

ONTARIO SNOWBOARD

2025-2026 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM ONTARIO SNOWBOARD PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION PROTOCOL

INTRODUCTION:

1. The High-Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named by Ontario Snowboard (OS) and who are then eligible to accept their position on the team, complete athlete agreement and pay team fees to receive support directly from OS. Athletes named to the HPP are recognized as members of the Ontario Snowboard Provincial Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard.
2. Eligible athletes named as members of the Ontario Snowboard Provincial Team will be considered based on the following ages as outlined in section 15.
 - Alpine/Snowboardcross: Aged 15 years or older as of December 31, 2025
 - Halfpipe/Slopestyle & Big Air: Aged 13 years or older as of December 31, 2025
 - Para-Snowboard: case by case basis
3. This *“High Performance Program Selection Protocol”* sets out the process of:
 - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2025-2026 High Performance Program in the snowboard disciplines of; Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard; and
 - b. Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2025-2026 Ontario Snowboard Provincial Team.
4. This High-Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Ontario Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Ontario Snowboard website (www.ontariosnowboard.ca).
5. Athletes eligible for selection to the HPP are identified, ranked, and offered Provincial Team positions according to OS’s formal ‘Selection Process’ detailed in this document.

TERMS:

6. The following abbreviated terms are used in the Selection Protocol:
 - FIS Federation Internationale de Ski
 - OS Ontario Snowboard
 - CS Canada Snowboard
 - CRL Canadian Ranking List
 - HPP High Performance Program
 - CSCP Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
 - LTAD Long Term Athlete Development

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- PGS Parallel Giant Slalom
- PSL Parallel Slalom
- SBX Snowboardcross
- SS Slopestyle
- BA Big Air
- HP Halfpipe

GENERAL CONSIDERATION:

7. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the HP Director, HPP Manager and the High-Performance Committee.
8. The Selection Committee will meet on or before May 1st, 2025, to identify and recommend athletes for the HPP for the 2025-2026 season.
9. Ontario Snowboard will notify recommended athletes and post selections no later than May 2nd, 2025.
10. The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made based on the athlete's performance during the 2024-2025 season as outlined in the eligibility and selection criteria section of this document.
11. All HPP athletes' selections are for a one-year period, ending on April 30, 2026.
12. The maximum number of available positions is outlined in the Team Structure section of this document.
Note: Due to financial constraints, the HPP may **NOT** be able to support the athletes financially.
13. Athlete's ranking based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection (for available HPP positions). However, the Ontario Snowboard HP Director and HPP Manager may recommend athletes for selection in an order other than that indicated by the rankings. The grounds for any such recommendations must be set out in detail and must be in accordance with the Exceptional Considerations set out in sections 23 to 27.

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

14. To be eligible for selection to the HPP, an athlete must:
 - a. Be in good standing with Ontario Snowboard.

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- b. Have had Ontario as their province of origin/place of residence for the 12 months prior to the selection date.
 - c. 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 LTD Framework stage 4-5 athletes.
 - d. Have held an Ontario Snowboard membership for the 2024-2025 season,
 - e. Have participated in the following if the competitions were executed:
 1. Alpine/Snowboardcross: the 2025 Ontario Provincial Championships and the 2025 Canadian National Championships.
 2. Halfpipe/Slopestyle & Big Air: the 2025 Ontario Provincial Championships and the 2025 Canadian National Championships.
 - f. Not be a current member of the CS HPP (National Team, NextGen or Development Groups).
15. To be eligible, an athlete must be born prior to:
- Alpine/Snowboardcross: December 31, 2010 (15+)
 - Halfpipe/Slopestyle & Big Air: December 31, 2012 (13+)
 - Para-Snowboard: case by case basis
16. An athlete who does not meet the eligibility criteria set out above may be considered for the selection if she or he meets the conditions of the Exceptional Considerations provisions set out in sections 23 to 27.

