



## 2023 Canada Winter Games Athlete Selection Protocol

### INTRODUCTION

1. Ontario Snowboard aims to identify and select the best possible team to represent Ontario at the 2023 Canada Winter Games P.E.I
2. The 2023 CWG will be hosted for the following disciplines:
  - a. Snowboard Cross
  - b. Parallel Giant Slalom
  - c. Slopestyle
  - d. Big Air
3. This document sets out guidelines for Ontario Snowboard to identify and select athletes and alternative athletes for their respective team to compete in the Games.
4. Provincial / Territorial Association have been granted the right to select their respective athletes in the listed events to the PEI Canada Winter Games Team. This document includes Canada Snowboard guidelines for provinces. For more information on any eligibility or criteria outlined in this document, visit the [Snowboard Technical Package](#) created in conjunction with Canada Games Council and Canada Snowboard.

### TERMS

The following abbreviated terms and definitions are used in this Selection Protocol:

- a. CS: Canada Snowboard
- b. FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
- c. CRL: Canadian Ranking List
- d. WSPL: World Snowboard Points List
- e. CWG: Canada Winter Games
- f. PTSA: Provincial / Territorial Snowboard Association
- g. STP: Snowboard Technical Package
- h. LTAD: Long Term Athlete Development
- i. CGC: Canada Games Council
- j. SBX: Snowboard Cross
- k. PGS: Parallel Giant Slalom
- l. SS: Slopestyle
- m. BA: Big Air

### ELIGIBILITY

5. To be eligible to for the selection process to the Canada Winter Games (CWG) Team, an athlete must:
  - a. Be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident. For details on permanent residency, visit [CGC Eligibility Policy](#).
  - b. Be in good standing with Canada Snowboard and with Ontario Snowboard.
  - c. Have approved medical insurance with Sport Accident Insurance Program (SAIP).



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- d. Be free of any banned substances and willing to submit to random drug tests during training and competition.
- e. Required commitments to specific sessions or events leading up to the games as required by Team Ontario.
- f. Be a resident of Ontario, competed for Ontario for the past 12 months and will compete for Ontario for the 2022-23 season
- g. Be a member of an active club/program with OS or CS, working with a CSCP licensed coach whose training/certification fulfils the needs of the LTAD stage 4 athletes
- h. Have held an Ontario Snowboard/ Canada Snowboard membership and FIS License for the 2021-2022 season
- i. Have competed in the FIS/Open category for their discipline during the 2021-2022 season fulfilling the training /competition needs for LTAD Stage 4 athletes
- j. Have received coach recommendation which will be obtained by Ontario Snowboard prior to selection
- k. **For Freestyle Disciplines:** Be 13-17 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (Born 2005-2009).
- l. **For Speed Disciplines:** Be 15-19 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (Born 2003-2007).

Age categories for snowboard are designed to target individuals in [Train to Train – Stage 4 of the LTAD](#).

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

### 6. 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 (i.e. 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.



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Requests must be submitted to the respective P/T Team Chef de Mission and approved by the CGC's Eligibility Committee.

### TEAM SIZES

7. The Snowboard Technical Package establishes that each province is limited to the following maximum selection amounts:
  - a. If entering male athletes in at least three (3) of the four (4) events: *5 male competitors*
  - b. If entering female athletes in at least three (3) of the four (4) events: *5 female competitors*
  - c. If entering male athletes in at least two (2) of the four (4) events: *4 male competitors*
  - d. If entering female athletes in at least two (2) of the four (4) events: *4 female competitors*
  - e. If entering male athletes in at least one (1) of the four (4) events: *3 male competitors*
  - f. If entering female athletes in at least one (1) of the four (4) events: *3 female competitors*

All registered athletes must compete in at least one event.

### RANKING PROCESS

8. Ontario Snowboard is restricted by the quotas outlined by section 7 and have developed the below selection criteria to maximize participation with the intent to send five males and five female athletes to the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

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

#### **Priority One (1): to name the top male and female in Alpine, Snowboardcross and Freestyle**

- **Speed Disciplines:** **ELIGIBLE** athletes will be ranked based on **FIS points** ranking using the 2022-2023 Base List. Female and male athletes will be ranked separately.
- **Freestyle Disciplines:** **ELIGIBLE** athletes will be ranked based on the Canadian Ranking List (CRL) and **WSPL points** as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Female and male athletes will be ranked separately.

#### **Priority Two (2): to name the remaining two (2) male and female positions to fill the team roster as well as identify alternates to be named**

- **ELIGIBLE Speed and Freestyle** athletes will be ranked using their **International FIS Rank** from the **2021-2022 13<sup>th</sup> FIS List** to determine overall ranking for selection. Selections will be made by alternating between speed and freestyle in order of Rank.

Athletes selected for the 2023 Canada Winter Games may choose to compete in more than one discipline.



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9. 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:

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

### ALTERNATES

10. 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 Priority two (2), as alternates.
11. 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 Team Ontario, the highest ranked alternate shall replace the athlete in his or her event(s).

### HEALTH-RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

12. There may be occasions when an athlete who is otherwise selected to participate is, or becomes, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities, unable to compete. In such circumstances, the PTSA shall have the discretion to replace this athlete with another eligible athlete, provided that the athlete with the health-related curtailment has been assessed by an approved physician and such assessment supports this decision

### APPEALS:

Appeals to Ontario Snowboard's Provincial Team Selections may be made by any member of Ontario Snowboard who is materially affected by the selection, and who is a member in good standing. Appeals must be made under OS's Appeals Policy which can be found on Ontario Snowboard's website [www.ontariosnowboard.ca](http://www.ontariosnowboard.ca). A non-refundable appeal fee of \$50 shall apply.