

CANADA SNOWBOARD PARA SNOWBOARD NATIONAL TEAM & NEXT GEN TEAM 2026-2027 SELECTION ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA SHEET		
General Information		
Team	2026-2027 Para Snowboard National Team 2026-2027 Para Snowboard NextGen Team	
Team Size Determining Factors	a. 4:1 Athlete to Coach Ratio (maximum) b. A targeted team size of four (4) athletes named to the National Team c. A targeted team size of two (2) athletes named to the NextGen Team d. Confirmed team resources	
Selection Committee Composition	HPP Director (Speed) HPP Coordinator HPP National Team Coaches	
Selection Period		
Selection Period	FIS Competitive Season: May 31, 2025 through April 15, 2026	
Application Submission Deadline	April 15, 2026 (See submission requirements outlined below in 'Application Submission').	
Selection Deadline	The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athletes' performance during the Selection Period. The Selection Committee will meet between April 15, 2026 (conclusion of the competitive season) and before May 31, 2026 (conclusion of the 2025-26 CS Athlete Agreement) to identify and rank athletes eligible for selection to the Snowboardcross HPP for the 2026-27 program year.	
Acceptance and Appeal Deadline	Appeals must be submitted in accordance with the Canada Snowboard Appeal Policy and must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. PST seven (7) days after the date the athlete is notified of the decision.	
2026-2027 National Team & NextGen Team Start Date	June 1, 2026 (Valid to May 31, 2027)	
Eligibility Criteria		
Eligible Competitions	<b>Level 1:</b> FIS World Cups (WCs), Senior World Championships (WCH), Paralympic Winter Games (PWG), and the 2026 World Cup Overall Ranking (SBX and BSL). <b>Level 2:</b> FIS Continental Cups (CC): North American Cups (NorAm) and Europa Cups (EC).	
Eligibility Pathways	<b>Pathway A: National Team</b>	<b>Pathway B: NextGen</b> (Athletes 4-8 years out from first OLY/WCH Medal Performance)
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum Event Participation	2x World Cup level or higher events at two different locations in the program year just ended.	2x Continental Cup level or higher events in the same discipline (SBX or BSL) at two different locations in the program year just ended.
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum FIS Points	100 FIS Points (SBX or BSL) on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the end of the Selection Period); FIS Points must be earned within the 2025-26 competitive season.	20 FIS Points (SBX or BSL) on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the end of the Selection Period); FIS Points must be earned within the 2025-26 competitive season.
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum FIS Ranking	Ranked within the Top 1/2 for Men or Top 2/3 for Women of their respective Sport Classification in either Para SBX or BSL on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).	Ranked within the Top Two-Thirds (2/3) of their respective Sport Classification in either Para SBX or BSL on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions	Athletes who are named to the Para Snowboard National Team are expected to progress and maintain Top 8 international performances in their discipline in order to maintain National Team status on an ongoing basis. As such, athletes who have been on the SBX National Team for a total of five (5) years or more (consecutive or non-consecutive) at the conclusion of the 2025/26 program year must satisfy at least one of the two the following additional eligibility criteria to maintain their status on the National Team thereafter:  • A rank within the Top Third (1/3) for Men or Top Half (1/2) for Women in their respective Sport Classification in either Para SBX or BSL on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the Selection Deadline); or • Results from all WC starts during the just concluded competition season fall within the Top Third (1/3) for Men or Top Half (1/2) for Women in their respective Sport Classification at least 50% of the time; or • 1x Podium (Top 3) final result at a FIS WC or the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.	Athletes who are named to the Para Snowboard NextGen Team are expected to progress towards meeting the eligibility criteria of the National Team in order to maintain NextGen Team status on an ongoing basis. As such, athletes who have been on the SBX National Team for a total of five (5) years or more (consecutive or non-consecutive) at the conclusion of the 2025/26 program year must satisfy at least one of the two the following additional eligibility criteria to maintain their status on the NextGen Team thereafter:  • Athletes who, as of the end of the Selection Period, have been selected to the NextGen Program for a cumulative total of five (5) or more years (whether consecutive or non-consecutive) shall be required to meet individualized performance benchmarks established annually by the National Team Coaches.
	Satisfaction of these benchmarks by the end of the applicable Selection Period is a mandatory condition of eligibility for selection to a sixth (6th) or any subsequent NextGen Program year. Failure to satisfy the benchmarks shall render the athlete ineligible for selection for that program year, notwithstanding satisfaction of any other eligibility or selection criteria.	These benchmarks apply in addition to all other eligibility and selection criteria for the 2026/27 program year and are intended to assess whether the athlete is demonstrably progressing toward meeting National Team eligibility and selection requirements and toward podium potential at marquee competitions, including World Championships (WCH) and the Paralympic Winter Games (PWG).
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions Cont.	Athletes who, as of the end of the Selection Period, have been selected to the National Team Program for a cumulative total of five (5) or more years (whether consecutive or non-consecutive), and who have satisfied the additional eligibility requirements set out in Row 18 above, shall be required to meet individualized performance benchmarks established annually by the National Team Coaches.  Satisfaction of these benchmarks by the end of the applicable Selection Period is a mandatory condition of eligibility for selection to a sixth (6th) or any subsequent National Team Program year. Failure to satisfy the benchmarks shall render the athlete ineligible for selection for that program year, notwithstanding satisfaction of any other eligibility or selection criteria.  These benchmarks apply in addition to all other eligibility and selection criteria for the 2026/27 program year and are intended to objectively assess whether the athlete is demonstrating measurable progress toward podium potential at marquee competitions, including World Championships (WCH) and the Paralympic Winter Games (PWG).	n/a
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions Cont.	Refer to CS HPP General Selection Protocol (GSP) for Health Related Curtailment and Extenuating Circumstances.	
