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INTRODUCTION

This Handbook provides all the information needed to organise Speed Nation SBX Tour events. If needed, Canada Snowboard can provide more information regarding any area listed on this document.

Speed Nation's Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall follow the requirements provided by Canada Snowboard and shall organise the event up to the Speed Nation standards.

Event organisers must also familiarise themselves and refer to the <u>Canada Snowboard Guidelines</u> and the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (<u>FIS</u>) ICR Rulebook and the <u>PARA ICR Rulebook</u>.

WORKING STRUCTURE

Canada Snowboard shall collaborate with the Provincial & Territorial Snowboard Association's (PTSA) to organise Speed Nation SBX Tour events.

All Speed Nation SBX Tour events shall be organised and managed by a LOC. The LOC shall be composed of a minimum of one (1) Canada Snowboard representative, one (1) PTSA representative and one (1) host resort representative. The LOC's mandate of any Speed Nation SBX Tour event is to assist in the coordination of planning and implementation of the event.

The Canada Snowboard (CS) Sport System Development (SSD) department will be the main point of contact for the PTSA'. For all event related questions please email events@canadasnowboard.ca

SPEED NATION SBX TOUR

The Speed Nation SBX Tour brings together the best athletes to compete under one Snowboard cross Tour.

The Tour is composed by four (4) events:

- Three (3) Speed Nation SBX events
- One (1) Speed Nation SBX Nationals event

SPEED NATION SBX DISCIPLINES & CATEGORIES

Disciplines:

- Snowboard cross
- Para Snowboard cross

All Speed Nation SBX events allow Senior and Junior FIS categories.

Speed Nation SBX Nationals will have four (4) different categories for both Women and Men:

- Speed Nation SBX NorAm:
 - Senior
 - Junior FIS (15-19 years old)
- Speed Nation SBX Nationals NorAm:
 - Senior
 - Junior FIS
- Speed Nation SBX Junior Nationals:
 - Junior FIS
 - U15 (13 & 14 yrs old)
- Speed Nation Para SBX Nationals: All ages of PARA athletes allowed

<u>Speed Categories – Snowboard cross</u>

AGE CATEGORY	AGE	LTAD Stage
U9*	7 – 8 years old	3 / 4
U11*	9 – 10 years old	3/4/5
U13*	11 – 12 years old	3/4/5
U15*	13 – 14 years old	4 / 5
U20*	15 – 19 years old	4/5
20+*	20+ years old	4 / 5
Junior FIS**	15 – 19 years old	4/5/6/7
Senior FIS**	15+ years old	4/5/6/7

^{*}The organiser may combine age groups depending on the number of participants registered per age group. Note that if an athlete because of the combining of categories is "forced" to ride up, he can continue competing in his regular age category at the following competitions vs. an athletes/coach's personal choice to ride up at a competition. This athlete is riding in that higher category the rest of the season.

^{**}The organiser cannot make any changes to these categories.

***All competitor ages for the purpose of determining eligibility to participate in FIS competitions shall be expressed in terms of the anniversary of birthday that the competitor will reach during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) that includes the start of the FIS Competition Year in which the competition is scheduled. The FIS competition year begins on the first day of July and ends on the last day of June of the following calendar year.

PARA Snowboard Division

LTAD Stage	AGE	SPEED
3*	No restrictions**	YES
4*	No restrictions**	YES
5	No restrictions**	YES
6	As per IPC rules***	YES
7	As per IPC rules***	YES

^{*}Athletes will be ranked with all other athletes (overall ranking) and in separate rankings with other adaptive athletes if applicable

SANCTION

The Speed NationSBX Tour is a national Tour. All the Speed Nation SBX Tour events will also be part of the International Ski Federation "FIS" North American Tour (FIS NorAm).

Speed Nation SBX Tour sanction:

- Speed Nation SBX : FIS NorAm
- Speed Nation SBX Nationals : FIS NorAm and FIS NJC

Note: Canada Snowboard is responsible for FIS and the organiser shall follow the <u>FIS</u> Continental Cups rules.

ATHLETES REQUIREMENTS

All athletes shall follow the following requirements:

Athletes must be members of their respective <u>PTSA</u>

^{**}Athletes must come with a CADS instructor and/or CS Coach

^{***}Athletes must be part of Canada Snowboard High Performance structure

- Athletes must have a valid <u>FIS licence</u> and extended medical coverage; a <u>Sport</u> Accident Insurance Policy (SAIP)
- Athletes who wish to compete in the FIS Junior category must be between fifteen (15) years old and nineteen (19) years old by December 31st, of the competition season.
- Athletes competing at an Speed Nation SBX Tour event must be represented at the Coaches Meeting by a certified coach.

