



SELECTION PROTOCOL
2018-19 WORLD CUP EVENTS:
SNOWBOARDCROSS

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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 World Cup events.
2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in all FIS sanctioned Snowboard World Cup events in the Snowboardcross discipline.
3. For information on the selection process for events not covered by this document (Jr. World Championships, World Championships & Olympics), please refer to the relevant Selection Protocol section on the Canada Snowboard "Document Centre":
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>.
4. Any exceptions to the procedures set out in the Selection Protocol must be based on the general policies of the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program. The HPP general policies can be found in the Document Centre on the Canada Snowboard website at: <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/HPP-GeneralPolicies.pdf>
5. Final decisions in regards to athlete selection for Snowboardcross World Cups shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the SBX World Cup Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the Snowboardcross National Team Coaches, and the High Performance Program Manager(s).

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in this Selection Protocol:
 - a. FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - b. HPP: High Performance Program
 - c. SBX: Snowboardcross
 - d. WC: World Cup
 - e. EC: Europa cup



- f. NAC: Nor Am Cup

ELIGIBILITY

7. To be eligible to participate in a FIS Snowboard World Cup, an athlete must:
- a. Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard and their recognized Provincial or Territorial Snowboard Association (PTSA);
 - b. Have a valid FIS license;
 - c. Have purchased the appropriate class of CSA/NSO Sport Accident Insurance (SAIP); and
 - d. Have a minimum of 50 SBX points on the most recent FIS Points List.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

8. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard is established by FIS and is described as the Canadian Quota for that event. Canada Snowboard reserves the right to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the number designated as the Canadian Quota.
9. The 2018/19 Canadian Snowboardcross World Cup quotas are:
- 3 - Basic Quota (max 2 per gender)
 - For the 2018-19 season, Canada will allocate two (2) Basic Quota spots for women and one (1) to men.
 - 5 - Additional Men
 - 4 - Additional Women
 - 2 - Personal Spots from 2017/18 NorAm Overall Tour Podiums
 - Danny Bourgeois
 - Liam Moffatt
 - Total Canadian World Cup Quota subject to the selection criteria outlined in points 14 to 21 below are as follows:
 - Six (6) Women,
 - Eight (8) Men which includes two (2) personal spots.

FIS quotas can be referenced online at:

<http://www.fis-ski.com/inside->



[fis/document-library/snowboard/#deeplink=quotas](http://data.fis-ski.com/snowboard/fis-points-lists.html)

10. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the January 2019 FIS Points List with only an increase in quotas possible. Any personal quota spots will not change during the season. The FIS Points Lists are available for reference online at: (<http://data.fis-ski.com/snowboard/fis-points-lists.html>)
11. The opportunity to participate in World Cup competitions shall be offered to athletes in the order of their ranking as determined by the “Ranking Process” detailed in sections #14 through #22 below. World Cup competitive opportunities will be separated into two blocks: ‘A’ and ‘B’ as outlined in section #13.
12. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup, Continental Cup or Junior World champion must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard.
13. World Cup competitive opportunities for the 2018-19 season will be determined for the following currently scheduled events:

Block	Competitions	Competition Dates	Estimated Selection Deadline
A	Montafon, AUT	December 13-15, 2018	November 30 th , 2018
	Cervinia, ITA	December 21-22, 2018	
	Feldberg, GER	February 8-10, 2019	
B	Baqueria Beret, ESP	March 1-2, 2019	February 14 th , 2019
	Erzurum, TUR	March 8-10, 2019	
	Veysonnaz, SUI	March 15-17, 2019	

Note: Given the uncertainty of the competition schedule based on uncontrollable situations for running a World Cup, the FIS Calendar may change throughout the year. Canada Snowboard will communicate to leading clubs & coaches as best as possible the selection process for any



World Cups added or removed from the calendar after this protocol has been published.

RANKING PROCESS

Block A:

14. The first priority in the allocation of World Cup competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team:

Men: _____

Chris Robanske
Kevin Hill
Baptiste Brochu

Women: _____

Zoe Bergermann
Meryeta Odine
Carle Brenneman
Tess Critchlow

15. Second priority will be awarded to any Male or Female athlete with a Top 3 result in the individual Snowboardcross Finals at the Junior World Championships in Cardrona, NZL on August 27th, 2018. If no athlete achieves a podium result at the Junior World Championships, then no World Cup quota shall be awarded from this event and section #16 and #17 will be used.

