



**Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)
Alberta Snowboarding CWSAA Pass Distribution Policy (2019-2020)
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Overview

The Canada West Ski Areas Association believes that deserving young Ski and Snowboard athletes should be given all the support possible to reach their goal to one day represent Canada in Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships or World Cups. For this reason, CWSAA created the **All Areas Competitor Pass** to facilitate eligible athletes' access to western Canada's Ski and Snowboard Resorts for the purpose of training and competition.

All athletes must understand that the use of the competitors pass is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to represent their respective Sports Discipline in a **sportsman-like fashion**, showing leadership to their fellow athletes.

Who will qualify for a pass in the 2019/2020 season?

1. Competitors belonging to an Accredited National Sports Body in a CWSAA Province or Territory, promoting the sport of Snowboarding and the equivalent Para-Sports. For greater clarity, 'accredited' means the sports body is representing Canada in Olympic or Paralympic, World Championship and World Cup Competitions.
2. All athletes must be **actively training and competing** in FIS sanctioned events in disciplines that are part of the Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championships and World Cups.
All athletes must meet the following age eligibility requirements for 2019-2020
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 - a) Snowboard athletes in Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Big Air must be born between 2000 and 2004.
 - b) Snowboard athletes in Half Pipe and Slopestyle must be born between 2001 and 2005.

Special consideration may be given to athletes up to two years over the base age range or one year younger than the minimum age with a letter from their respective National Sports Organization confirming that the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to their National Team in the upcoming competition year.

4. There are no age restrictions for carded members of the Canadian Adaptive Ski or Snowboard Team who are permanent residents in one of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.

5. Travelling Provincial and Club Coaches or Provincial Team Managers may also qualify.

Additional Guidelines to be considered for Qualification

1. Athletes must be full and active members of competitive program in a Sanctioned Snowboard Club in Alberta. All athletes must be FIS point holders or have applied for and be eligible for FIS registration and hold a FIS card at the start of the competition year.
2. Athletes belonging to a Club or attending a Sports Academy located in one of the CWSAA Provinces, but not normally residing in one of those Provinces are eligible to receive a Competitors Pass from the quota of the Province in which they are training and competing.
3. A limited number of Coaches' passes will be available to coaches who travel with their FIS Teams. Passes will be issued to Athletes first and any surplus passes will then be available to coaches. Allotments for coaches will use the same formula as is used to develop athlete quotas. If there are no surplus passes, Provincial or Territorial Sports Organizations (PTSOs) will be allowed to allocate coaches passes from the athlete quota.
4. Competitor Passes are the property of the CWSAA. Unused passes are not automatically available for substitution to another athlete or coach in the same PTSO. Surplus allocation will be returned to the CWSAA for redistribution at the discretion of the Competitor Pass Chair.
5. CWSAA Provinces & Territories include: British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, The Northwest Territories and Manitoba.
6. PTSOs must be Associate members of the CWSAA and in good standing to participate in the Competitor Pass program.
7. National Team Athletes wishing to obtain a CWSAA Competitor Pass must meet all the regular criteria and must apply through and be sanctioned by a PTSO.

Pass Distribution to Provincial Sports Associations

The distribution of the competitors' passes is based solely on the number of eligible FIS registered athletes by Province or Territory in each of the sports disciplines.

Each provincial discipline will get their percentage of passes based on eligible requests submitted by all Provincial Sports Organizations and out of the total number of passes approved for distribution.

Disqualification or Termination

1. An athlete who was disciplined for pass infractions or other disciplinary issues at a host ski area such as breach of the Skier/Rider Responsibility Code or other irresponsible behavior or who has received sanctions by their PSO may have their Competitor Pass privilege cancelled immediately and may be automatically disqualified from purchasing the Competitors Passes in future years.
2. It is the duty of the respective Provincial Sports Organisation (PSO) to return the pass of any athlete who decides to stop participating in the organised training and competition program of his/her club or provincial team during the season.
3. Any PSO that does not properly monitor its athletes or that knowingly allows athletes to continue using the pass against the above rule will jeopardize their eligibility for future competitor passes.
4. Returned Competitor Passes are **non-refundable** except in cases of serious injury.
5. If an athlete is seriously injured during the season and is unable to participate in training or competition, a pro-rated refund of the pass may be available. The pass must be immediately returned to the CWSAA office, together with a **detailed doctor's** note explaining the athlete's inability to participate for the remainder of the season.

It is within the rights of the Provincial Governing Bodies to disqualify an athlete for other disciplinary reasons besides pass infractions. The cancellation of the All-Area Competitors Pass may be one of the disciplinary actions open to them.

1. Policy

Alberta Snowboard Association distributes the All Areas Competitor Passes to AB athletes and coaches in a fair and equitable fashion and in accordance with the CWSAA All Areas Competitor Pass Qualifications and Guidelines.

The Alberta Snowboard- Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) All Areas Competitor Pass Distribution Policy is designed to assist qualified competitive Alberta Snowboard members who compete with the goal of making the Next Gen/ National team .

2. Distribution of Passes by Alberta Snowboarding.

- Alberta Snowboarding will request passes for all athletes that
 - a) Have purchased their ASA/ FIS/ SAIP memberships by July 15th, registered for a competitive program in a CS sanctioned club and submitted proof of registration to ASA with request for CWSAA pass for the 2019/2020 season
 - b) Competitive program means dryland and regular hill training with a sanctioned club. Coaches must be certified for all training that they are activating.
 - c) Competitive program athletes will compete throughout the season in provincial/ National or International events to retain the pass.
 - d) Any underage athlete that meets criteria must follow the same procedure.
 - e) Coaches must have all ASA memberships and Coaching criteria in line with the above
 - f) Clubs must have all of their CAB documentation in and approved as well as club fees paid by this date for their coaches to be eligible for a pass
 - g) Club must have a minimum of 5 athletes that hold CWSAA passes to be eligible for each coach pass. I.e. 3 Passes must have 15 athletes or more in the club that these coaches are **directly** responsible for. If we only have limited coach passes, those passes will go to the coach with the highest ranked 5 athletes.
 - h) Athletes will be requested based on FIS ranking, based on the ratio ranking of athletes in the category and discipline. For example. An athlete that is ranked 20th in Canada out of 60 in female halfpipe will rank lower than a male athlete that is ranked 20th in Canada out of 640 athletes in slopestyle. For those athletes that are first year FIS (no FIS points) or underage, CRL ranking will be under consideration.
 - i) If we do not get all requested passes, we will go to the ranking list for athlete's consideration.

3. Termination of Pass

- a) Any injuries that might halt or delay training must be reported to both ASA and CWSAA, with doctors note.
- b) Reporting will be requested of the coaches anytime throughout the season, if Alberta Snowboarding is aware that athlete is not regularly training or competing
- c) Any on hill infractions reported will result in termination of pass
- d) Any sale of pass tickets will result in immediate termination and eligibility of any pass in the future
- e) Removed pass will not be refunded.
- f) Any athlete that is reported not respecting Resort staff, Event staff and or Volunteers may have their pass removed at Alberta Snowboarding's discretion.

