Tour.

To be defined as a NextGen athlete, their results must be tracking towards an Olympic medal four (4) to eight (8) years out from the 2022 or 2026 Olympics. The maximum age for the NextGen athlete is five (5) years past the FIS Junior age category for the upcoming year.

- An athlete may remain on the NextGen team past these ages on a case-by-case basis provided they show a significant progress towards achieving the National Team criteria as determined by the athletes performance curve compared to the Podium Pathway and Gold Medal Profile data available.

Athletes previously named to the Snowboardcross National Team for two (2) or more years are no longer eligible for nominations under the NextGen criteria, unless they were at the FIS Junior age category when they achieved these results.

SELECTION COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS



16. Analysis will be based on the following:
- Athletes' history of competitive performances;
 - Athletes' performance curves compared to the Podium Pathway and Gold Medal Profile data;
 - Number of World Cup Quota Spots available;
 - Athletes' technical skills and potential for improvement;
 - Athletes' ability to handle high speeds and large jumps safely;
 - Athletes' potential for improvement;
 - Athletes' commitment and adherence to an approved high performance training program (athlete/coach to provide Yearly Training Plan);
 - Athletes' physical readiness; and
 - Athletes' potential for long term international competition success.

NATIONAL TEAM SUPPORT TIERS

17. Athlete support and funding levels for the 2019-20 season will be based on results from the previous 2018-19 season as outlined in point #14 of the National Team selection criteria.

Funding will be set at the following levels for the 2019-20 season:

National Team Tier	Eligible Funding Level
'A' Tier	Up to 100%
'B' Tier	Up to 75%
'Base' Tier	Up to 50%

NOTE: Every effort will be made to fund the various tiers up to the percentage indicated above, however, will be solely dependent on available funding received and allocated to the HPP Snowboardcross Program for the 2019-20 program year. The funding tiers will be reviewed and confirmed upon the finalization of the 2019-20 program year budget.

18. Seasonal funding will be allocated by tier level achieved for major travel expenses such as airfare, lodging, rental vehicles, training fees, lift tickets and other expenses at the discretion of the Head Coach. Incidental travel expenses such as meals, local transport, itinerary changes for personal reasons and individual expenses outside of the seasonal team program are not covered. Budgets and travel program will be set annually by the Head Coach. Athletes will be provided, upon request, an estimate of expenses they will be responsible for after the annual budget and travel plan is finalized for the 2019-20 season.
19. All efforts will be made to adhere to the outlined budget and training program. However, all National Team athletes must recognize that changes and modifications to travel and training plans are possible each season. In the event of major changes, the Head Coach will make every effort to adhere to funding levels as outlined above, but some bill backs to athletes may be necessary. Any bill backs will be based on the funding tier of each athlete. All efforts will be made to communicate any changes and their effect on funding as soon as possible.



20. The Head Coach, at their discretion, may also allocate funding to support athlete's equipment purchases for the 2019-20 season. Funding will be determined by the athlete's tier level and available budget resources. Equipment funding requests must be submitted to the head coach no later than May 30th, 2019.

ALTERNATES

21. Canada Snowboard may choose to identify alternate athletes who, because of team size limitations, cannot be initially offered Team positions.
22. Should an athlete decline an offered Team position, that position can then be offered to the highest ranked alternate. The alternate shall have one (1) week in which to confirm their acceptance of the position.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

23. Canada Snowboard 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 obtain a medical assessment conducted by a Canada Snowboard 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.
24. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in a minimum of three national or international level events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the National Team & NextGen Program Coach(s).

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

25. Athletes' selection for World Cups, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games is done according to separate Selection Protocols, which are available on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard website at: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/>.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

26. Final decisions on athlete selection shall be ratified by the Executive Director of Canada Snowboard, on the basis of recommendations by the Sport & HPP Director, in consultation with Canada Snowboard coaching staff and the HPP Manager(s).
27. The Executive Director of Canada Snowboard, in consultation with the Sport & HPP Director, shall resolve issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol.
28. Any decision made by 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 Canada Snowboard and their Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association; and provided there are sufficient



grounds for an appeal according to the Canada Snowboard '*Appeals Protocol*', available on the 'Document Centre' of the Canada Snowboard website.