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

General Information		
Team	2027-2028 Snowboardcross National Team 2027-2028 Snowboardcross NextGen Team	
Team Size Determining Factors	a. 4:1 Athlete to Coach Ratio (maximum) b. The 2027-28 forecasted FIS World Cup Quota c. Confirmed team resources d. A targeted team size of eight (8) athletes named to the Snowboardcross HPP 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 Snowboardcross 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 Snowboardcross HPP.	
Selection Committee Composition	HPP Director (Speed) HPP Manager HPP National Team Coaches	
Selection Period		
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 Snowboardcross HPP for the 2027-28 program year.	
Acceptance and 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	6x FIS Continental Cup level, or higher, events in the program year just ended.	6x FIS Continental Cup level, or higher, events in the program year just ended.
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum FIS Points	125 FIS SBX Points on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the end of the Selection Period).	75 FIS SBX Points on the most recently published FIS Points List (as of the end of the Selection Period).
Athlete Eligibility - Minimum FIS Ranking Must achieve at least one (1x)	2027 SBX WC Overall Standings Rank: Top 32 Men or Top 16 Women; or 2028 FIS Base Points List (SBX) Rank: Top 35 Men or Top 24 Women; or Top 8 (Men or Women) final individual result at the 2027 FIS World Championships.	Athletes must demonstrate results projecting toward Top-8 finishes at international events (WC, WCH, OWG) within four (4) years and podium finishes within eight (8) years, as evaluated by the Selection Committee—in their sole discretion—by comparing the athlete's SBX rank and points on the most recent FIS Points List (as of the end of the Selection Period) against the CS SBX Podium Results Track performance targets and other relevant CS data analytics.
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 2013.5). Athletes born on or before December 31, 2001 exceed this age limit, but may apply for an age exemption (see requirements below).
Eligibility and Selection Exceptions	Athletes who are named to the SBX National Team are expected to progress and maintain Top 8 international performances in their discipline in order to maintain National Team status on an ongoing basis. As such, athletes who have been on the SBX 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 Big Final (Top 4); or • 2x Top 12 Men / Top 6 Women at a Level 1 event.	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; and 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, with the PRT 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: • c.i. 2027 SBX WC Overall Standings Rank: Top 50 Men or Top 40 Women; or • c.ii. 2028 FIS Base Points List (SBX) Rank: Top 50 men or Top 40 Women; and • c.iii. 1x Top-Half final result at an eligible World Cup, or higher, within the Selection Period.
Exemption Submission Requirements	N/A	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 Snowboardcross HPP. If an athlete is named to the 2026/27 HPP but primarily trains with a coach other than a coach provided by CS, or are not under the primary supervision of the CS coaching staff, 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. 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 e. 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	
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 Podium (1st - 3rd) at the 2027 FIS World Championships; or • 1x Podium at a Level 1 event; and • Top 8 Ranking on the final 2027 Snowboardcross World Cup Overall Standings. Athletes are ranked within the Priority first by the number of eligible Podium results, and then by the aggregate total of final podium results.	• 1x Top 12 Women / Top 24 Men at a Level 1 event; or • 1x Podium at the 2027 JrWCH; or • Winner of the 2027 NorAm Overall Tour. Ranked within the Priority according to the athletes FIS Points on the most recently published FIS Points List as of the Selection Deadline.
Ranking Priority 2 **Tier B**	• 1x Top 6 at a Level 1 event; and • Top 12 Ranking on the final 2027 Snowboardcross World Cup Overall Standings. Athletes are ranked within the Priority first by the number of eligible Top 6 results, and then by the aggregate total of final Top 6 results.	• 1x Top 16 Women / Top 32 Men at a Level 1 event; or • 2x Top 6 Women / Top 12 Men result at Europa Cup (EC) events; or • 1x Top 5 Women / Top 9 Men 2027 JrWCH. 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 Priority 3 **Tier C**	• Top 16 Women / Top 32 Men on the final 2027 Snowboardcross Overall World Cup Standings. Ranked within the Priority by the athletes final placement on the overall standings.	• Top 3 of the final 2027 NorAm Overall Tour Standings. Ranked within the Priority according to final place on the 2027 NorAm Overall Tour Standings.
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 Snowboardcross 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 Snowboardcross HPP shall be identified by the Selection Committee at the outset of the 'Selection Process', annually. This number is based on program capacity of the HPP and the listed guiding principles in this Selection Eligibility and Criteria 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 Ranking Process as outlined above. This ranking determines the priority order of athletes for the available team positions until the maximum team size is reached or no eligible athletes remain.	
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 Performance Director	
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Appendix(-ces) to this Policy	HPP General Selection Policy (GSP)	HPP General Governance Policy (GP)