Note: The winner in each gender at the 2018 Junior World Championships is awarded a personal World Cup quota spot for the 2018-19 season.

Note: As this event has concluded prior to the publishing of the selection criteria, any affected parties were notified of the criteria outlined in section #15 via email August 16th, 2018 prior to the start of the event.

Note: Eliot Grondin will be awarded a quota spot for Block 'A' World Cup events for his Top 3 result at the 2018 Junior World Championships.

16. The following two (2) Women's and three (3) Men's World Cup quota in Block 'A' will be awarded based on final results of the Europa Cup events in Pitztal, AUT November 28th and 29th, 2018.

Each Canadian athlete will be ranked by their single top result from the Pitztal Europa Cups and only the best one (1) result will be considered. Athletes must meet the minimum requirement of placing within the top 60% of the field to be considered eligible to be ranked. The highest ranked athletes from each gender will receive a World Cup quota spot for Block 'A' events.



In the event of a tie for the final World Cup quota in either gender, the tie breaker will be the athletes second-best result from both Europa Cup races in Pitztal, AUT November 28th and 29th, 2018.

If a tie still remains, the World Cup Quota will be awarded to the athlete who is ranked higher on the 2019 FIS Base Points List.

Note: The National Team Coach will communicate after the races with eligible riders who are forecasted to receive quota. The final announcement of quota allocation shall be made via the Canada Snowboard newsletter by November 30th, 2018.

17. If any World Cup quota spots remain or are vacated by a selected athlete for each race in Block 'A', the remaining spots for each race will be awarded to the next ranked athlete(s) from the NextGen Group on the 2019 FIS Base Points List until there are no remaining World Cup quota spots left or there are no remaining eligible athletes.

Block B:

18. The first priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities shall be given to members of the National Snowboardcross Team:

Men: _____
Chris Robanske
Kevin Hill
Baptiste Brochu

Women: _____
Zoe Bergemann
Meryeta O'Dine
Carle Brenneman
Tess Critchlow

19. The second priority will be awarded to any eligible athletes who advance to the Quarterfinal round in any of the following World Cup events:

December 14th, 2018: Montafon, AUT World Cup
December 22nd, 2018: Cervinia, ITA World Cup
February 9th, 2019: Feldberg, GER World Cup
February 10th, 2019: Feldberg, GER World Cup

Note: Quarterfinals is Top 16 when finals are in heats of four (4) or Top 24 with heats of six (6).

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Taking the athlete's single best result from the Block 'A' World Cups listed above. In the event of a tie, then the athlete's next best result will be used. If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the third



best result.

- b. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest World Cup Ranking at the time of selections that breaks the tie.

20. Remaining competitive opportunities for Block 'B' World Cups will be awarded to eligible athletes from a ranking list based on the following NAC competitions:

January 8th and 9th, 2019: Panorama, British Columbia

February 7th and 8th, 2019: Craigeith, Ontario

February 12th and 13th, 2019: Mt. Orignal, Quebec

The Athletes will be ranked as follows:

- a. Average of the athlete's best two (2) results from the NAC Selection competitions listed above. Rankings will be calculated using the NAC points system (1st place=500pts, 2^{ed} place=400pts, 3rd place=300pts, etc.).
- b. In the event of a tie, then the athletes best result will be used.
- c. If a tie still remains, the athletes third best result will be used.
- d. If a tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the athlete with the highest NAC Ranking at the time of selection that breaks the tie.

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

21. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the "HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol" (General Policy).
22. 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:



- a. 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>
- 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.
- e. An athlete who is showing very strong results may be moved higher than their calculated ranking.
- f. An athlete who shows excellent physical characteristics (measured in testing) or technical capability may be moved higher than her or his 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 his or her calculated ranking.

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

23. 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.
24. 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.

COACHING

25. An athlete who is not coached by an official Canada Snowboard Coach may not participate in a FIS Snowboard Event. The list of CS approved coaches can be found here:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/coaching/currentcoach/>.

Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis where the coach will need to accept and sign a reliability form and send a photo of their coaching membership for approval to Kim Krahulec, High Performance Manager at: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity.

APPEALS

26. 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/en/docs>.

GENERAL

27. 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 at:
<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs>