CANADA SNOWBOARD
SNOWBOARD ALPINE NATIONAL TEAM & NEXTGEN TEAM 2027-2028
SELECTION ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA SHEET

General Information		
Team	2027-2028 Snowboard Alpine National Team 2027-2028 Snowboard Alpine NextGen Team	
Team Size Determining Factors	a. 4:1 Athlete to Coach Ratio (maximum) b. Confirmed team resources c. A targeted team size of four (4) athletes named to National Team d. A targeted team size of four (4) athletes named to the NextGen Team e. Maximum of two (2) NextGen Prospects (see Team Size Exceptional Considerations below) The athlete-to-coach ratio (factor a.) is the primary factor in determining a maximum team size. The targeted team size in factors c.,d.,e. apply only where confirmed resources allow.	
Team Size Exceptional Considerations	Canada Snowboard (CS) may, at its sole discretion, nominate up to two (2) additional eligible athletes—one per gender—to the Snowboard Alpine High Performance Program (HPP), provided they meet the established eligibility and performance standards within the NextGen Pathway, but whose ranking within the Criteria Ranking Process fall outside the maximum team size CS is otherwise able to support. These athletes would be considered 'NextGen Prospects'. These discretionary nominations can be in addition to the targeted team size outlined in this policy and are subject to Canada Snowboard (CS) having the required resources available. Athletes selected under this clause will receive official HPP team status, including access to ancillary team benefits (e.g., team outerwear, eligibility for Sport Canada AAP nomination, administrative support). However, these athletes will not be provided with Daily Training Environment (DTE) services (e.g., coaching or technician support). They will be expected to remain under the guidance of their personal coach, while working in collaboration with the CS Coaching Staff to develop an Individual Performance Plan (IPP). Athletes selected under this provision will be responsible for covering their own program-related costs, including travel, accommodation, entry fee, and any applicable program fees identified by CS. They may be invited to join specific training or competition initiatives identified by CS, and during these designated activities, the athlete will have access to CS services (as determined by CS) and be under the supervision of the Snowboard Alpine HPP.	
Selection Committee Composition	HPP Director (Speed) HPP Manager HPP National Team Coaches	
Important Dates and Deadlines		
Selection Period	FIS Competitive Season: May 31, 2026 through April 15, 2027	
Application Submission Deadline	April 15, 2027 (see submission requirements outlined below in 'Application Submission').	
Selection Deadline	The Selection Committee's recommendations shall be made on the basis of the athletes' performance during the Selection Period. The Selection Committee will meet between April 15, 2027 (conclusion of the competitive season) and before May 31, 2027 (conclusion of the 2026-27 CS Athlete Agreement) to identify and rank athletes eligible for selection to the Snowboard Alpine HPP for the 2027-28 program year.	
Appeal Deadline	Appeals must be submitted in accordance with the Canada Snowboard Appeal Policy and must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. PST seven (7) days after the date the athlete is notified of the decision.	
2027-2028 National Team & NextGen Team Start Date	July 1, 2027 (Valid to June 30, 2028)	
Eligibility Criteria		
Eligible Competitions	**Level 1:** FIS World Cups (WCs), Senior World Championships (WCH), Olympic Winter Games (OWG), and World Cup Overall Tour Standings. **Level 2:** Junior World Championships (JWCH), Europa Cup (EC), and NorAm Cup (NAC) Overall Tour Standing.	
Eligibility Pathways	**Pathway A: National Team**	**Pathway B: NextGen** (Athletes 4-8 years out from first OLY/WCH Medal Performance)
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum Event Participation	10x FIS Continental Cup level, or higher, events in the program year just ended.	10x FIS Continental Cup level, or higher, events in the program year just ended.
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum FIS Points	225 FIS PAR Points on the most recently published FIS PAR Points List (as of the Selection Deadline).	FIS Junior Age: 100 FIS PAR Points; or Non-FIS Junior Age: 130 FIS PAR Points.
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum Results	1x Top 16 final result at a Level 1 event.	FIS Junior Age: n/a; or Non-FIS Junior Age: 1x Podium (Top 3) NAC or Top 6 EC.