TEAM STRUCTURE:

17. Ontario Snowboard will name athletes in the Olympic disciplines (Alpine, Slopestyle & Big Air, Halfpipe and Snowboardcross) and one (1) Para-snowboard discipline (Snowboardcross). Genders will be weighted by participation with a minimum of one (1) athlete per discipline per gender (where applicable).
18. A maximum of 36 athletes will be named to the Ontario Snowboard Development Teams, with a maximum of 6 athletes named to the Ontario Snowboard Development Team per discipline per gender. The selection committee will consider the Exceptional Considerations provisions set out in sections 23-27 and may select additional athletes above the maximum. Athletes that are selected through eligibility and ranking will not be affected.
19. Athletes that accept their position on the team will be required to complete the athlete agreement, pay team fees, and adhere to athletic obligations outlined in Section 28 of this document.

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ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA:

20. Alpine/Snowboardcross

- a. Priority 1
 1. Any Ontario athlete who is named the 2025 Canadian Senior National or 2025 FIS Junior National Champion will automatically be named to the Provincial Team.
- b. Priority 2
 1. The most current FIS points list for the respective disciplines as of April 21st, 2025 will be used to determine the ranking order.
- c. Priority 3
 1. If Team positions remain, athletes that due to age have moved from Development to Provincial Team but have not had the opportunity to compete in FIS events will be considered based on Coach recommendation and results from the 2024-2025 season.

21. Slopestyle & Big Air/Halfpipe

- a. Priority 1
 1. Any Ontario athlete who is named 2025 Canadian Senior National or 2025 FIS Junior National Champion will automatically be named to the Provincial Team.
- b. Priority 2
 1. The most current World Snowboard Points List for the respective disciplines as of April 1st, 2025, will be used to determine the ranking order.
- c. Priority 3
 2. If Team positions remain, athletes that due to age have moved from Development to Provincial Team but have not had the opportunity to compete in FIS events will be considered based on Coach recommendation and results from the 2024-2025 season.
 - 3.

22. Para-Snowboard

- a. Any Ontario athlete named 2025 Para-Snowboard National Champion will be named to the Provincial Team.
- b. A Para-Snowboard athlete must have participated in a minimum of two (2) provincial events to be considered.

EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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23. An athlete may be considered for the HPP if she or he resides outside of the province of Ontario as they attend a post-secondary institution, but Ontario remains their primary place of residence. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
24. An athlete may be considered for the HPP if she or he resides outside of the province of Ontario to receive the required level of training not available in Ontario and is out of the province temporarily during the year. (i.e. Due to lack of facilities, coaching and/or competitions). Ontario must remain the athlete's province of residence.
25. It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstance, be unable to participate in the 2025 Ontario Provincial Championships and/or 2025 Canadian National Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
26. If an athlete did not participate in the 2025 Ontario Provincial Championships and/or 2025 National Championships, the selection committee will request additional information from the athlete prior to selection. Each athlete will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and in such circumstances the athlete may remain eligible for selection.
27. A Para-Snowboard athlete that was not a member of an active club/program with OS or CS for the 2024-2025 season due to the nature of developing Para-Snowboard programs in the province may remain eligible for selection.

ATHLETIC OBLIGATION:

28. As part of the Ontario Snowboard, HPP athletes will be required to meet the following expectations and obligations:
 - a. Accept their team position through completion of the OS HPP Athlete Agreement within 1 week of notification of selection to the HPP.
 - b. Pay Team Fees as outlined in the OS HPP Athlete Agreement
 - c. Participate in a minimum of two (2) fitness testing sessions scheduled (if testing is possible) for the HPP athlete's pre and post season. If the athlete is unable to attend the fitness testing session, they will be required to submit testing results within two (2) weeks of the scheduled session.
 - d. Participate in any auxiliary training organized and scheduled by OS for HPP athletes.

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- e. Participate in the minimum number of events required to be eligible for selection to the HPP for the discipline they represent.
- f. Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner while representing OS.
- g. Adhere to the OS Athlete Code of Conduct.
- h. Always wear supplied OS clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances, and other team appearances as directed by OS.
- i. Submit a yearly training program to the HP Director, with quarterly updates on progress and changes, on an agreed upon schedule set forth by OS.

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. A non-refundable appeal fee of \$50 shall apply.