

## **Alberta Snowboard Association**

### ***2021-2022 Alberta Provincial Team Selection Criteria***

#### **Background**

Alberta Snowboard has identified the need for a High-Performance Pathway (“HPP”) to the National NextGen Team and National Team 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 is designed for athletes with intentions of representing Canada at the next level. For further clarity, this means athletes competing with a Canadian FIS number.

The Provincial Team mandate will be to help snowboarders in Alberta to reach national level competitions and the National Team. The Provincial Team will achieve this with camp-based skill development opportunities and competition opportunities. The Provincial Team will also liaise and communicate regularly with the Canada Snowboard Team with the intention of progressing Alberta Team athletes to the National level.

The Alberta Team Selection Committee will provide precedence to athletes that compete in multiple disciplines. For instance, all things being equal, an athlete that competes in slope and halfpipe will be selected ahead of an athlete that only competes in halfpipe. Thus, an athlete’s best chances for selection to the Alberta Team are to compete in multiple disciplines.

The 2021-2022 Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team Selection Protocol is designed to outline team selection for the Alberta Snowboarding Provincial Team Program for the 2021-2022 season.

The Alberta Snowboard Association attempts to be fair and equitable in all manner of business. This Selection Protocol is created to ensure there is a fair practice of identifying athletes eligible for the Alberta Provincial Snowboard Team.

Due to the current COVID situation and lack of events during the 2020-2021 season, Alberta Snowboard recognizes there was not a suitable opportunity for athletes to take part in any events.

The COVID restrictions have made it impossible for athletes to obtain the necessary result-based benchmarks required to meet qualification requirements. As a result, Alberta Snowboard has established this Selection Protocol to recognize and select athletes for the Alberta Snowboarding Provincial team for the 2021-2022 season.

**Athletes interested in being selected to the Alberta Provincial Team are required to complete an Application Form which will be evaluated by the Alberta Snowboard Selection Committee.**

Current Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team athletes, meeting age criteria, will be offered a spot on the team for the 2021-2022 season and will be required to maintain their status with an Canada Snowboard sanctioned Club.

## Introduction

- 1) The Alberta Snowboarding Provincial team 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)
- CRL: Canadian Ranking List
- CS: Canada Snowboard Federation
- CSCP: Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program
- FIS: Federation International de Ski
- HPP: High Performance Pathway
- LTAD: Long Term Athlete Development
- Nextgen: National Nextgen Team
- SBX: Boardercross
- 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) Alberta Snowboard will endeavour to make the AB Provincial Team Program qualifying criteria adjustments to ensure fair and equitable qualifying opportunities for young women and men. For instance, the AB Team selection committee will select the number of participants based on the number of interested competitors who have met the prescribed qualifications and will assure all under represented groups have equitable and inclusive access to the team. When possible, Alberta Snowboard will provide team spots on a pro rata or better basis for underrepresented groups.
- 4) In recognizing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in the Alberta Team selection policy, Alberta Snowboard will reference the most recent version of the [CGC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy \(2020\)](#) as a guide to adjustments in the selection process and procedure.
- 5) 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. ASA's ability to run the Program (i.e. financial).

## **Selection Process**

**An application must be completed** by each athlete interested in being a part of the Alberta Snowboarding Provincial Team. All interested athletes must fill in and submit the attached form by May 31, 2021.

Each Application will be assessed by the Alberta Snowboard Selection Committee, with consultation of the athlete's coach.

There are common requirements to be eligible for consideration. Understanding each discipline an athlete participates in has different pathways, specific requirements will be used for consideration for selection to the team.

## **Eligibility**

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

- 1) Be a Canadian citizen and an Alberta Resident;
- 2) Possess an Alberta Health Care Card;
- 3) Hold a valid ASA competitor membership for the season;
- 4) Be in good standing with ASA and CS and have the most recent ASA membership;
- 5) 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;
- 6) Once an application is received from an athlete, the athletes CRL ranking in style events and FIS points in SBX will be contemplated in the selection process (i.e. from the June 1, 2020 listing). Position will be 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. Athletes must be in the top 50 percent of this ranking system to qualify. The exception to this, is if an athlete is a first-year athlete by age and is in the top 65 percent of the rankings, they still will be considered. In addition, the applications will be discussed with coaches and athletes to create a fulsome evaluation of an athlete and their application;
  - Note – the CRL ranking uses the top three results to generate points. If an athlete only competes in 2 events, said athlete may not achieve as high a ranking when compared to athletes that competed in 3 events, all things being equal.
- 7) If selected the athlete must 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;
- 8) Athletes can be current members of the CS NextGen or Development Team Programs. So long as an athlete adheres to the aforementioned requirements, an Athlete may be a member of the CS NextGen or Development Team, and a member of the AB Provincial Team Program.

**Age** consideration when reviewing the aforementioned ratio ranking

- 1) Freestyle (Slopestyle/Halfpipe): 13-18 as of December 31 of selection year
- 2) Snowboardcross: 15-19 as of December 31 of selection year
- 3) Para-Snowboard: case by case basis

## **Team Structure**

The number of athletes named to the Alberta Provincial Team Program will be based on the criteria set out herein, and the ability of ASA to support those athletes. This includes consideration of any budgetary constraints.

## **Athlete Selection Criteria**

Please refer to #6 in the Eligibility section of this policy. Further, following the CS pathway and LTAD, the following criteria has been set for selection to the Alberta Provincial Team Program:

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

### *Freestyle*

The Canadian Ranking List for Freestyle as of June 1, 2020 will be used to determine Provincial Team ranking order:

- Male Athletes: must be within the top 50 on the CRL for slopestyle and/or top 25 for halfpipe;
- Female Athletes: must be within the top 50 ranked on the CRL for slopestyle and/or top 10 for halfpipe.

### *Snowboard Cross*

The FIS Ranking List for Snowboard Cross as of June 1, 2020 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 Agreement within 2 weeks of notification of selection to the Team.
- 2) Unless an exemption is provided for by the ASA Executive Director, 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) Unless an exemption is provided by the ASA Executive Director, participate in all auxiliary training organized and scheduled by ASA for the Provincial Team athletes.
- 4) Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsman like manner while representing ASA.
- 5) Adhere to the ASA Code of Conduct

- 6) Always wear supplied ASA clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances, and other team appearances as directed by the ASA
- 7) Agree to attend all provincial level events, unless the provincial level events conflict with larger events that the athlete would have the opportunity to achieve more CRL or FIS points (i.e. 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 the 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 unable 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 in writing with a formal letter pursuant to 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 \$100 shall be due and payable at the time the appeal letter is submitted to ASA.