Athlete Eligibility - Entry Age to Pathway	N/A	Does not exceed the FIS-defined junior age by more than five (5) years. For the 2026-2027 season, the FIS Junior Age cut-off for International Juniors is December 31, 2007 (per FIS ICR - Rule 2013.6). Athletes born on or before December 31, 2001 exceed this age limit, but may apply for an age exemption (see requirements below).
Athlete Eligibility - Age Exemption	N/A	As an exception to the NextGen Maximum Age Limit, athletes may remain in the NextGen Program for up to two cumulative years by applying annually for a NextGen Age Exemption, which is valid for one program year and requires meeting all specified eligibility criteria below: a. The athlete has not been previously granted a NextGen Age exemption for more than one program year; b. The athlete meets all other NextGen eligibility requirements (save for the maximum age); and c. The athlete must have PRT results from the just-concluded competition season indicating they are one year from meeting current National Team eligibility criteria. The PRT is determined through historical results modeling of stage-specific performance benchmarks within the discipline, informed by Canada Snowboard's discipline-specific sport analytics, and demonstrated by meeting the FIS PAR Points threshold and one of the three following performance criteria: • 1st Age Exemption: 160 FIS PAR Points on the most recently published FIS PAR Points List (as of the Selection Deadline); or • 2nd Age Exemption: 190 FIS PAR Points on the most recently published FIS PAR Points List (as of the Selection Deadline); and • A rank within the Top 40 Men or Top 25 Women on the 2027 World Cup PAR Overall Standings; • A rank within the Top 60 Men or Top 54 Women on the 2028 FIS Base PAR Points List; or • 2x Top 1/2 final results at eligible World Cup competitions.
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions	Athletes who are named to the Snowboard Alpine National Team are expected to progress and maintain Top 8 international perfomances in their discipline in order to maintain National Team status on an ongoing basis. As such, athletes who have been on the Snowboard Alpine National Team for a total of five (5) years or more (consecutive or non-consecutive) at the conclusion of the 2026/27 program year must satisfy at least one of the two the following additional eligibility criteria to maintain their eligibility status under Pathway A: National Team thereafter: • 1x Top 8 final result at a Level 1 event; or • 2x Top 16 final results at a Level 1 event.	Athletes who are named to the Snowboard Alpine NextGen Team are expected to progress towards meeting the eligibility criteria of the Snowboard Alpine National Team in order to maintain their NextGen Team status on an ongoing basis. Athletes who have been on the Alpine NextGen Team for a total of five (5) or more years (consecutive or non-consecutive) at the conclusion of the 2026/27 program year must meet additional eligibility criteria in order to maintain their status on the NextGen Team thereafter. Specifically, during the most recent 2026-27 program year, athletes must achieve at least one (1) of the following three (3) performance criteria: • 2x Top 32 or Top 25 Women final results at eligible World Cups; or • 1x Top 3 (podium) final finish at eligible Europa Cups; or • 4x Top 16 final finishes at eligible Europa Cups, of which at least one (1) must fall within the Top 8.
Exemption Submission Requirements	No submission requirements.	The athlete must submit an Age Exemption Request to CS that meets the following criteria: a. The submission is received no later than April 15, 2027. b. The submission is emailed to the HPD-Speed at kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca. c. The submission should include evidence and rationale that supports how the athlete's performance over the last two season is tracking towards meting the current National Team eligibility criteria within one year.
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions Cont.	Refer to CS HPP General Selection Protocol (GSP) for Health Related Curtailment and Extenuating Circumstances.	
