



**2023 CANADA WINTER GAMES | BC ATHLETES
SELECTION PROTOCOL: September 1, 2022**

BACKGROUND

1. The Canada Winter Games Selection Protocol is designed to outline team selection for BC Snowboard athletes in the disciplines of Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Snowboard Cross (SBX), Slopestyle (SS) and Big Air (BA).

The 2023 Canada Winter Games Snowboard Technical Package (STP) can be found [HERE](#).

POLICY

2. BC Snowboard Association attempts to be fair and equitable in all manner of business. This selection protocol is created to ensure that there is a fair practice of identifying BC Snowboard athletes eligible for the Canada Winter Games (CWG).

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION PROCESS

3. To be eligible for the Selection Process to the Canada Winter Games Team, an athlete must:
 - a. be a Canadian citizen
 - b. be a resident of British Columbia for the 6-month period prior to February 3, 2023; or be carded as a Canadian Sport Institute (CSI) Pacific athlete currently training with the BC Team program
 - c. meet the age requirements outlined by the Canada Games Council for their respective discipline;
 - d. be a current BC Snowboard Compete member
 - e. be registered and actively participating in a sanctioned club for the 2022-2023 season;
 - f. have approved medical insurance with Sport Accident Insurance Program (SAIP);
 - g. have a current FIS License (*Snowboard Cross only*).
 - h. willing and available to participate in Canada Winter Games seminars, sessions or camps leading up to the games

4. Exclusion Criteria:

- a. Senior National Team Members – Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (ie, recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- b. Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: Senior World Championships, Olympic Games

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status for the first time, carding status or competes in an excluded event after November 20, 2022 they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2023 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective P/T Team Chef de Mission and approved by the CGC's Eligibility Committee.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

5. The age requirements to participate in the 2023 Canada Games, as dictated by the Canada Games Council with input from Canada Snowboard, are as follows:

Slope Style Event:

Maximum age is 17 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Minimum age is 13 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Year of Birth: 2005-2009 inclusive.

Big Air Event:

Maximum age is 17 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Minimum age is 13 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Year of Birth: 2005-2009 inclusive.

Parallel Giant Slalom Event:

Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Year of Birth: 2003-2007 inclusive.

SBX Event:

Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2022.

Year of Birth: 2003-2007 inclusive.

If an athlete wishes to compete in both disciplines (Speed and Freestyle) they must meet the age category of *both* disciplines.

TEAM SELECTION

6. Team Sizes:

The number of athletes selected for the Canada Winter Games is based on pre-determined team size according to the Canada Games Council.

If entering male athletes in at least three (3) of the four (4) events

- 5 male competitors

If entering female athletes in at least three (3) of the four (4) events

- 5 female competitors

If entering male athletes in two (2) of the four (4) events

- 4 male competitors

If entering female athletes in two (2) of the four (4) events

- 4 female competitors

If entering male athletes in one (1) of the four (4) events

- 2 male competitors

If entering female athletes in one (1) of the four (4) events

- 2 female competitors

7. Staff:

Team BC staff will consist of 2 coaches, 1 Team Manager/Wax Tech

If female athletes are being sent, one of the coaches must be female, if male athletes are being sent, one of the coaches must be male.

SELECTION / RANKING PROCESS

8. BC Snowboard Associations selection committees are restricted by the quotas outlined by section 6. Team Selection will be made at each priority level until there are no remaining eligible athletes in the priority before allocating the quota to the next priority and so on. Once the quota has been met in a discipline or gender, remaining eligible athletes will no longer be eligible for team selection regardless of their ranking.

9. Eligible athletes in all disciplines will be ranked in descending order based on the following priorities:

Priority One (1):

- **SBX:** Athletes will be ranked based on FIS points ranking of the most up-to-date FIS list determined by the PTSA's selection deadline. Female and male athletes will be ranked separately.

- **SS and BA:** Athletes will be ranked based on the Canadian Ranking List (CRL) and WSPL points on the date determined by the PTSA based on their selection deadline. Female and male athletes will be ranked separately.
- **PGS** athletes who meet the minimum eligibility selection requirements must submit an email application to BC Snowboard: meg.heb@live.com with PGS experience and results prior to **December 1, 2022**.
- In the event no PGS athlete submit an application, the remaining SBX athletes will be ranked together to fill the final team spot.

