



2019 Canada Games Eligibility Criteria

(Approved by SBNS Board of Directors - Approved November 6th, 2016)

Objectives:

1. Snowboard Nova Scotia (SBNS) aims to identify and select the best possible team to represent the province of Nova Scotia at the 2019 Canada Games in Red Deer, Alberta.
2. SBNS aims to follow a selection policy that is consistent, fair, transparent, and democratic.
3. To ensure the integrity and quality of the Nova Scotia Canada Games Snowboard Team, SBNS will attempt to identify only those individual athletes that are likely to achieve a podium performance or a top 8 performance as determined by meeting the minimum technical criteria and by consideration by members of the Canada Games Selection Committee.
4. Where no athletes are successful in meeting the discipline specific technical criteria as determined to achieve a top 8 place finish at the Canada Games, and where SBNS determines that additional participation is necessary to ensure the inclusion of snowboarding in future Canada Games, SBNS may advise the selection committee to lower the standard to ensure a minimum participation to protect inclusion of snowboarding in future Canada Games.

2019 Nova Scotia Canada Games Snowboard Team Composition:

Athletes:

Freestyle: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

Parallel Giant Slalom: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

Snowboardcross: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

Athletes Eligibility:

General

- Qualification events for the Canada Games Snowboard Team selection will occur from November 1st, 2017 until January 19th, 2019. A separate Appendix (Appendix A) will be issued and updated yearly, outlining specific qualifying events.
- All athletes must be in good standing with Canada Snowboard and Snowboard Nova Scotia.
- Excluded from the Canada Games Snowboard events are:
 - Senior National Team athletes.
 - Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 3 of the Technical Package. (This will be outlined below per discipline)
 - Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time.
 - Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: Senior World Championships, Olympic Games, or FIS University Games.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or National Team status (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after November 10th, 2018

- All athletes must meet the minimum physical benchmarks set out by the Canada Games Selection Committee. (Appendix B)
- All athletes must attend physical testing sessions based on Canada Games Snowboard Team schedule.
- Athletes who miss two organized testing sessions within the qualification period will be removed from the program and will no longer be considered for the team.

Medical reasons or compassionate grounds may be accepted from the coaching staff, if they are discussed prior to the test deadline in question.

- Attend the Canada Games Seminars in the fall & winter of the 2019 season.
- Be free of any banned substance, and be willing to submit to random drug tests during training and competition.
- Have paid all fees, club fees, and ensure proper registration with SBNS.
- Agree to abide by the Canada Games Code of Conduct during training and competition.
- Attend a minimum total of two NorAm competitions, or equivalent, in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons.
- Attend 2018/2019 pre-season training camp.
- Attend Canada Games snowboard camps as outlined by the season's mandatory attendance schedule.

Discipline Specific Eligibility

Freestyle (Halfpipe & Slopestyle)

- Maximum age is 17 years old as of December 31, 2018. Minimum age is 13 years old as of December 31, 2018.
- Birth years 2001 - 2005 inclusive.
- Meet the minimum riding standards outlined in Appendix C.
- Be a SBNS provincial team rider.

Parallel Giant Slalom

- Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2018. Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2018.
- Birth years 1999 - 2003 inclusive
- Be competing at the North American cup level.
- Be a SBNS provincial team rider.

Snowboardcross

- Maximum age is 19 years old as of December 31, 2018. Minimum age is 15 years old as of December 31, 2018.
- Birth years 1999 - 2003 inclusive
- Be competing at the North American Cup Level
- Be a SBNS provincial team rider.

Selection Criteria

The number of competitive opportunities available to SBNS athletes in each event is established by Canada Snowboard and the Canada Winter Games. SBNS may choose to offer competitive opportunities to fewer athletes than the maximum allowed by the quota spot.

