



**Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)
All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy
2025–2026 Season**

1. Introduction

The Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) provides an annual allocation of All Areas Competitor Passes to the BC Snowboard Association. These passes support the development of competitive snowboard athletes in British Columbia by granting them access to Western Canadian ski and snowboard resorts for training and competition purposes.

The goal of this initiative is to help athletes progress toward national and international competitions, including the Olympics and Paralympics. All athletes must understand that receiving a CWSAA pass is a privilege and requires exemplary conduct and sportsmanship.

2. Purpose

This policy governs the fair and transparent distribution of CWSAA All Areas Competitor Passes to eligible athletes and coaches who are BC Snowboard members engaged in competitive snowboarding at the FIS level.

3. Definitions

- BC Snowboard: The provincial governing body for competitive snowboarding in BC, recognized by Canada Snowboard.
- CWSAA: Canada West Ski Areas Association, which represents ski area operators in Western Canada.
- Competitor Pass (Pass): An All Areas pass issued through BC Snowboard by CWSAA, based on a formula relative to the number of qualified athletes per governing body.
- Club: A BC-based sanctioned club in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard.

4. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for a Competitor Pass in the 2025–2026 season, athletes must:

4.1 Disciplines

Compete in FIS-sanctioned events in disciplines included in the Olympic, Paralympic Games, World Championships, or World Cups.

4.2 Age Ranges

- Alpine, Snowboard Cross, Big Air: Born between 2006–2010
- Slopestyle, Halfpipe: Born between 2007–2011
- Para Athletes: No age limit for carded members of the Canadian Para National Team residing in BC

4.3 Additional Conditions

- Held a BC Snowboard Compete membership and FIS license in 2024–2025
- Hold a BC Snowboard Compete membership and FIS license in 2025–2026
- Competed in at least 2 FIS events in the 2024–2025 season
- Commit to at least 2 FIS events in 2025–2026
- Reside in British Columbia
- Be a **full-time athlete** in a sanctioned BC Snowboard club or team program, or
- Be named to the 2025–2026 BC Snowboard Provincial Team (SBX or Slopestyle)

4.4 Exceptions

Up to 2 years over or 1 year underage athletes may be considered with a letter from their National Sports Organization, confirming the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to the National Team in the upcoming competition year.

4.5 Selection Priority

Passes are prioritized to those with the highest FIS points as of the final 2024–2025 list:

1. BC Provincial Team athletes
2. Club athletes who meet all criteria

Any ties are broken by best individual FIS event score.

4.5 Approval

All athletes must be approved by CWSAA.

5. Accountability

- Athletes must submit a Competitor Pass Report upon request.
- Passes may be revoked for failure to train or compete as intended.

6. Coach Passes

6.1 Quota

Coach passes are limited and included in the overall provincial quota.

6.2 Eligibility & Priority

1. BC Snowboard Provincial Team coaches/support staff
2. Club coaches (5 athletes to 1 coach ratio) who:
 - Hold minimum Comp Intro CSCP certification
 - Are in good standing with BC and Canada Snowboard
 - Are officially employed by a BC Snowboard-sanctioned club
 - Coach a minimum of 5 CWSAA pass-holding athletes in 2025–2026

6.3 Approval

All coach passes must be approved by CWSAA.

7. Appeals

Appeals must follow the BC Snowboard Appeals Policy.

8. General

- Approved passes are non-transferable
- Issued passes are non-refundable, unless a serious injury occurs
- Exceptional cases will be reviewed by the Executive Director and Executive Committee
- All correspondence related to the CWSAA pass will be through BC Snowboard

9. Contact Information

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