



Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA)
Alberta Snowboarding CWSAA Pass Distribution Policy (2021-22) Updated as of July 1, 2021

CWSAA Guidelines found at <https://cwsaa.org/policy/cwsaa-competitor-pass/>

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 and coaches.

Who will qualify for a pass in the 2021/22 season?

1. Competitors belonging to an Accredited National Sports Body in a CWSAA Province or Territory, promoting the sports of Alpine Ski Racing, Ski Cross, Freestyle Skiing and 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 2021-22:
 - a) Snowboard athletes in Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Big Air must be born between 2002 and 2006.
 - b) Snowboard athletes in Half Pipe and Slopestyle must be born between 2003 and 2007.

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.

3. 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.
4. 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.

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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. CWSAA Provinces & Territories include: British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, The Northwest Territories and Manitoba.
5. PTSOs must be Associate members of the CWSAA and in good standing to participate in the Competitor Pass program.
6. 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

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.

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.

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.

Returned Competitor Passes are **non-refundable** except in cases of serious injury.

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.



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.

Distribution of Passes by Alberta Snowboarding.

General

Selection committee shall consist of three (3) ASA Board members. This committee will review nominations based on criteria set out in this document. The selections committee may not vary from the criteria set out in the policy and the selections must be ratified by the full Board prior to posting.

Any decision by the selections committee regarding the athlete selection for a CWSAA pass may be appealed by any member of the ASA in good standing who is materially affected by the decision. An appeal deadline schedule will be posted with the list of selected athletes. If an appeal is received it will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out in the ASA Appeals Protocol (available online at www.albertasnowboarding.com).

In the event that circumstances develop, not specifically considered in the policy, the ASA Board of Directors has full authority to make decisions within the spirit of the policy.

Distribution of Passes in Alberta

1. All nominees must have purchased their ASA membership, along with FIS membership and SAIP insurance (if required) by July 15th of the upcoming pass year. Nominee must be registered for a competitive program in a CS sanctioned club and submit proof of registration to ASA with request for CWSAA pass for the 2021/2022 season.
2. Competitive program means structured and regular training with a sanctioned club. Coaches must be certified for all training that they are activating.
3. Competitive program athletes will compete throughout the season in a **minimum of the provincial, National or International events** to retain the pass.
4. Any overage (2 years) or underage (1 year) athlete that meets criteria must follow the same procedure and provide a letter from Canada Snowboard outlining their prospects as a National Team or National Development Team member.
5. Coaches must have an active ASA membership and be employed with a sanctioned club and be in good standing with ASA, CS and CAC.
6. Clubs must have all of their documentation in and approved as well as club fees paid by the date of pass distribution for their coaches to be eligible for a pass
7. Club must have a minimum of 5 athletes that hold CWSAA passes to be eligible for each coach pass. If there are limited coach passes, passes will be distributed in the same ratio as athlete CWSAA passes have been distributed.
8. Athletes will be nominated based on CRL ranking in style events and FIS points in SBX. 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. For those athletes that are first year FIS (no FIS points) or underage, CRL ranking will be under consideration. 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.

9. If there are a limited number of passes the CRL ranking (style) and FIS ranking (SBX) will determine the order of distribution.
10. For the 2021/22 season, due to a lack of competitions in the previous year, the Alberta Snowboard High Performance Committee will use collaboration with club administrators and coaches to determine athletes that may qualify for the program despite their last available ranking.

3. Termination of Pass

1. **Any breach in code of conduct by a coach and or athlete will result in immediate removal of pass.**
2. Any athlete, coach or parent that is reported not respecting Alberta Snowboarding staff, resort staff, event staff and or volunteers will have their pass removed at Alberta Snowboarding's discretion.
3. Any injuries that might halt or delay training must be reported to both ASA and CWSAA, with doctors note. Any injury not reported results in termination of the pass.
4. Athletes must be training regularly to maintain their pass. Reporting can be requested of the coaches anytime throughout the season, with an expectation that record of athlete training is captured.
5. Any on hill infractions reported will result in termination of pass.
6. Any sale of pass tickets will result in immediate termination and eligibility of any pass in the future.
7. Removed pass will not be refunded.



