



SELECTION PROTOCOL FIS FREESTYLE EVENTS

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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 events.
2. This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes who will be invited by Canada Snowboard to participate in FIS sanctioned Snowboard events in the Freestyle disciplines, i.e., Halfpipe, Big Air, and Slopestyle.
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 this 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: <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/docs/?category=General+Policy>
5. Final decisions in regards to athlete selection for Freestyle FIS events shall be ratified by the Executive Director on the basis of recommendations by the SBS FIS Event Selection Committee, which shall consist of the Sport & High Performance Director, the SBS National Team Coaches and the HPP Manager(s).

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms are referenced in this Selection Protocol:
 - a) "*BA*" - Big Air
 - b) "*FIS*" - Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - c) "*HP*" - Halfpipe
 - d) "*HPP*" - High Performance Program
 - e) "*NSO*" - National Sport Organization
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- f) "SBS" - Slopestyle
- g) "WC" - World Cup

ELIGIBILITY

7. To be **eligible** to participate in a FIS Snowboard event, an athlete **must**:
 - a) Be a member in good standing with Canada Snowboard, for example, all outstanding fees and invoices have been paid;
 - b) Have purchased the appropriate class of CS/NSO Sport Accident Insurance Policy (SAIP) – Level 2 minimum for out of Country coverage, Level 1 is mandatory for National Team Members; and
 - c) For a FIS World Cup: Have a minimum of 10 FIS Points in HP, BA or SBS on the most recent FIS Points List.

ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

8. The number of competitive opportunities available to Canada Snowboard athletes 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.

FIS quotas can be referenced online at:

Basic, Additional and Personal Quotas: https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1568015741/fis-prod/assets/Calculation_SB_HP_SS_BA_Quotas_1920.pdf

Description of Quota Allocation: https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1565255441/fis-prod/assets/Description_SB_Quotas.pdf

9. FIS will recalculate World Cup quotas based on the January FIS Points List with only an increase in quotas being 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>)
10. The opportunity to participate in freestyle World Cup competitions shall be offered to athletes in the order of their ranking as determined by the "Ranking Process" detailed in sections 13 through 18 below.
11. Athletes who have earned individual World Cup spots through their status as defending World Cup or Continental Cup champions must still have their entry into World Cups ratified by Canada Snowboard.
12. Athlete selection for the following competitions will be determined no later than three weeks before the event:
 - a) All FIS World Cups
 - b) All FIS NorAm's
 - c) All international FIS events where entry is limited

RANKING PROCESS

13. Priority in the allocation of competitive opportunities is given to members of the National Team in their respective disciplines.
14. For all remaining competitive opportunities, interested athletes must communicate their intentions to participate by registering for the specific event online at:
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/fisreq/>
15. Eligible athletes will be ranked, by gender, according to the Canadian Ranking List in the respective discipline (HP, SBS and BA) at the time of selection. The Canadian Ranking List is based on FIS, TTR, WSF and other professional events and can be found online at:
<https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/team/resources/canadian-ranking-list/>

Note: For Big Air, competitors will be ranked according to their highest points between SS and BA. Ties will be broken by BA points.

16. Athlete participation in a World Cup is conditional on the athlete meeting the following Canadian Ranking list benchmarks applicable at the time of the selection:
 - a) Top 20 HP Men
 - b) Top 10 HP Women
 - c) Top 30 SBS Men
 - d) Top 15 SBS Women.
17. Exceptions can be made for athletes requesting participation if they are outside of the ranking list benchmarks. However, 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.
 - a) Example of applicable grounds would be an athlete that returns from injury or retirement who can still meet the minimum standards of riding a world cup.
18. Athlete participation in a World Cup competition is conditional on the athlete meeting the Technical Minimum Standards applicable at the time of the selection (Appendix A).

SPECIAL RANKING CONSIDERATIONS

19. Selection rankings notwithstanding, Canada Snowboard may at any time withhold competitive opportunities as per the *"HPP Protocol for Return to Competition Protocol"* (General Policy).
20. 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 on the basis of the special ranking considerations 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

21. 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.
22. 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 to a suitable training and competition state.

COACHING

23. An athlete who is not coached by an official Canada Snowboard Coach may not participate in a FIS Snowboard Event unless their coach has been pre-approved. Coaches registered outside of Canada may be approved on a case-by-case basis where the coach will need to accept and sign a liability form and send a photo of their coaching membership for approval to Tyler Ashbee High Performance Manager at: tyler@canadasnowboard.ca. Any concerns with respect to this requirement should be addressed, at the earliest opportunity.

The list of Canada Snowboard approved coaches can be found here:

<http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/programs/coaching/currentcoach/>.

APPEALS

24. 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

25. 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/en/docs>).

APPENDIX A
TECHNICAL MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR WORLD CUPS

HALFPIPE

Maneuvers and airs will NOT count if they are:

- below the lip
- 90+ degrees skidded finish
- NOT grabbed

All Performance Benchmarks are evaluated in an entire run. (i.e. skills are not evaluated independently)

International Halfpipe World Cup:

Men

Straight air at 10feet

2 way 720 at 7 feet

1 way 900 7 feet

Must spin both frontside and backside

Consistent, grabbed, all in same run, in a 22 foot pipe.

Women

Straight air at 7'

2 way 540 at 5feet

1 way 720 at 5feet

Consistent, grabbed, all in same run, in a 22 foot pipe.

Canadian Halfpipe World Cup:

Men

Straight airs at 6'

2 way 720's at 5 feet

2 way 540's at 5 feet

Consistent, grabbed, all in same run, in an 18 foot pipe.

Women

Straight airs at 3feet

2 way 540 at 2 feet

Consistent, grabbed, all in same run, in an 18 foot pipe.

SLOPESTYLE

Tricks must be completed over features 15m (50') in length from take-off to knuckle.

Tricks must be grabbed.

Tricks need to be consistently landed.

Men

2 way 1080's

2 way 900's

Women

2 way 360

1 way 540

Boardslide/lipslide at 90° through entire rail feature