



BC Team Restructure for 2022-2023

BC Snowboard will be restructuring our existing Team Programs for 2022-2023 to address gaps within the snowboard pathway. These changes will include existing team structure as well as sport development opportunities such as camps and event support.

Slope Team Changes

For the last few years

- the Slope Team has been a named position to the team
- the athletes were required to train within a sanctioned club
- the club would have to provide specific information on training plans to BC Snowboard to be eligible
- the Slope Team had set out specific S/C camps provided to them as well as nutrition and psych speaker series
- there was a small team fee to be eligible for these benefits

NEW for 2022-2023 season

- a 12-month Slope Program is being developed for selected athletes
- the Slope Program will have a lead coach to run the team and training schedule
- if necessary, we will hire additional coaches to assist when needed
- the Slope Program will be a camp-based program similar to our SBX Team Program but geared and focused on the needs of the Slope athletes
- the Slope Program will have a full S/C dryland program as well as nutrition and psych speaker series
- the Program will have specific on snow camps throughout the winter and possible summer training
- examples of possible camps this year could be:
 - In season Whistler jump camps
 - Possible Maximise camps
 - Early season rail camps
 - Yukon camp
 - Sass fee camp
 - Mount Washington spring camp

- the on-snow training will be set up as camp-based training as opposed to daily training
- the Slope Team will follow the BC Provincial Series and AIR NATION Tour throughout the season
- athletes will be required to do a fair bit of travel for camps and competition
- the BC Team will have a small budget to help the team function and will cover the coach's salary as well as all the dryland training
- there will be team fees associated with being part of the team
- all athletes will be responsible for all their own travel expenses (flights, accommodation, ground transportation, food, lift passes and other expenses)
- coach travel expenses will be split by the athletes that are attending the camp or event
- the coaches will do all the team planning and bookings but, in some situations, there may be a need for parents to travel with the athletes

As the Slope Program is camp based

- athletes are encouraged to continue to train with their local sanctioned club program to fill the time between camps, but it is not required
- if an athlete is training within their club, the BC Team coaches will have regular communication with their club coaches to try to work together as much as we can

Athletes selected to the BC Slope Team, have no requirement to train with the BC Team coaches

- athletes are able to continue to train with their current club coaches if they choose
- if an athlete wants to be named to the BC Slope Team there will be requirements that are necessary for them to benefit from being on the team such as CSI carding this season
- all named only athletes will be required to take part in our summer S/C camps
- these camps will be planned to get all the S/C testing done and give the athletes the workout programs for the summer season
- there will be a small team fee for the S/C camps
- all named only athletes to the BC Team could also have the opportunity to be invited to select camps with the BC Team coaches for a daily coaching fee
- this could be beneficial for athletes that want to do their regular training with their current coaches but because of club logistics or restriction may not be able to attend the bigger out of Province camps or events

Development Team Changes

BC Snowboard will be continuing to select athletes to the Development Team for 2022-2023

- our goal of expanding is so we can get as many young athletes into the pathway as possible
- this approach will allow us the opportunity to help clubs and athletes with what they need as they develop as competitive athletes

The Development Team will be an application process

- we will be opening up the age range to include riders as young as 9
- all Development Team athletes will be required to have had a 2021-2022 BC Snowboard membership to be eligible for the 2022-2023 Team
- the Development Team will have a small team fee associated with it to help cover some of the costs for the training
- additional costs will be provided from our Provincial funding
- we are looking at opportunities to have more available for the Development athletes for 2022-2023
- to continue with the dryland training with the Development group, we will have 2 specific S/C camps this summer as well as nutrition and psych speaker series throughout the summer that everyone will be able to take part in
- we will also be looking at possible on snow training opportunities in 2022-2023, which will have an additional cost for coaching at the camps if their club coaches cannot attend