The allocation of CWG Team places will be determined by the following selection document;

SNOWBOARD NOVA SCOTIA SELECTION PROCEDURES 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

INTRODUCTION

1. The 2019 Canada Winter Games will take place February 15 until March 3, 2019.
2. The 2019 Canada Winter Games include the following Snowboard events:
Men's Parallel Giant Slalom
Women's Parallel Giant Slalom
Men's Halfpipe
Women's Halfpipe
Men's Slope Style
Women's Slope Style
Men's Snowboardcross
Women's Snowboardcross
3. Results used for purposes of determining eligibility and ranking for selection shall be drawn from the events listed in the Appendix A only.
4. SBNS has been granted the right to select athletes in the above listed events to the Nova Scotia Canada Winter Games Team. Selections made by SBNS will be based upon the policies and procedures set out herein, SBNS 2019 Canada Games Eligibility document and on general SBNS policies and procedures referenced herein.
5. This Canada Winter Games Selection Protocol sets out the process of:
 - a) Identifying those athletes who are eligible for selection to the 2015 Canada Winter Games Team; and
 - b) From this group, determining those athletes who shall be selected to compete in the Games

TERMS

6. The following abbreviated terms and definitions are used in this Section Protocol:
 - a) C~S: Canada Snowboard
 - b) FIS: Fédération Internationale de Ski
 - c) CWG: Canada Winter Games
 - d) SBNS: Snowboard Nova Scotia
 - e) CGC: Canada Games Council
 - f) STP: Snowboard Technical Package

MANDATE

7. The Canada Games Council and the Canada Games Host Society are the bodies responsible for staging the Canada Winter Games.

8. C~S is recognized by the CGC as the national governing body for the sport of snowboarding in Canada. The STP (developed by C~S and approved by CGC) determines the overall maximum number of snowboard athletes that may participate in the Canada Winter Games and establishes an eligibility standard that all participating athletes must attain. The STP also establishes quotas for each province with respect to that province's maximum team size, maximum number of athletes per gender, and maximum number of athletes per event.

9. SBNS is mandated by the C~S to nominate those athletes that it wishes to have represent Canada in the 2019 Canada Winter Games, in accordance with criteria established by SBNS.

OBJECTIVES

10. SBNS's primary objective at the 2019 CWG is to win three medals. Accordingly, the greatest priority will be given to athletes who have demonstrated CWG medal winning potential. Medal winning potential is generally considered to be demonstrated through performance at specific identified events ("performance on demand") or the achievement of at least two top six results amongst Canada Games age-eligible athletes in NorAm or equivalent competition during the year leading up to the CWG. In the event of other considerations being generally equal, priority consideration may be given to athletes who have demonstrated such results.

11. SBNS's secondary objective at the 2019 CWG is to place at least 67% of its participating athletes (8 of 12) in the top eight in their events. Accordingly, second priority will be given to athletes who have established a consistent record of top ten results in Noram level competition amongst Canada Games age-eligible athletes.

QUOTAS

12. The STP establishes that each province is limited to the following maximum selection amounts:

Freestyle: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

Parallel Giant Slalom: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

Snowboard cross: Up to 2 male and 2 female competitors.

****** At the discretion of coaching staff, SBNS can select up to two male and two female competitors from the final team selected to compete in a different snowboard discipline than the one they are selected for. The Athlete **MUST** compete in the event that they are primarily selected for.

ELIGIBILITY

13. To be eligible for selection, the athletes must meet the criteria and the discipline specific criteria set out in the SBNS Eligibility document

14. The Qualification Period shall be the period from November 1st, 2017 through January 19th, 2019.

15. Events to be considered as qualifying events during the qualification period are listed in Appendix A. The event shall be inadmissible as a qualifying event if the total field is fewer than 15 competitors (men) or 10 competitors (women). Appendix A will be updated in October (2017 and 2018) and as events are changed/released. Appendix A will be published on Snowboard Nova Scotia's website.

16. SBNS retains the right, in the event of circumstances such as changes to the competition calendar, the cancellation of events, or the staging of events in sub-standard conditions, to replace any of the competitions set out in Appendix A with other competitions. In making any such replacements SBNS shall exercise its best efforts to replace competitions with ones that are similar in terms of dates, locations, and type of course.

Selection PROCESS

17. SBNS shall identify the athletes it will select for competitive opportunities in the 2019 CWG in three categories:

- a) National Development and Next Gen Team selection outlined in sections 27 and 28
- b) **“Podium Selections”** shall be identified on the basis of Sections 29 through 31.
- c) **“Other Selections”** shall be identified on the basis of Sections 32 through 35 below.

