



**Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)  
All Areas Competitor Pass Eligibility and Distribution Policy  
2026–2027 Season**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

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 providing them access to participating Western Canadian ski and snowboard resorts for training and competition purposes.

The CWSAA Competitor Pass Program supports athletes participating within recognized BC Snowboard development pathways and helps reduce barriers to training and competition as they progress through provincial, national, and international levels of the recognized Olympic disciplines.

Eligibility for, and continued use of, a Competitor Pass is contingent upon ongoing participation in a BC Snowboard-sanctioned club or Provincial Team program at a FIS level.

Receipt of a CWSAA Competitor Pass is a privilege and not an entitlement. Athletes and coaches are expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct and represent BC Snowboard, their club, CWSAA, and the sport of snowboarding in a positive manner at all times.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

- BC Snowboard: The Provincial Sport Organization recognized by Canada Snowboard as the governing body for competitive snowboarding in British Columbia.
- CWSAA: Canada West Ski Areas Association.
- Competitor Pass: An All Areas Competitor Pass allocated by CWSAA and distributed through BC Snowboard.
- Club: A BC Snowboard-sanctioned club in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard.
- Provincial Team Athlete: An athlete officially named to a BC Snowboard Provincial Team program for the applicable season.

### **3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered for a Competitor Pass during the 2026–2027 season, athletes must satisfy all applicable BC Snowboard and CWSAA eligibility requirements.

BC Snowboard will identify athletes who meet the eligibility criteria and will contact those athletes directly to confirm their interest in purchasing a Competitor Pass. Athletes must respond by the deadline established by BC Snowboard and comply with all applicable CWSAA requirements to remain eligible for consideration.

#### **3.1 Disciplines**

Athletes must compete in a snowboard discipline recognized by CWSAA in disciplines included within Olympic, Paralympic Games, World Championships, or World Cups pathways, including Snowboard Cross, Slopestyle, Big Air, Halfpipe, Alpine Snowboard and Para Snowboard.

#### **3.2 Age Eligibility**

Athletes must meet the age requirements established annually by CWSAA for the 2026-2027 season:

- Alpine, Snowboard Cross, Big Air: Born between 2007–2011
- Slopestyle, Halfpipe: Born between 2008–2012
- Para Athletes: No age limit for carded members of the Canadian Para National Team residing in BC

#### **3.3 Membership and Competition Requirements**

Athletes must:

- Have held a BC Snowboard Compete Membership and FIS license during the previous season
- Hold a BC Snowboard Compete Membership and FIS license for the 2026–2027 season
- Have competed in at least 2 FIS events in the 2025–2026 season
- Commit to competing in at least 2 FIS events in 2026–2027
- Be a resident of British Columbia
- Be a full-time athlete in good standing with a sanctioned BC Snowboard Club or BC Provincial Team Program at the time the passes are allocated and remain an active member in good standing through the season
- Remain in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard

National Team Athletes: Athletes named to a Canada Snowboard National Team must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in this policy to be considered for a CWSAA Competitor Pass.

#### **3.4 Exceptions**

Special consideration may be given to athletes who are up to two (2) years over the maximum age requirement or one (1) year below the minimum age requirement, provided a letter is submitted by an authorized representative of Canada Snowboard confirming that the athlete is

under serious consideration for nomination to a National Team during the upcoming competition season.

### **3.5 CWSAA Requirements**

Athletes must comply with all current CWSAA eligibility, documentation, waiver, identification and deadline requirements. Failure to meet these requirements may result in ineligibility for a Competitor Pass.

## **4. PASS ALLOCATION PRIORITY**

Where the number of eligible athletes exceeds the available provincial allocation, passes will be distributed according to the following priority:

1. BC Snowboard Provincial Team Athletes
2. Eligible Para Snowboard Athletes
3. Eligible Club Athletes
4. Approved Exception Athletes

Within each category, athletes will be ranked using the applicable FIS points list from the previous competition season. Any ties are broken by best individual FIS event score.

