



**Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)
All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy (2024-2025)**

1. INTRODUCTION

BC Snowboard Association receives an annual allocation of All Areas Competitor Passes from Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) for distribution to BC Snowboard athletes who are developing their competitive snowboarding skills and meet the required criteria.

Canada West Ski Areas Association believes that deserving young Ski and Snowboard athletes should be given all the support possible to reach their goal to one day represent Canada in Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships or World Cups. For this reason, CWSAA created the All Areas Competitor Pass to facilitate eligible athletes' access to western Canada's Ski and Snowboard Resorts for the purpose of training and competition.

All athletes must understand that the use of the Competitor Pass is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to represent their respective Sports Discipline in a sportsman-like fashion showing leadership to their fellow athletes.

CWSAA has provided BC Snowboard with the authority to distribute CWSAA All Areas Passes to BC Snowboard athletes and coaches.

2. POLICY

BC Snowboard Association distributes the All Areas Competitor Passes to BC athletes and coaches in a fair and equitable fashion and in accordance with the CWSAA All Areas Competitor Pass Qualifications and Guidelines.

The BC Snowboard Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy is designed to assist qualified competitive BC Snowboard members who compete in FIS disciplines.

3. DEFINITIONS

BC Snowboard: BC Snowboard Association, recognized by Canada Snowboard as the governing body for competitive snowboarding within British Columbia.

CWSAA: Canada West Ski Areas Association, an organization representing ski area operators within Western Canada which provides the All Areas Competitor Passes to the governing bodies.

Competitor Pass (Pass): Competitor's All Areas Passes are issued through BC Snowboard by CWSAA. The number of Passes issued is based on a pro-rated formula through CWSAA based on the number of qualified athletes of BC Snowboard and other governing bodies and will vary from year to year.

Club: A BC based Snowboard Club sanctioned by BC Snowboard which is in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All athletes must be actively training and competing in FIS sanctioned events in disciplines that are part of the Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championships and World Cups.
- 4.2 All athletes MUST meet the following age eligibility rules for the 2024-2025 season:
- 1) Snowboard athletes in Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Big Air must be born between 2005 and 2009;
 - 2) Snowboard athletes in Slopestyle, Big Air and Half Pipe must be born between 2006 and 2010;
 - 3) There are no age restrictions for carded members of the Canadian Para National Team who are permanent residents in BC;
- 4.3 BC athletes on the Canada Snowboard National Team athletes must meet all the regular criteria.
- 4.4 Special consideration may be given to athletes up to 2 years over the base age range or 1 year younger than the minimum age with a letter from their respective National Sports Organization confirming that the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to their National Team in the upcoming competition year.
- 4.5 To qualify for a CWSAA All Areas Pass the athlete MUST meet the following requirements:
- 1) held a BC Snowboard Compete membership for previous (2023-2024) season;
 - 2) hold a BC Snowboard Compete membership for current (2024-2025) season;
 - 3) held a Canadian FIS license for the previous (2023-2024) season;
 - 4) hold a Canadian FIS license for the (2024-2025) season;
 - 5) athlete must have competed in at least 2 FIS events during the 2023-2024 season for Slopestyle and 2 FIS event during the 2022-2023/2023-2024 seasons for Snowboard Cross;
 - 6) athletes must commit to participating in at least 2 FIS events in the 2024-2025 season;
 - 7) be resident in BC; and
 - 8) be named to the 2024-2025 BC Snowboard Provincial Snowboard Cross or Slopestyle Team,
or
be a current and active member of a BC Snowboard sanctioned snowboard club or team.
- 4.6 The priority for Athlete Pass distribution is to the athletes with the highest FIS points in each discipline, based on the last FIS list from 2023-2024 season in the following order:
- 1) BC Provincial Snowboard Cross Team and BC Provincial Slopestyle Team athletes;
 - 2) Club athletes who meet the eligibility criteria.

In the event of a tie of FIS points or ranking, that tie will be broken by the best individual score used to arrive at the total points creating the tie.

- 4.7 Athlete passes must be approved by CWSAA.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.1 BC Snowboard reserves the right to request an updated CWSAA Competitors Pass Report during the season to ensure that the athlete is actively training and competing.

- 5.2 The purpose of the Pass Report is to ensure that the Competitor Pass is being used for its intended purpose. Failure to complete the Pass Report will result in Pass cancellation and ineligibility in the future.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF COACH PASSES

- 6.1 Coach passes are part of the overall provincial quota and will be kept to a minimum.
- 6.2 The priority for Coach Pass distribution is:
- 1) Approved BC Snowboard Provincial Team coaches and support staff;
 - 2) Coaches of BC Snowboard sanctioned clubs (based on 5 athletes to 1 coach ratio) who meet the following conditions:
 - a) Coach must have a minimum of Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program Comp Intro certified status;
 - b) Coach must be in good standing with BC Snowboard and Canada Snowboard;
 - c) Club must provide confirmation of coach employment with sanctioned BC Snowboard Club for the 2024-2025 season; and
 - d) Club must have a minimum of five (5) athletes participating in the Club programs who hold CWSAA pass for the current season.
- 6.3 Coach passes must be approved by CWSAA.

7. APPEALS

- 7.1 Any person wishing to appeal a BC Snowboard selection decision must do so in accordance with the BC Snowboard Appeals Policy.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1 Once a CWSAA pass is approved, it is non-transferrable.
- 8.2 Once a CWSAA pass is issued, it becomes non-refundable except in cases of serious injury.
- 8.3 Circumstances not otherwise covered by this Canada West All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy shall be brought before the Executive Committee of BC Snowboard through the Executive Director.

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