Note:

- All athletes MUST follow the <u>Safe Sport Guidelines</u>,
- All athletes MUST follow the <u>Canada Snowboard Helmet Policy</u>
- All athletes MUST follow the <u>Canada Snowboard Concussion Protocol and Guidelines</u>

COACHES REQUIREMENTS

All Canadian coaches shall follow the following requirements:

- All Canadian coaches at events must register and meet the Canadian Minimum Coach Certification Standards
- Minimum of Comp Intro Advanced Certified
- Coaches not at this level can contact <u>coach@canadasnowboard.ca</u> and develop a plan to meet the requirements or receive an exemption
- All coaches shall represent their athletes at the Coaches Meeting; athletes without a coach can be represented by another coach

Note:

- All coaches MUST follow the <u>Safe Sport Guidelines</u>,
- All coaches MUST follow the <u>Canada Snowboard Helmet Policy</u>.

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

This is a basic schedule structure by SBX discipline. If it's a multi-discipline event, the organiser shall follow this schedule structure for all the disciplines. The organiser can decide, depending on the number of athletes, if they want to run Qualifications and Finals the same day or on separate days.

- Speed Nation SBX Option 1:
 - o Day 1 Official Training
 - o Day 2 Qualifications + Finals
- Speed Nation SBX Option 2:
 - o Day 1 Official Training
 - o Day 2 Qualifications + Finals

o Day 3 - Qualifications + Finals

Speed Nation SBX Nationals is composed by Senior and Junior categories.

Speed Nation SBX Nationals:

- o Day 1 Official Training
- o Day 2 Qualification + Finals (Senior) FIS NorAm
- o Day 3 Qualification + Finals (Junior) FIS NJC
- o Day 4 Official Training
- o Day 5 Qualification + Finals (U15)

COMPETITION FORMATS

In all International FIS authorised competitions there will generally be:

- A Qualification Phase consisting of one or more rounds (beginning with one run for all competitors);
- A Final Phase consisting of one or more rounds.

For more information on Formats, see the Format & Heat Description section in the <u>FIS</u> <u>International Competition Rules</u> (ICR).

TERRAIN REQUIREMENTS & FIELD OF PLAY

All Speed Nation SBX courses will need to be approved by Canada Snowboard.

All organisers shall follow the <u>SBX Terrain Guidelines</u> and the <u>FIS ICR</u> at all times. See Rule section 5000 for full details on requirements.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Detailed SBX Equipment List is available for organisers *see the end of this document for an equipment list example.

If there are any questions or concerns about the equipment needed to organise a Speed Nation SBX Tour event, please contact Canada Snowboard.

^{*}PARA categories could be included on training plan

KEY EVENT PERSONNEL, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Jury

The Jury is the body that controls the Competition and is responsible for making decisions concerning the Competition. Its members of the organising committee are responsible for technical matters within the closed competition areas.

- the FIS Technical Delegate (TD)
- the Referee appointed by the TD
- the Chief of Competition appointed by the organiser
- Canada Snowboard Representative

FIS Technical Delegate

FIS Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FIS North American Committee.

Any problems or concerns regarding the FIS Technical Delegate must be addressed to Canada Snowboard.

Referee

In Cross Events the Referee is responsible for:

- Recording the reports from the Chief of Section Gate Judges about infractions of the rules and gate faults at the end of each run or phase and at the end of the competition
- Checking, signing and posting referee minutes immediately after each run or phase on the official notice board
- Minutes shall include, a list with the names of the competitors disqualified, the section numbers where the faults occurred, the rule number leading to the disqualifications and the exact time the disqualifications were posted with the exact limit time for protests
- The Referee, when a member of the Jury accepts protests (qualification) and review requests (KO final) in the finish area and must report all protests/requests immediately to the other jury members. In some cases the TD can choose to accept the protests in the finish area, cases in which the Referee will be positioned at the start or along the course
- Drawing of the start numbers
- Inspection of the course immediately after it is set, alone or accompanied by members of the Jury and / or any invited parties
- The course setter and all Jury members must be informed of such changes such as taking out our adding gates, if due to circumstances they were not present at the inspection
- Receiving the reports of the start and finish referees and the competition officials about the infractions of the rules and the gate faults at the end of the first run, and again at the end of the competition

*further details can be found in <u>FIS International Competition Rules (ICR).</u>

Any problem or concern regarding the referee must be addressed to the Canada Snowboard.

Chief of Competition

The Chief of Competition must be a certified Level 3 Official; see the Officials Program.

The Officials Working Group is responsible for all the chief of competition designation, however it is recommended that the CoC has a close relationship with the hosting resort.

