

ONTARIO SNOWBOARD

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SELECTION PROTOCOL ALPINE, HALFPIPE, SLOPESTYLE & BIG AIR, SNOWBOARDCROSS AND PARA-SNOWBOARD PROVINCIAL A and B TEAM 2020-2021

INTRODUCTION:

1. The High-Performance Program (HPP) consists of those athletes formally named by Ontario Snowboard (OS) and who are then eligible to receive support directly from OS, based on available funding. Athletes' named to the HPP are recognized as members of Ontario Snowboard's Provincial A Team or Ontario Snowboard's Provincial B Team in the disciplines of Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross or Para-Snowboard.
2. This "*High Performance Program Selection Protocol*" sets out the process of:
 - a. Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2020/2021 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 2020-2021 Alpine, Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Big Air, Snowboardcross and Para-Snowboard Provincial A Team or B Team.
3. This High Performance Program Selection Protocol and other Ontario Snowboard Selection Protocols are published on the Ontario Snowboard web site (www.ontariosnowboard.ca).
4. 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.

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TERMS:

5. 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
- PGS Parallel Giant Slalom
- PSL Parallel Slalom
- SBX Snowboardcross
- SS Slopestyle
- BA Big Air
- HP Halfpipe

GENERAL CONSIDERATION:

6. The Selection Committee will be comprised of the HPP Manager, and the High Performance Committee.
7. The Selection Committee will meet on or before September 15th, 2020 to identify and recommend athletes for the HPP for the 2020-2021 season.
8. Ontario Snowboard will notify recommended athletes and post selections no later than September 30th, 2020.
9. The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athlete's performance during the 2019-2020 season as outlined in the eligibility and selection criteria section of this document.
10. All HPP athletes' selections are for a one-year period, ending on May 31st, 2021.

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11. 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.

12. Athlete's ranking based on the selection process will ordinarily determine the order of selection (for available HPP positions). However, the Ontario Snowboard HPP Manager has the right to 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 below.

IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

13. To be eligible for selection to the HPP, an athlete must:
 - a. Be in good standing with Ontario Snowboard,
 - 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 fulfills the needs of the LTAD stage 4-5 athletes,
 - d. Have held an Ontario Snowboard membership for the 2019-2020 season,
 - e. Have participated in the 2020 Ontario Provincial Championships and the 2020 Canadian National Championships in their discipline (unless unable to participate due to event cancellation),
 - f. Not be a current member of the CS HPP (National Team, NextGen or Development Groups)

14. To be eligible, an athlete must be born prior to:
 - Alpine/Snowboardcross: December 31, 2005 (15+)
 - Halfpipe/Slopestyle & Big Air: December 31, 2008 (12+)
 - Para-Snowboard: case by case basis

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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 Considerations provisions set out below.

TEAM STRUCTURE:

16. Ontario Snowboard will name athletes in the Olympic disciplines (Alpine, Halfpipe, 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).
17. A maximum of 60 athletes will be named to the HPP/Ontario Provincial teams, with a maximum of three (3) athletes per discipline per gender to the Provincial A Team and three (3) athletes per discipline per gender to the Provincial B Team.

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA:

18. Alpine/Snowboardcross
 - a. Priority 1
 1. Any Ontario athlete who is named the Canadian Senior National or Junior FIS 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 June 1st, 2020 will be used to determine the ranking order.
19. Slopestyle & Big Air/Halfpipe
 - a. Priority 1
 1. Any Ontario athlete who is named Canadian Senior National or Junior National Champion will automatically be named to the Provincial Team.
 - b. Priority 2
 1. The most current Canadian Ranking List for the respective disciplines as of June 1st, 2020 will be used to determine the ranking order.

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20. Para-Snowboard

- a. Any Ontario athlete named Para-Snowboard Provincial 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:

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 Ontario Provincial Championships. In such circumstances the athlete shall remain eligible for selection.
24. If an athlete did not participate in the 2019/2020 Ontario Provincial Championships and/or 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.
25. A Para-Snowboard athlete that is not a member of an active club/program with OS or CS for the 2019/20 season due to the nature of developing Para-Snowboard programs in the province may remain eligible for selection.

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ATHLETIC OBLIGATION:

26. 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 Contract within 1 week of notification of selection to the HPP.
 - b. Participate in a minimum of two (2) fitness testing sessions scheduled (if hosting 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.
 - c. Participate in any auxiliary training organized and scheduled by OS for HPP athletes.
 - d. Participate in the minimum number of events required to be eligible for selection to the HPP for the discipline they represent.
 - e. Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsman like manner while representing OS.
 - f. Adhere to the OS Athlete Code of Conduct
 - g. Always wear supplied OS clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances, and other team appearances as directed by OS.
 - h. Submit a yearly training program to the High-Performance Manager, 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.