

# ONTARIO SNOWBOARD

## 2026-2027 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

### ONTARIO SNOWBOARD DEVELOPMENT TEAM SELECTION PROTOCOL

*Approved by the Ontario Snowboard High Performance Committee March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026*

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Ontario Snowboard Development Team 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.
2. Eligible athletes named as members of the Ontario Snowboard Development team will be considered based on the following ages as outlined in section 14.
  - Slopestyle/Halfpipe: aged 13-15 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, born in the years 2011, 2012 & 2013.
  - Alpine/Snowboardcross: aged 13-15 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, born in the years 2011, 2012 & 2013.
  - Para-Snowboard: case by case basis
3. This *“The Ontario Snowboard Development Team Selection Protocol”* sets out the process of:
  - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2026-2027 Ontario Snowboard Development Team in all the snowboard disciplines; Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard; and
  - b. Determining which athletes shall be offered positions on the 2026-2027 Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard Ontario Snowboard Development Team.
4. This Ontario Snowboard Development Team Selection Protocol and other Ontario Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Ontario Snowboard website ([www.ontariosnowboard.ca](http://www.ontariosnowboard.ca)).
5. Athletes eligible for selection to the Ontario Snowboard Development Team are identified, ranked and offered Ontario Snowboard Development 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

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- CRL Canadian Ranking List
- HPP High Performance Program
- CSCP Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
- LTAD Long Term Athlete Development
- 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 and the High-Performance Committee.
8. The Selection Committee will meet on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to identify and recommend athletes for selection to the Ontario Snowboard Development Team for the 2026-2027 season.
9. Ontario Snowboard will notify recommended athletes and post selections no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.
10. The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made based on the athletes' performance during the 2025-2026 season.
11. All Ontario Snowboard Development Team athletes' selections are for a one-year period, ending on April 30, 2027.

The maximum number of available positions in the Ontario Snowboard Development Team shall be identified at the outset of the selection process. **Note:** Due to constraints, Ontario Snowboard may **not** be able to support the athletes financially.

12. Athlete's ranking based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection (for available Ontario Snowboard Development Team positions). However, the Ontario Snowboard HP Director 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 22 to 25.

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#### IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

13. To be eligible for selection to the Ontario Snowboard Development Team, an athlete must:
- Be in good standing with Ontario Snowboard
  - Have had Ontario as their province of origin/place of residence for the prior 12 months.
  - 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
  - Have held an OS membership for the 2025-2026 season
  - Have participated in a minimum of two (2) Ontario Snowboard Points Series events and the 2026 Ontario Provincial Championships (if applicable) for the nominated discipline.
14. Age:
- Slopestyle/Halfpipe: aged 13-15 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, born in the years 2011, 2012 & 2013.
  - Alpine/Snowboardcross: aged 13-15 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, born in the years 2011, 2012 & 2013.
  - Para-Snowboard: case by case basis
15. 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 Circumstances provisions set out in sections 22 to 25.

#### TEAM STRUCTURE:

16. Ontario Snowboard will name athletes in the Olympic disciplines (Alpine, Freestyle 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).
17. 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 22-26 and may select additional athletes above the maximum. Athletes that are selected through eligibility and ranking will not be affected.

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18. 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 26 of this document.

#### **ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA:**

##### 19. Alpine/Snowboardcross

###### a. Priority 1

1. Any eligible Ontario athlete who is named the 2026 Canadian U15 or U13 National Champion or the 2026 Ontario Snowboard U15 or U13 Provincial Champion will automatically be named to the Development Team.

###### b. Priority 2

1. Riders will be ranked, within their category and by gender, based on their top three results from the Ontario Snowboard Series and Ontario Snowboard Championships (if applicable).

###### c. Priority 3

1. If team positions remain, athletes can be considered based on Coach recommendation.

##### 20. Slopestyle & Big Air/Halfpipe

###### a. Priority 1

1. Any eligible Ontario athlete who is named the 2026 Canadian U15 National Champion or the 2026 Ontario Snowboard 13+ Non-FIS Provincial Champion will automatically be named to the Development Team.

###### b. Priority 2

1. Riders will be ranked, within their category and by gender, based on their top three results from the Ontario Snowboard Series and Ontario Snowboard Championships (if applicable).

###### c. Priority 3

1. If team positions remain, athletes can be considered based on Coach recommendation.

##### 21. Para-Snowboard

- a. Any Ontario athlete named 2026 Para-Snowboard Provincial Champion will be automatically named to the Development Team.

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- b. Para-Snowboard athletes will have needed to participate in a minimum of 2 provincial events to be considered.

#### EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 22. An athlete may be considered for the Development Team if she or he resides outside of the province of Ontario as they attend school, but Ontario remains their primary place of residence. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
- 23. An athlete may be considered for the Development Team 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).
- 24. 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 2026 Ontario Provincial Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
- 25. If an athlete did not participate in the minimum number of events to be eligible, the selection committee may 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.
- 26. Para-Snowboard athletes may be waived the requirement of a club membership for the 2025-26 season due to the nature of developing Para-Snowboard programs in the province.

#### ATHLETIC OBLIGATION:

- 27. As part of the Ontario Snowboard Ontario Snowboard Development Team athletes will be required to meet the following expectation and obligation.
  - 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 one (1) fitness testing session scheduled (if testing is possible) for the athlete's pre 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.



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- d. Participate in any auxiliary training organized and scheduled by OS for athletes.
- e. Participate in the minimum number of events required to be eligible for selection to the team 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.

#### **APPEALS:**

Appeals to Ontario Snowboard's Development 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.