Those identified athletes, along with coaching reports, event results, testing results and any additional relevant information will be past along to the SBNS CWG Selection committee for final team selection.

18. National Development and Next Gen Team Athletes shall be selected first. “Podium Selections” shall be selected second. “Other Selections” shall be selected to last fill any positions not filled by the first two selections.

19. SBNS reserves the right to select athletes for nomination in an order other than that indicated by the selection rankings or for a discipline that they are not competing in. In such cases, SBNS must record in detail the reasons for its decisions. These reasons must reflect the objectives of SBNS as presented in these Selection Procedures.

20. Grounds which may be considered in decisions such as those indicated in Section 24 shall include, but may not be limited to:

a) The athlete's commitment to a long-term training program, as demonstrated by training logs, evaluations, and other documentation maintained by the athlete and her or his coach.

b) The athlete's level of physical conditioning, evaluated in terms of the physical conditioning benchmarks established for the Provincial Team Program, and available for review on www.snowboardnovascotia.ca.

c) The athlete's level of mental training, evaluated in terms of the maintenance of a daily log book, and in terms of the recommendations for psychological and lifestyle development in Stage 5 of Vision 2020: The Long Term Athlete Development Plan for Snowboarding in Canada. These are available for review on <http://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/>

d) Anomalies in competitions, arising from factors such as weather or abnormally large or small field sizes, which are determined to be a factor in the attainment of or failure to attain results.

e) Gaps in the points used to rank athletes, which may be taken to represent a significant gap in performance ability. For instance, if three athletes have 100, 97, and 96 points respectively, and the next ranked athlete has 85 points, a gap may be said to exist which indicates an athlete's potential ability or inability to compete at the same level as other SBNS athletes.

f) Competitive opportunities lost due to a health-related curtailment of activities, and/or the athlete's managed recovery from a health-related curtailment of activities.

21. Any decision to select an athlete in an order other than indicated by the rankings shall be done through consultation with the coaches of the athletes involved.

RANKING OF ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

22. All eligible athletes shall be ranked within their category. The purpose of the ranking is to establish the order in which athletes are nominated, within their category, to participate in the 2019 CWG.

23. Rankings will be composed of two items, event results and assessments outlined below:

75% of the athletes final ranking shall be based on the average of each athlete's percentile of field placing's in her or his three (3) best results from the eligible competitions outlined in Appendix A. Percentile of field placing is calculated according to the following formula: $(\text{Field size} - \text{Placing}) / \text{Field Size} \times 100$

10% of the athletes final ranking shall be based on the coach's skill assessment form in training.

10% of the athletes final ranking shall be based on the coach's skill assessment form from events.

5% of the athletes final ranking shall be based on the athletes final testing evaluation prior to the selection

24. In the calculation of percentile of field placing, a maximum field size of 80 athletes will be used, regardless of the actual field size.

25. In the calculation of percentile of field placing, entries with Disqualification (DSQ) and Did Not Finish (DNF) results are included with a 0%; entries with Did Not Start (DNS) results will not be included unless the athlete does not have three results.

26. In the event of a tie in the final overall rankings, the tie will be broken by each tied athlete's single best percentile of field placing during the period (then second best, then third best, and so on) until the tie is broken.

Priority 1 - National Development and Next Gen Team Selection's

27. All athletes who are currently selected to a National Development or Next Gen team, at the time of the selection, who meet the eligibility requirements will receive priority for team selection.

28. Those athletes shall be ranked and nominated in the order of their ranking outlined in section 22 to 26 until the relevant event or gender quota is filled.

Priority 2 - Podium Selections

29. If all Team spots are not filled with priority 1 selections, then all athletes who achieve a top four result in an event in Eligible Competitions (as set out in Appendix A) shall be eligible for Priority 2 - Podium Selection in that discipline.

30. All athletes eligible for Podium Selection shall be ranked and nominated in the order of their ranking until the relevant event or gender quota is filled.

31. An athlete may become eligible for, and may be awarded, a podium selection in more than one event but will receive their final selection in their top performing event

Priority 3 – Other Nominations

32. Eligible athletes, other than Priority 1 and 2 selected athletes, shall be awarded remaining quota spots based on their ranking as set out in Sections 22 through 26 above.