Application Submission		
Application Submission Requirements	Applications are required for all athletes who are not formally named to the 2025/26 Para Snowboard HPP. If an athlete is named to the 2025/26 HPP but primarily trains with a coach other than a coach provided by CS, it remains the responsibility of the athlete to ensure their submission is on time and meets the below requirements. All other athletes are responsible for personally submitting their application in accordance with the below requirements. The application submission shall include a copy of the athlete's Individual Performance Plan (IPP) for the season just concluded, aligned with current sport norms and CS's Long Term Development (LTD) framework, and including:  a. the athlete's Yearly Training Plan (YTP); b. the athlete's yearly goals, performance gaps, and progress towards closing identified gaps; c. a description of the athlete's ancillary programming (e.g. Sport Science / Sport Medicine); d. a periodized outlines detailing how the athlete's program over the 2025-2026 season supported their goal attainment and/or closing of their stated performance outcomes and gaps; and e. an overview of the athlete's goals and aspirations for the 2026-2027 competitive season.  All applications should be sent to the HPD-Speed by the April 15, 2026 deadline: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca	
Criteria Ranking Process		
Ranking Pathways	<b>Pathway A: National Team</b>	<b>Pathway B: NextGen</b> (Athletes 4-8 years out from first OLY/WCH Medal Performance)
Ranking Priority 1 Tier A	• 1x Podium (1st - 3rd) at the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games; or • 1x Podium at a FIS World Cup (Para SBX or BSL); and • Top 4 ranking on the 2026 Para SBX or BSL World Cup Overall Standings.  Ranked within the Priority by the aggregate total of final podium results.	• 1x Top 8* at a Level 1 event; or • 1x Top Two Thirds (2/3) final result at a Level 1 event.  * Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions with a sport classification field depth of 10 or more competitors. If the field depth thresholds as not met then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing.  Ranked within the Priority according to their best eligible result meeting the Priority expressed as a field placing percentage.
Ranking Priority 2 Tier B	• 1x Top 4* at a Level 1 event; or • 1x final result that falls within 5% of the average time of the Top 3 leaders in a FIS BSL WC for the athletes respective Sport Classification; or • Top 6 ranking (that falls within the Top 1/2 of the final field) on the 2026 Para SBX or BSL World Cup Overall Standings.  Ranked within the Priority by the aggregate total of final Top 4 results.	• 50% or more of final results* must fall within 15% from the average time of the Top 3 leaders in FIS WCs (Para SBX or BSL). Athletes must have competed in at least 4 or more individual WC starts for their results to be considered.  *Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions where official time trials occur, and athletes compete on the same track utilizing the same start gate and features. If time trials do not occur or athletes compete on a different course (either full or partial) as outlined directly above, then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing.  Ranked within the Priority according to their best eligible result meeting the Priority expressed as a field placing percentage.
Ranking Priority 3 Tier C	• 2x Top 8* at a Level 1 event; or • Top 10 ranking on the 2026 Para SBX or BSL World Cup Overall Standings.  * Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions with a sport classification field depth of 10 or more competitors. If the field depth thresholds as not met then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing.  Ranked within the Priority by the athletes final placement on the overall standings.	• 2x Top Third (1/3) final results at Level 2 competitions.  *Note: Final results must be achieved in eligible competitions with a sport classification field depth of five (5) or more competitors. If the field depth thresholds, as outlined directly above, are not met then results obtained from these competitions will not be considered regardless of final placing.  Ranked within the Priority by the aggregate total of final Top 1/3 results.
Ranking Process	Nominations will follow the Decision Making Process described in the General Selection Policy (GSP), starting with the highest priority level (Priority 1) and continuing in descending order (Priority 2, Priority 3, and so on).  Nominations will begin with Pathway A: National Team (Priorities 1-3). Once nominations to the Para Snowboard National Team under Pathway A have been fully completed, the Selection Committee will then apply the same prioritized process to Pathway B: NextGen Program to fill any remaining available positions, following the same sequence outlined above.	
Team Selection Process		
Selection Committee Team Selection	The maximum number of available positions in the Para Snowboard HPP shall be identified by the Selection Committee at the outset of the 'Selection Process' as of the end of the Selection Period, annually. This number is based on program capacity of the HPP and the listed guiding principles in this Project Sheet.  All eligible and ranked athletes will be discussed by the Selection Committee for available team positions based on the order of their final ranking on the ranking sheet determined by the Criteria Ranking Process as outlined above. This ranking determines the priority order of athletes for the available team positions.	
General Selection Policy	This Selection Eligibility and Criteria Sheet is to be read together with the General Selection Policy (GSP), which establishes additional selection criteria and procedures.	
Revision History		
Approved by and date	January 5, 2026 (Kim Krahulec)	
Effective Date	January 5th, 2026	
Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	<a href="#">HPP General Selection Policy (GSP)</a>	<a href="#">HPP General Governance Policy (GP)</a>