Canada Snowboard Representative

Sport System Development (SSD) department will be the main point of contact for all related questions - email events@canadasnowboard.ca This representative will work directly with the Organiser to ensure alignment across all the different events and all the technical deliverables related to the event.

Minor Technical Officials and Volunteers

The organiser is responsible to secure skilled volunteers for the training and competition days according to the <u>Canada Snowboard Officials' Program (CSOP)</u> as well as the <u>Officials Operations Manual</u> for all staff, volunteers and Officials of all levels.

The organiser shall send a detailed staffing plan fifteen (15) days before the start of the event to Canada Snowboard.

Note: All staff, volunteers and Officials MUST follow the Canada Snowboard Safe Sport Guidelines as well as the Canada Snowboard Helmet Policy and be a member of their local PTSA.

FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

Event Office

The Event Office must be located near the venues and must have the following:

- Wi-Fi, locking room for staff/ officials/ media
- tables and chairs

It must be a quiet, closed space where staff, officials and volunteers can leave their personal belongings

Coaches Meeting room

The Coaches Meeting room can be located near the venues or near the official host hotel.

Wi-Fi locked for staff/ officials/ media

- Tables and chairs
- Only Major Technical Officials, Event Secretary, Chief of Timing, Scoring and Calculations and Coaches will be allowed in this room

Waxing room

Ideally each hotel listed on the event guide must have a waxing room. At least the official host hotel must have a waxing room available for all athletes, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers. If none of the hotel partners for the event can provide a waxing room, the organiser will need to provide a waxing room closer to the venues.

ORGANISER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Event

The Organiser shall be responsible for:

- Managing on-hill event execution of all scheduled training and competition activities as well as off-hill event/activity execution if needed, such as:
 - o Open and closing ceremonies, if possible
 - o Banquet for athletes, coaches, staff, volunteers, sponsors and CS Family
 - o Vendors Village, if required
- The organiser, in close consultation with Canada Snowboard, shall be responsible for preparation and maintenance of all competition sites in accordance with the CS Guidelines and this Event Handbook.
- The organiser shall be responsible for providing facilities and equipment necessary for the operation of the competition.

Safety

Competition Medical Plan

All competition organisers in conjunction with the resort and local medical facilities are responsible to establish a specific Competition Medical Plan for each event and MUST share it with all coaches before the competition (typically during the Coaches meeting). The health and safety of all those involved in a competition is a primary concern. This includes the competitors as well as volunteers, officials, course workers and spectators. The events organisers shall follow the FIS Medical Guide HERE and the FIS Medical Checklist HERE. There should be a minimum of two (2) rescue/ first aid personnel at the start area at all times during practice and competition.

Risk Management Policy

Organisers must share the <u>Risk Management Policy</u> with the rest of the Organiser Committee, Officials, Coaches, Canada Snowboard Events staff and the Resort Staff prior to the competition.

Helmet during Competitions

All Athletes, Coaches, Judges, Officials and Volunteers shall follow the <u>Canada Snowboard Helmet policy</u>.

Accident, Incident & Medical Reporting and/or Clearance

When a Canada Snowboard member is injured and requires medical attention during a sanctioned activity a report found <u>HERE</u>, must be submitted to Canada Snowboard and the <u>Provincial/ Territorial Snowboard Association</u> no later than 24 h after the accident or incident.

Should an athlete need to provide medical clearance before taking part in sanctioned Canada Snowboard Activities, the athlete can submit the documentation <u>HERE</u>.

Safe Sport Training

As mandated by Sport Canada, Canada Snowboard is committed to providing Safe Sport Training to all Coaches, Officials, Judges and Athletes. Canada Snowboard will offer the training through the Safe Sport Training Module developed by the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) which is available online. This training module helps anyone involved in sport identify and prevent situations of maltreatment. This training module will be integrated with the Canada Snowboard Membership System, SnowReg, to ensure verification of completion of the training.

Event Administration

The organiser shall be responsible for:

Official Documents

The preparation of all competition documentation (in both official languages). This shall include, but not limited to, website content, press releases, emails to athletes, on-site signage and printed documentation for coaches and athletes.

Event Invitation

Event Notice / Invitational Guide: Will be published and circulated at least 2 months in advance of the competition including all relevant information for the event; schedule, registration links, fees, lift tickets, coaches meeting times, event office location & hours, categories, prize money, sanction details & rules, major officials & volunteers information, refund policy, accommodation information, transport information, etc... A template will be provided in a shared doc for Organizers, via email.

