

CANADA SNOWBOARD HALPIPE NATIONAL TEAM 2026-2027 SELECTION ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA SHEET		
Team	2026-27 Halfpipe National Team	
Team Size Determining Factors:	5:1 Athlete to Coach Ratio (maximum) 2026-27 Anticipated FIS World Cup Quota Team Resources	
Selection Committee Composition	HPP Director (Park and Pipe) HPP Coordinator HPP National Team Coaches (Halfpipe)	
Important Dates and Deadlines		
Conclusion of the 2025/26 FIS World Cup Season	March 29, 2026	
Email Invitation to Submit Athlete Application	Between April 1 to April 30, 2026 from HPP Admin *Athletes (Parents if minors), and their coaches will be informed of eligibility status and emailed based on the SnowReg (Canada Snowboard Membership system) email address on file.	
Application Submission Deadline	Seven (7) days from notification of invitation to submit application at 5:00 p.m. PST	
Selection Period	April 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026 World Snowboard Points List (WSPL) Events	
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.	
2026-27 National Team Start date	June 1, 2026 (Valid to May 31, 2027)	
Eligibility Criteria		
Eligible Competitions	April 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026 WSPL Events	
Eligibility Pathways	Pathway A: National Team	Pathway B: NextGen (Athletes 4-8 years out from 1st OLY/WCH Medal Performance)
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum Event Participation	2x Pro WSPL Events 1x Challenger WSPL Events	1x Pro WSPL Events (or Sr Nationals Air Nation) 2x Challenger WSPL Events
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum WSPL Slopestyle Ranking	Canadian Rank: Top 10 Men 7 Women World Rank: Top 75	Canadian Rank: Top 15 Men 15 Women World Rank: Top 125
Athlete Eligibility - Entry Age to Pathway	N/A	Born between 2007-2012
Exceptions	Refer to Canada Snowboard High Performance Program General Selection Protocol (GSP) for Health Related Curtailment and Exceptional Circumstances	
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS		
Application Form	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnGEUFJSk0cU52YL4EjLF1Fe9MAOIB36F3Lm-T2Mid3nNzw/viewform	
Skill Chart	To be provided to eligible athletes/coaches	
Skill Chart info	It is important to carefully review the ranking system for skill levels 1 to 10 in the linked document and to accurately indicate your current skill level or that of your athlete. New Skills should be skills landed for the first time during the 2025/26 season.	
Video	Video submissions must showcase at least one (1) full Halfpipe run and the best/most difficult skills indicated on the submitted skill chart. Any of the best/most difficult skills which are indicated but not showcased in a video submission and confirmed by the Selection Committee will be removed from the skill chart for ranking purposes.	
Criteria Ranking and Process		
Ranking Pathways	Pathway A: National Team	Pathway B: NextGen (Athletes 4-8 years out from 1st OLY/WCH Medal Performance)
Athlete Ranking Priority 1 WSPL Halfpipe Rank/Points	45%	35%
Athlete Ranking Priority 2 Foundational Skill	N/A	20%
Athlete Ranking Priority 3 Competition / Unique / Creative Skill	30%	15%
Athlete Ranking Priority 4 Amplitude	10%	10%
Athlete Ranking Priority 5 Seasonal Progression (New Skills)	15%	20%
Priority 1 Ranking Equations: R = Rider Canadian rank P = Rider Points X = NT: 1000, NG: 500	Priority 1 = 45 - (R + ((X – P)/25))	Priority 1 = 35 - (R + ((X – P)/20))
Priority 2/3/4/5 Ranking Equations: Total Calculations of Skill will be calculated on the skill chart as its filled out and confirmed by video submission.	Priority 3 = (Total Competition % + Total Creative/Unique %) x .30 Priority 4 = Average amplitude score of all skills on chart Priority 5 = Total New Skill based on Trick ability scores	Priority 2 = Total Foundation % x .20 Priority 3 = (Total Competition % + Total Creative/Unique %) x .20 Priority 4 = Average amplitude score of all skills on chart Priority 5 = Total New Skill based on Trick ability scores
Ranking Process	Athletes will be ranked and scored out of 100% based on the 5 priorities above. Each gender of each pathway will be ranked on their own sheet for 4 total ranking sheets (Men/Women and A/B) to compare all eligible athletes using similar ranking scales and equations for their individual eligibility pathway and gender. WSPL Ranks and Points will be recorded as of April 1, 2026 Foundational, Competition/Unique/Creative skills will be calculated based on skill difficulty and execution as submitted within the athlete application utilizing the technical experts input, and video review to compare to the submitted skills chart. Seasonal Progression will record the increase (improvement) of skill based on difficulty and execution of the newly learned skills from each athlete during the 2025/26 season.	
Team Selection Process		
Selection Committee Team Selection	Regardless of the pathway (A or B), all eligible and ranked athletes will be considered by the selection committee for National Team positions, in the order of their final ranking on the ranking sheets. Priority will be given to athletes ranked through the National Team Pathway, followed by those from the NextGen Pathway. Any gaps or discrepancies between the pathways will be discussed by the selection committee during the selection process. In cases where there is a regression in an athlete’s results or skills, or a gap exists in the selection ranking, the Selection Committee shall consider the following. The overall team size based on the athlete-to-coach ratio, the expected World Cup quota for the upcoming competitive season, the athlete’s individual pathway, past results, ranking within the selection, current world ranking, competitive skill level relative to international standards, the level of events attended, and the athlete’s Elite Performance Characteristics, including but not limited to. The athlete’s implementation of and commitment to their on- and off-snow training plan (including attendance at team-organized sessions, warm-ups, cool-downs, and recovery sessions); the athlete’s ability to identify and actively prioritize a plan to close performance gaps and build on strengths; and the athlete’s contribution to a positive, values-based team environment.	
General Selection Policy	For all details on the selection policy and procedures followed inconsideration of this Selection Eligibility and Criteria sheet. Please refer to the Canada Snowboard High Performance Program General Selection Policy linked in the Appendix of this document below.	
Revision History		
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Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	HPP General Selection Policy (GSP)	https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/files/CS%20General%20Selection%20Policy_100325.pdf