ASA CWSAA (CanWest pass) Process for 2021/2022 Season

Below you'll find instructions for 3 different types of CanWest passholders to obtain their CanWest Pass: Club level riders, coaches, and National/development team riders.

For High Performance Club athletes:

1. **Purchase** your FIS, SAIP, CS and ASA membership **by July 15th, 2021**
 - Registration will open at the end beginning of July 2021.
 - For those athletes that are turning FIS age, they will need to have a FIS license and apply as they are of age athletes.
 - Under age athletes will have to apply the same way as FIS sanctioned athletes, however they do not need proof of FIS license (they will be too young to get one) and need a letter from Canada Snowboard.
 - For those over age athletes, you must ensure that Canada Snowboard is able to write a letter for you. This will be done with the help of your coach. This would only be for athletes who have the potential to make the National team (See CWSAA policy on these athletes)
2. **Register** with a snowboard club in a "competitive level" program for the 2018-19 season **by July 15th, 2021**
 - Note: A competitive level program requires training on hill multiple times a week, in a club recognized by Alberta Snowboarding. It also may include dryland training pre-season and through-out the season with a certified trainer.
3. **Competitive Clubs will** Email Alberta Snowboarding their list of athletes and coaches at admin@albertasnowboarding.com requesting consideration for a pass for the 202/2022 season **by July 20th, 2021.**
 - Note: Your email must have accompanying documentation proving that athletes and coaches have purchased memberships and registered with your snowboard club.
4. **Go to "What will happen next?"**

For Coaches:

1. **Purchase** your CS and ASA membership **by July 15h, 2021**
 - Registration will open at the beginning of July 2021.
2. **Ensure** that your certification is up to date as per CWSAA standards, Canada Snowboard, and Alberta Snowboarding regulations. If you have questions about this please contact us for help.
3. **Email** Alberta Snowboarding at admin@albertasnowboarding.com requesting consideration for a pass for the 2020/2021 season **by July 20th, 2021.**
4. **One Pass** is available for a coach for every 5 five athletes with CanWest Passes at the same club. The ASA reserves the right to define the number of coach passes if the CWSAA does not provide coach passes for every (5) five athlete passes.
5. **Go to "What will happen next?"**

For Para-athletes and National Development/Nextgen Athletes:

1. **Purchase** your CS, FIS, SAIP and ASA membership **by July 15th, 2021**
 - a. Registration will open at the beginning of July 2020.
2. **Athletes Email** Alberta Snowboarding at admin@albertasnowboarding.com requesting



consideration for a pass for the 2021/2022 season by July 20th, 2021.

3. Go to “What will happen next?”

What will happen next?

- **By July 31st** the Alberta Snowboarding Association will submit a list of athletes and coaches who have met the requirements and properly requested Canwest passes to the CWSAA for consideration.

Note: Any requests after July 20th will not be considered unless special circumstances exist.

- **Usually in early August** the CWSAA will inform us of the total number of passes that the ASA has been allocated.
- Allocation of passes after the number has been defined will be managed by the 3 Board Member ASA selection Committee **according to the Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) Alberta Snowboarding CWSAA Pass Distribution Policy (2021-2022) Updated as of July 1, 2021** and following the CWSAA Guidelines found at <https://cwsaa.org/policy/cwsaa-competitor-pass/>
- Once the list is approved by the ASA High Performance Committee, it will be posted on the ASA website and notice provided via social media (FB, Instagram) and all riders and coaches who requested passes will be contacted by email and given warning that the list has been posted.
 - There will be two days for appeal.
 - All riders and coaches who have been granted passes will be contacted by the ASA by email letting them know that they have been successfully chosen for a pass.
 - At that point we will announce the date when all potential passholders will need to have their Waiver’s, photos, and payment delivered to Alberta Snowboarding.
 - Alberta Snowboarding will send out this reminder of procedure, a reminder regularly during the process.

Please note: Alberta Snowboarding will NOT be responsible for personal calls or reminders to get your documents in. This is the pass holder’s responsibility.

Please note: The passes are Non-Refundable.

- Once you have requested the pass and paid the fees (unless a season ending injury occurs and you have a doctor’s note) there are no refunds. They are also non-transferable.

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