Registration

All the Speed Nation SBX events shall be listed on the Canada Snowboard website and in Snow Reg as "Nationals & NorAm" events. The organiser shall provide online pre-registration rates and shall encourage athletes to register online to benefit from the online pre-registration rates. The online pre-registration rates shall not exceed a 15% discount of the regular entry fee. The online pre-registration shall close no later than twenty (20) days before the event.

All the Speed Nation SBX organisers shall follow the registration fee guidelines (before pre registration discount)in accordance with the Continental Cup Rules:

"Entry Fees Entry fees will be reviewed before each NorAm season by the NorAm Committee and set for the season at the fall FIS meeting. The 2023/24 base maximum entry fee shall be CHF 140 per competition for each participant, or the equivalent in local currency rounded to the nearest \$5.00 as per the rate of exchange on September 30th of each year. Entry fees shall be paid in the currency of the host country. The base entry fee includes entry into one individual event. In addition to the event registration fees, a bib deposit of \$20 (local currency) may be charged by the OC but must be returned upon the return of the bib. No additional charges can be added on to the entry fees. If there are extenuating circumstances that require a higher entry fee, that entry fee amount must be approved by the NorAm Committee two months prior to the event and must be stated on the event invitation."

Each organiser has the right to change the entry fee by 25% (increase or decrease). The base entry fee includes entry into one individual event.

Note: Fee combinations will need to be approved by Canada Snowboard.

These registration fees are governed by the **Event Refund Policy**.

Hospitality

Accommodation, Food & Beverage

All Speed Nation SBX organisers shall provide at least 2 (two) accommodation recommendations and discounts for athletes and coaches. It is recommended that the accommodation options shall include breakfast (minimum F&B requirement) or easily accessible food options nearby. It's not mandatory to offer discounts for lunches/dinners; it's up to the organiser if a lunch/dinner discount will be included in the welcome package for athletes and coaches.

Prizing

Organiser shall follow the amount listed below:

<u>Position</u>	Speed Nation SBX Tour	Speed Nation SBX Nationals	
	FIS (SR) NorAm	FIS (SR) NorAm	Junior/U15/PARA
1 st	C\$500 + VIK	C\$500 + VIK	VIK only – cash N/A
2 nd	C\$350 + VIK	C\$350 + VIK	VIK only – cash N/A
3 rd	C\$150 + VIK	C\$150 + VIK	VIK only – cash N/A

Note: same cash prize for both genders.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Prohibited Substances

The use of dope (reference is made to the official IOC list) by a Canada Snowboard athlete is strictly forbidden. Tests may be performed upon any athlete to determine the presence of prohibited substances and any such positive result of a doping test may result in the athlete being ineligible from competition.

Personal Responsibility

Athletes are responsible for their medical condition upon taking their start of a Canada Snowboard sanctioned event.

Examination

The jury may request an Athlete to undergo a medical examination before or after a sanctioned Canada Snowboard event. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether the athlete is eligible to compete based upon results from doping or medical tests. If illegal substances are present or if the athlete is unable to compete safely for medical reasons, the athlete shall not compete. An Athlete refusing to undergo the examination shall not be permitted to start.

Find more information in our **Anti Doping Policy**.

SPEED NATION RIGHTS

Canada Snowboard Proprietary Rights

Canada Snowboard is the owner of all rights of any nature in respect of the terms "Speed Nation" and "Speed Nation SBX Nationals" prefix when associated with any snowboard event and/or activity.

^{*}VIK - Value In Kind

Canada Snowboard is the owner of all rights of any nature in respect to the Speed Nation logo, the term "Speed Nation" (resort name) and "Speed Nation SBX Nationals". Speed Nation events are the exclusive property of Canada Snowboard in that Canada Snowboard owns all rights of any nature concerning their organisation, exploitation, broadcasting, marketing, licensing and reproduction by any means whatsoever and of any event or incident which occurs during an Speed Nation event.

The organiser shall follow the Speed Nation SBX Tour Branding Guidelines.

Canada Snowboard shall provide the following graphic, visual, artistic and intellectual works with respect to the Speed Nation SBX (resort name) event:

- Poster
- Facebook header
- Logo footer
- Sponsorship deck
- Novelty Cheques (Optional)

Any graphic, visual, artistic and intellectual works with respect to the Speed Nation (resort name) and Speed Nation SBX Nationals must be approved by Canada Snowboard.

Protection of Proprietary Rights

The organiser and Canada Snowboard, the organiser shall take all necessary steps to guarantee the full protection of the Speed Nation and Speed Nation SBX Nationals Proprietary Rights in Canada including any necessary legal action in consultation with Canada Snowboard.