BC Snowboard reserves the right to consider additional factors including competitive results, pathway commitment, athlete development objectives, and overall program needs when allocating passes.

## **5. ALLOCATION AUTHORITY**

In circumstances where eligibility, ranking, exceptions, or allocation decisions are not specifically addressed within this policy, the Executive Director may make a determination that is consistent with the objectives of the CWSAA Competitor Pass Program and the best interests of athlete development within British Columbia.

The Executive Director may consult with Provincial Team Coaches, Club Coaches, the Executive Committee, CWSAA Pass Committee or other relevant individuals when making allocation decisions but retains final decision-making authority.

All allocations remain subject to final approval by CWSAA.

## **6. ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Athletes receiving a Competitor Pass must:

- Use the pass solely for training and competition purposes.
- Comply with all ski area rules, including the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code.
- Remain in good standing with BC Snowboard, Canada Snowboard, their club, and CWSAA.
- Comply with all applicable BC Snowboard, Canada Snowboard, CWSAA, and ski area policies

- Athletes who misuse their pass, violate ski area rules, receive disciplinary sanctions, or engage in inappropriate conduct may have their Competitor Pass revoked immediately and may be ineligible for future Competitor Pass allocations.
- Athletes who cease participation in their BC Snowboard-sanctioned club or Provincial Team program, or who are unable to participate due to injury and are not engaged in an approved return-to-sport plan, must stop using their pass and return it to BC Snowboard.
- Competitor Passes are non-refundable except in cases of serious injury, where a pro-rated refund may be considered by CWSAA upon return of the pass and submission of appropriate medical documentation.

## **7. COACH PASSES**

### **7.1 Eligibility**

To be eligible for a CWSAA Coach Pass, coaches must:

- Be registered members in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard.
- Be actively employed or contracted by a BC Snowboard-sanctioned club or Provincial Team program.
- Hold a minimum NCCP Competition Introduction certification or an equivalent recognized certification.
- Be actively coaching athletes who are receiving CWSAA Competitor Passes.

Independent coaches are not eligible.

### **7.2 Allocation Priority**

Coach Passes will be allocated in the following order:

- BC Snowboard Provincial Team coaches and support staff.
- Coaches from BC Snowboard-sanctioned clubs supporting eligible Competitor Pass recipients.
- Other coaches approved by BC Snowboard based on program needs.

Subject to the available CWSAA allocation, clubs may be eligible for one (1) Coach Pass for every five (5) eligible athletes receiving Competitor Passes.

All Coach Pass allocations are subject to CWSAA approval.

## **8. DISQUALIFICATION AND REVOCATION**

BC Snowboard or CWSAA may revoke a Competitor Pass where an athlete or coach:

- No longer meets eligibility requirements.
- Ceases to be a member in good standing of a BC Snowboard-sanctioned club or Provincial Team program.
- Transfers, lends, sells, shares, copies, or permits another individual to use the pass.
- Misuses the pass in any manner.

- Breaches ski area rules or responsibility codes.
- Engages in conduct that reflects negatively on BC Snowboard, Canada Snowboard, CWSAA, or participating ski areas.

Athletes and Coaches whose passes are revoked may be deemed ineligible for future CWSAA Competitor Pass allocations.

## **9. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- Competitor Passes remain the property of CWSAA.
- Competitor Passes are non-transferable.
- Competitor Passes have no cash value.
- Passes may not be sold, loaned, transferred, copied, or shared.
- Unused passes may not be reassigned without CWSAA approval.
- Passes remain subject to all terms and conditions established by participating ski areas and CWSAA.
- Once issued, passes are non-refundable except where permitted by CWSAA.
- Exceptional circumstances not addressed within this policy may be reviewed by the Executive Director.

## **10. APPEALS**

Appeals relating to eligibility or allocation decisions shall be handled in accordance with the BC Snowboard Appeals Policy.

## **11. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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