Application Submission		
Application Submission Requirements	Applications are required for all athletes who are not formally named to the 2026/27 Snowboard Alpine HPP. If an athlete is named to the 2026/27 HPP but primarily trains with a coach other than a coach provided by CS, it remains the responsibility of the athlete to ensure their submission is on time and meets the below requirements. All other athletes are responsible for personally submitting their application in accordance with the below requirements. The application submission shall include a copy of the athlete's Individual Performance Plan (IPP) for the season just concluded, aligned with current sport norms and CS's Long Term Development (LTD) framework, and including: a. the athlete's Yearly Training Plan (YTP); b. the athlete's yearly goals, performance gaps, and progress towards closing identified gaps; c. a description of the athlete's ancillary programming (e.g. Sport Science / Sport Medicine); d. submission of physical testing results completed within one (1) month prior to the application deadline, conducted in accordance with the CS Snowboard Alpine Physical Testing Protocol; e. a periodized outlines detailing how the athlete's program over the 2026-2027 season supported their goal attainment and/or closing of their stated performance outcomes and gaps; and f. an overview of the athlete's goals and aspirations for the 2027-2028 competitive season (must be written by the athlete). All applications should be sent to the HPD-Speed by the April 15, 2027 deadline: kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca To obtain the CS Snowboard Alpine Physical Testing Protocol and standards, please email kim.krahulec@canadasnowboard.ca	
Criteria Ranking Process		
Ranking Pathways	**Pathway A: National Team**	**Pathway B: NextGen** **(Athletes 4-8 years out from first OLY/WCH Medal Performance)**
Ranking Priority 1 **Tier A**	• 1x Top 8 at a Level 1 event; or • Top 8 Ranking on the 2027 Snowboard Alpine World Cup PAR Overall Standings. Athletes are ranked within the Priority by their final position on the 2027 Snowboard Alpine World Cup PAR Overall Standings.	• 1x Top 20 at a Level 1 event; or • 1x Podium (Top 3) at the 2027 FIS Junior World Championships; or • 2x Top 8 final results at ECs. Ranked within the Priority according to the athletes FIS Points on the most recently published FIS PAR Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
Ranking Priority 2 **Tier B**	• 1x Top 10 at a Level 1 event; or • 2x Top 16 at a Level 1 event; or • Top 16 Ranking on the 2027 Snowboard Alpine World Cup PAR Overall Standings. Athletes are ranked within the Priority by their final position on the 2027 Snowboard Alpine World Cup PAR Overall Standings.	• 1x Top 8 at the 2027 FIS Junior World Championships; or • 2x Top 16 final results at ECs; or • 2x Top 1/2 final results at Level 1 events; or • A rank within the Top 3 of the 2027 NorAm Overall Tour Standings. Athletes are ranked within the Priority first by the criteria met, in the order listed above, then according to their best eligible result, or ranking, that meets the Priority expressed as a field placing percentage.
Ranking Priority 3 **Tier C**	A rank that fall within: i. Top 25 Men or Top 20 Women on the 2027 World Cup PGS or PSL Overall Standings; or ii. Top 30 Men or Top 25 Women on the 2027 World Cup PAR Overall Standings; or iii. Top 40 Men or Top 30 Women on the 2028 FIS Base PAR Points List. Athletes are ranked within the Priority first by the criteria met, in the order listed above, and then by their final position on the corresponding standings or points list. Athletes meeting more than one criteria will be ranked under the highest ranking criteria met.	Athletes meeting the criteria in Priority 3, below, are eligible for NextGen Prospect designation only and are not eligible for selection to the NextGen Team (see Team Size Exceptional Considerations above) • Top 16 at the 2027 FIS Junior World Championships; or • 2x Top 1/2 final result at ECs; or • 2x Top 4 final results at NACs. Athletes are ranked within the Priority first by the criteria met, in the order listed above, then according to their best eligible result meeting the Priority expressed as a field placing percentage.
Ranking Process	Nominations will follow the Decision Making Process described in the General Selection Policy (GSP), starting with the highest priority level (Priority 1) and continuing in descending order (Priority 2, Priority 3, and so on). Nominations will begin with Pathway A: National Team (Priorities 1–3). Once nominations to the Snowboard Alpine National Team under Pathway A have been fully completed, the Selection Committee will then apply the same prioritized process to Pathway B: NextGen Program to fill any remaining available positions, following the same sequence outlined above.	
Team Selection Process		
Selection Committee Team Selection	The maximum number of available positions in the Snowboard Alpine HPP shall be identified by the Selection Committee at the outset of the 'Selection Process' as of the end of the Selection Period, annually. This number is based on program capacity of the HPP and the listed guiding principles in this Project Sheet. All eligible and ranked athletes will be discussed by the Selection Committee for available team positions based on the order of their final ranking on the ranking sheet determined by the Criteria Ranking Process as outlined above. This ranking determines the priority order of athletes for the available team positions.	
General Selection Policy	This Selection Eligibility and Criteria Sheet is to be read together with the General Selection Policy (GSP), which establishes additional selection criteria and procedures.	
Revision History		
Approved by and date	Kim Krahulec - High Performace Director	
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Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	HPP General Selection Policy (GSP)	HPP General Governance Policy (GP)