SPEED NATION SBX TOUR - MARKETING

Marketing Plan

Canada Snowboard shall share the Speed Nation SBX Tour Marketing Plan with the organiser The Marketing Plan must contain all marketing elements, including but not limited to:

- Overall Speed Nation SBX Tour goals
- A promotional plan outlining press promotional activities

Within one (1) month of signing the collaboration agreement between Canada Snowboard and the organiser, Canada Snowboard shall provide a sponsorship plan with the following:

- Description of the different partnership levels; sponsorship categories
- Canada Snowboard Sponsorship Limitations Policy
- Sponsorship deck

Canada Snowboard is responsible for sharing with the organiser all these marketing

documents.

The organiser acknowledges that Canada Snowboard has in place a National Marketing Program for the Speed Nation SBX Tour and Speed Nation SBX Nationals. The purpose of this is to generate financial, technical, and promotional support from major National corporations (the "Canada Snowboard Partners") for the benefit of the entire Canadian snowboard community.

Canada Snowboard partners have been granted rights to Speed Nation and Speed Nation SBX Nationals. Canada Snowboard Representative will share the details of these partnerships with each Speed Nation and Speed Nation SBX Nationals event organiser as soon as the collaboration agreements are signed.

The organiser shall use all the marketing documents to "sell" the Speed Nation and Speed Nation SBX Nationals events. Both organisations (the organiser and Canada Snowboard) are responsible and accountable for "selling" the event.

The organiser shall coordinate any potential partnerships for the event with the Canada Snowboard Representative.

Communication Plan

Canada Snowboard shall share the Communication Plan with the organiser 1 (one) month prior to the event.

The Communication Plan must contain all communication elements, including but not limited to:

- Speed Nation SBX Tour Communication Operational Guidelines
- Event Crisis Communication Management Plan
- Communication Implementation Plan
- Speed Nation SBX Tour Photographer Guidelines

Branding & Signage

The organiser shall follow the Speed Nation SBX Tour Branding Guidelines provided by Canada Snowboard. The organiser shall provide a detailed on-site and off-site branding plan no later than one (1) week prior the start day of the event.

Canada Snowboard Events/ Competitions lead shall approve and support any on-site and/or off-site signage and/or branding.

Canada Snowboard shall provide the following banners/ signage/ branding equipment and Speed Nation bibs – one (1) set of 100 bibs to the organiser.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Canada Snowboard (CS) Sport System Development (SSD) department will be the main point of contact for all PTSA Series related questions - email events@canadasnowboard.ca

Officials Committee | officials@csf.ca

PTSA's

Canada Snowboard works closely together with the twelve Provincial & Territorial Snowboard Associations.

Find their most up to date contact information **HERE**.

























SPEED NATION SBX – EQUIPMENT LIST

P. Notting	40 rolls
B-Netting Black fencing (Skrim)	TBD
Bamboo/poles for Fencing	TBD - 100
Shovels	5
Rakes	
	7
Shapers	
Red Gates	20-40
Blue Gates	20-40
Flags for gates	20-40
Arrow brushes	20-40
Rigid long poles	20-40
Stubbie poles	20-40
Rope (Large Spool)	1
Wedges (bucket full)	
Start Gate	
Start Gate 4x4 Posts	
Auger / Drill	
Mallet	
Tiger/ blow Torch	
Propane for torch	
Dye Sprayers	2-4
Blue dye	~4 jugs
Washer Fluid	
Dye protective clothing	
Drills & Bits	
Start and finish posts	
Generator	
Gas can for generator	

TIMING EQUIPMENT

Propane heater (timing tent)
Propane tank for heater
Tent & walls (timing at finish)
Stakes /tie downs to secure tent

Display Board

Timing Eyes Stakes

Wire for start and finish

Extension cord for timing equipment to generator 120V

ADMIN - EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Hand timers/ stopwatches x4

Batteries for hand timers/stopwatches

Officials arm bands

Yellow Flags for gate judges x8 min.

Duck Tape

Tie downs

Zip ties

Extension cord & power bar for event office

Face masks

Hand sanitizer and cleaning products

Hand & toe warmers

iPad / laptop

Megaphone + extra batteries

Highlighters / Sharpies / Pens

Clip boards for officials

Clipboards with *pencils attached

Paper + waterproof paper

Photocopier/Printer

Whiteboard for Results x2 x2

whiteboard markers 2 sets

XL binder clips x10

Gatekeeper cards - waterproof paper

Scissors

Stapler

Table cloths 2-4

Radios & Charger (charged before hand)

PTSA branding

Bibs

Podium + backdrop

Sponsors branding

Speed Nation branding

Medals

Prizing

Cash Prizing

Spider tent, walls, roof & pump