33. All athletes eligible for Priority 3 selection shall be ranked and selected in the order of their ranking until the relevant event or gender quota is filled.

34. An athlete may become eligible for, and may be awarded, Priority 3 selection in more than one event.

35. An athlete selected for one discipline may at his or her coach's discretion compete in an additional event at the CWG. Should more athletes be nominated for a second event than there are quota spots, athletes will be ranked according to other experience/performance in the secondary event during the qualifying period

ALTERNATES

36. When a quota (maximum two athletes per event, per gender) is filled, remaining athletes eligible for selection within that quota shall be identified, in order of their ranking outlined in section 22 to 26, as alternates.

37. SBNS shall identify all athletes who meet the criteria for selection set out above, but who cannot be selected due to quota limitations, as alternates in their specific event or events.

38. Should a nominated athlete, at any time before the CWG nomination deadline decline his or her selection or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced by the highest ranked alternate (or alternates) in his or her event (or events).

39. Should SBNS not otherwise fill its overall quota by January 23, 2019, it shall include in its selections sufficient alternates to fill its overall quota, regardless of gender or event restrictions. These alternates shall be chosen in order of ranking, with one alternate chosen in each event for which an alternate is available before a second alternate is chosen in any event. Alternates so chosen shall not be entered into CWG competition except as set out in Sections 43 and 44.

40. Should a selected athlete, at any time between January 23rd, 2019 and the sport entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. (a.s.t.) February 1st, 2019, decline his or her nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the approval of SBNS Selection Committee, by the highest ranked Alternate (or Alternates) in his or her event (or events).

41. Should a selected athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. (a.s.t.) 1 February, 2019 and the opening of the 2019 CWG event training team captains meeting decline his or her selection or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to CWG's Late Athlete Replacement Policy, by the highest ranked Alternate (or Alternates) in his or her event (or events).

HEALTH RELATED CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES

42. It may occur that an athlete is unable, because of a health-related curtailment of activities, to participate in sanctioned competitions for a period of at least four consecutive weeks during the Qualifying Period. In such circumstance the Qualifying Period for that athlete shall be extended backwards from April 15th, 2017 to include the same number of competitions in the athlete's primary event as are missed through the health-related curtailment of activities, with the following limitations:

A maximum of two results will be considered. PGS and SBX results will only be considered from FIS Noram events. Freestyle results will only be considered from "18-22 foot" (or near equivalent) pipes in FIS Noram or Equivalent events.

43. To be considered "*unable, by reason of a health related curtailment of activities, to compete*", an athlete must qualify under the FIS "injury status" regulations (which may be referenced in Section 4.2.6 of the FIS Points Rulebook {Snowboard})(www.fis-ski.com/data/document/pointsrulebook-09.pdf), and must have her or his status confirmed by a medical professional of SBNS's appointment/approval.

44. SBNS may, at any time, require an athlete who appears, by reason of a health curtailment of activities, to be unable to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by a SBNS designated doctor. Following such an assessment, if it is SBNS's determination that the athlete is unable to participate in the CWG *in a competitive manner*, SBNS may remove that athlete from its list of selections to the Canada Winter Games Team.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

45. On January 23rd, 2019, SBNS shall determine the athletes it selects for positions on the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team. Also on that date, SBNS shall determine the athletes it will select as alternates to the athletes it selects for the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team.

46. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a selection to be a member of the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, SBNS shall submit its list of athletes selected to the 2019 Canada Games Team

APPROVAL AND APPEAL PROCESS

47. Final decisions on the selection of athletes to the 2019 Canada Winter Games shall be made by the SBNS CWG Selection Committee and announced by the President of SBNS.

48. Any decision of the professional staff relating to the operation and conduct of the Selection Committee may be appealed by any member of SBNS who is materially affected by that decision, and who is a member in good standing of SBNS. Appeals must be conducted in writing to the President of SBNS by Midnight AST Jan 24th, 2019 and be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$100.

CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT

49. Issues not otherwise addressed by this Selection Protocol shall be resolved by the President of SBNS, in consultation with the Head Coach and selection committee.