



## Background

Alberta Snowboard has identified the need for a High-Performance Pathway (HPP) to the Next Gen and National teams in Canada. Alberta Snowboard is committed to the club structure of our province and strives to bring both a named Provincial Team and the club structure together.

The Provincial Team mandate will be to help speed, style and para snowboarders in Alberta to reach the national level. The Provincial Team will achieve this with camp based skill development opportunities, extra competition opportunities and help with communication to the Canada Snowboard team.

Alberta Snowboarding High Performance Pathway (HPP) selection protocol 2020/2021

## Introduction

- 1) The Alberta Snowboarding Provincial Style, Speed and Para teams consist of those that have been named to represent Alberta as part of the Alberta Provincial team
- 2) The athletes named to the Alberta Provincial Team will have opportunities for camp-based training led by coaches and experts selected to provide the best opportunities for athlete development and progress to the national level.
- 3) Team Selection protocol will be posted at [www.albertasnowboarding.com](http://www.albertasnowboarding.com).

## Terms

The following abbreviated terms are used in the Selection Protocol:

AAP: Athlete Assistance Program  
ASA: Alberta Snowboard Association  
CADS: Canadian Adaptive Snowsports (Alberta)  
CSCP: Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program  
CS: Canada Snowboard Federation  
CRL: Canadian Ranking List  
FIS: Federation International de Ski  
HPP: High Performance Pathway  
LTAD: Long Term Athlete Development  
Nextgen: National Nextgen Team  
YTP: Yearly Training Plan

## **General Consideration**

- 1) The AB Provincial Team Program recommendations shall ordinarily be made on the basis of the athletes' performance during the just-concluded season, in accordance with the procedures detailed in this document.
- 2) All AB Provincial Team Program selections are for a one-year period only.
- 3) The number of athletes selected for the AB Provincial Team Program is based on:
  - I. Determination of team size for the upcoming season; and
  - II. AB Snowboard's ability to run the Program (i.e. financial).

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection to the AB Provincial Team Program, an Athlete must:

- 1) Have held an ASA membership for the season and results within that season, upon which selections are being made;
- 2) Be in good standing with ASA Snowboard Association and have the most recent ASA membership prior to participating in any camp;
- 3) Athletes must be a member of an active club/program with ASA or CS, working with a CSCP licensed coach whose training/certification fulfills the needs of the LTAD stage 4-5 athletes;
- 4) Alberta must be the athlete's province of residence for the competition season upon which selections are being made;
- 5) Athlete is expected to have participated in a minimum of three (3) of the selection year ASA Events (Provincial, Westerns and Nationals) or higher-level events as long as they were available for participation, barring extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances must be explained by the athlete if requested;
- 6) Athlete must be willing to train in a dryland training program throughout the season, including but not limited to trampoline, dry slope, gym, nutrition, sports psychology and any pre and post season camps that have been put in place by the Provincial Team Management.
- 7) Para athletes must be a member in good standing with CADS Calgary or Alberta.
- 8) Athletes can be current members of the CS National NextGen or Development Team Programs.

## **Age**

- 1) Slopestyle/Halfpipe: 12-18 as of December 31 of selection year
- 2) Big Air: 15-19 as of December 31 of selection year
- 3) Snowboardcross: 14-19 as of December 31 of selection year
- 4) Para-Snowboard: case by case basis

## **Team Structure**

The number of athletes named to the Alberta Provincial Slopestyle Team Program will be based on the criteria set out herein, and the ability of Alberta Snowboard to support those athletes.

## **Athlete Selection Criteria**

Following the CS pathway and LTAD, the following criteria has been set for selection to the Alberta Provincial Team Program:

### Priority 1

#### Style

Any Alberta athlete who is named Canadian Senior National or Junior National Champion will automatically be named to the Provincial Team assuming they have met all other eligibility requirements.

#### Speed

Any Alberta athlete winning an Alberta event or achieving podium status at two (2) or more provincial level events, in Alberta or anywhere in Canada, will be named to the team.

### Priority 2

The most current Canadian Ranking List or FIS List as defined above for the respective disciplines as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, of the selection year will be used to determine the ranking order.

#### Para

Any Alberta athlete named Para-Snowboard Provincial Champion will be named to the team.

Any Alberta athlete achieving podium status at two (2) or more provincial level events, in Alberta or anywhere in Canada, will be named to the team.

#### *Slopestyle*

The Canadian Ranking List for Slopestyle as of June 1 will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

- Male Athletes: must be within the top 75 on the CRL;
- Female Athletes: must be within the top 40 ranked on the CRL.

#### *Halfpipe*

The Canadian Ranking List for Halfpipe as of June 1 will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

- Male Athletes: must be within the top 25 on the CRL;
- Female Athletes: must be within the top 10 ranked on the CRL.

### *Big Air*

The Canadian Ranking List for Halfpipe as of June 1 will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

- Male Athletes: must be within the top 75 on the CRL;
- Female Athletes: must be within the top 40 ranked on the CRL.

### *Snowboard Cross*

The FIS Ranking List for Snowboard Cross as of June 1 will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

- Male Athletes: must be within the top 300 on FIS;
- Female Athletes: must be within the top 200 ranked on FIS.

### *Para*

Participation and results in Provincial events will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

## **Athlete Requirements**

- 1) Accept their team position through completion of the ASA Provincial Team Athlete Contract within 2 weeks of notification of selection to the Team.
- 2) Participate in a minimum of two (2) fitness testing sessions as scheduled 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.
- 3) Participate in any auxiliary training organized and scheduled by ASA for the Provincial Team athletes.
- 4) Participate in the minimum number of events required to be eligible for selection to the Provincial Team for the discipline you represent.
- 5) Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsman like manner while representing ASA.
- 6) Adhere to the ASA Code of Conduct
- 7) Always wear supplied ASA clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances, and other team appearances as directed by the ASA

- 8) Agree to attend, at least the Western Championship and National Championship of the Snowboard season, unless they coincide with larger events that the athlete would have the opportunity to achieve more CRL or FIS points (Nor Am's, Rev Tours, World Cups)

### **Athlete Support**

To be determined and communicated on a year by year basis.

### **Exceptional Considerations**

- 1) Should the Athlete be unable to attend either the Western Championships or National Championships he/she is required to notify ASA in writing at least 1 week prior to the event as to the reasons they are unable to attend. Not fulfilling the requirements of this agreement may make the athlete ineligible for future Alberta Provincial Team Program benefits.
- 2) ASA may, at any time, require an athlete, who appears by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities not be able to participate in training or competition activities to obtain a medical assessment conducted by an ASA recognized doctor or other health support practitioner. The medical assessment is for the purpose of confirming the degree of the athlete's ability to compete and to determine the expected timeline for the athlete's recovery.
- 3) It may occur that an athlete may, by reason of a health-related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in the minimum number of events in the program year just ended. In such circumstances the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of his or her projected medical rehabilitation as well as such other information (results, video, coaches' assessments, etc.) as may be available to the ASA.

### **Selection Committee**

To be determined by the Board of the ASA and posted annually.

### **Appeals**

Appeals to Alberta Snowboard's Provincial Team Selections may be made by any member of Alberta Snowboard who is materially affected by the selection, and who is a member in good standing. Appeals must be made under ASA's Appeals policy which can be found on Alberta Snowboard's website [www.albertasnowboarding.com](http://www.albertasnowboarding.com)

A non-refundable appeal fee of \$50 shall apply.