Priority Two (2):

- **Speed and Freestyle Disciplines:** Athletes will be selected based on previous competition experience. Athletes will be prioritized if they have:
 - a. Experience competing or participating at National level (Nationals, NorAm, etc.)
 - b. Experience competing or participating at Provincial level (Provincial Finals, etc.)

Participation may include competing, forerunning, training, or other methods of attending and riding at events.

Priority Three (3):

- Athletes will be selected based on skills outlined in the STP that are expected to reflect the level of training and competition at the CWG. Based on coach evaluations and rider assessments, athlete that can attain most of these skills should be prioritized over athletes who attain less of these skills.
- **Speed Discipline Skills:**
 - Can manage speed
 - Has timing of gross motor movements refined
 - Can show symmetry in turn shape
 - Able to ride varied terrain with speed
 - SBX – Able to navigate Small / Medium features with speed
 - Has basic tactics developed
- **Freestyle Discipline Skills:**
 - Performs varied maneuvers on Small / Medium features
 - Able to enter and exit features both regular and switch
 - Able to maneuver body position on a rail/box using both frontside and backside rotations
 - Able to vary the entrance into a rail/box feature (i.e., lip slides both frontside and backside approaches)
 - Able to spin 180+ off of features in four directions
 - Able to spin 360+ in four directions off jump features
 - Air stability with style (Can grab / tweak grabs) on jumps
 - Perform basic maneuvers on Large features

10. Selection using Priority 2 should be used only if there are no further eligible athletes that meet the criteria of Priority 1 (i.e. athletes do not have FIS points or WSPL points).

Selection using Priority 3 should only be used if there are no further eligible athletes that meet the criteria of Priority 1 or Priority 2 (ie, athletes do not have FIS points or WSPL points, and athletes have not competed at a National or Provincial Level).

11. In the event of a tie within Priority 1 or 2, the tie shall be broken by the best field placement at an event (lowest). This can be determined using the formula:

$$\text{Field placement} = \text{Result} / \text{number of field} * 100$$

12. In the event of a tie within Priority 3, the tie should be broken by coach discretion based on the athlete's motivation and willingness to continue pursuing competitive snowboard following the games. An athlete more willing to pursue competitive snowboarding should be prioritized over an athlete less willing to pursue competitive snowboarding.
13. To aid with ranking process, the *Athlete Ranking Tool* can be utilized by the PTSA as a method to organize and rank the athletes who express interest in the games based on the priorities described in Section 8.

ALTERNATES

14. When a quota is filled, remaining athletes eligible for selection within that quota shall be identified, in order of ranking process outlined in Section 8, as alternates.
15. Should an athlete nominated to the team be unable to participate in a competitive manner for any reasons or decline their participation in the games before the deadline set out by the PTSA, the highest ranked alternate shall replace the athlete in that event(s).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

16. On January 31, 2023, BC Snowboard shall determine the athletes selected for the positions of the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team, together with the athletes selected as alternates for the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team.
17. Subject to any revisions to the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team required by an athlete's decision to decline a selection as a member or by an athlete's inability to participate, BC Snowboard shall submit the list of BC athletes selected to the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team on or before February 17, 2023.

The announcement of selected athletes will be posted at www.bcsnowboard.com and on BC Snowboard social media.

REGISTRATION AND EVENT ENTRIES

18. All participants (athletes, coaches, managers, and additional staff) that are eligible for selection / who wish to represent Team BC at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in PEI

must be registered in the Canada Winter Games electronic system by the end of the day on January 27, 2023

Completing registration through the Canada Winter Games electronic system does not guarantee an athlete a position on the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team.

19. Event Entry Deadline

Event entries for each participant will be confirmed at the Coach/Manager meeting prior to the first event.

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

20. Any decision of relating to the selection of BC Athletes for Canada Winter Games selection may be appealed by any member of BC Snowboard Association who is materially affected by that decision, and who is a member in good standing.

Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the BC Snowboard Association Appeal Policy, which is available on the BC Snowboard website (www.bcsnowboard.com).

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