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# PROVINCIAL TEAM (UPDATE)



The 2023-2024 Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team selection process will be based on a combination of factors, including FIS points and standings, previous season outcomes, commitment to the sport, and individual assessments for other disciplines. The eligibility criteria for the Slopestyle and Halfpipe disciplines are as follows:

- 1. FIS Points and Standings:** Athletes will be evaluated based on their FIS points and standings in Slopestyle and Halfpipe events. The new policy prioritizes FIS points and standings over the WSPL (World Snowboard Points List) for team selection.
- 2. Previous Season Outcomes:** Performance from the previous snowboarding season will be taken into account. Athletes with consistently strong results in Slopestyle and Halfpipe events will be given preference.
- 3. Commitment to the Sport:** Athletes must demonstrate a high level of commitment to the sport of snowboarding, showing dedication, perseverance, and a willingness to improve their skills and performance.
- 4. Canadian Athletes:** Athletes must be Canadian citizens and possess a valid Canadian passport or proof of Canadian citizenship. Athletes must agree to represent Canada at snowboarding competitions. Athletes must be registered members of Alberta Snowboard.
- 5. Riding for Alberta:** Selected athletes must agree to represent Alberta in all competitions and events throughout the snowboarding season. They will proudly wear Alberta snowboard team apparel (when applicable) and promote the province at national and international competitions.
- 6. FIS License:** To be eligible for the team, athletes must hold a valid FIS (International Ski Federation) license for the 2023-2024 snowboarding season.

## Application and Selection Process:

- To apply for the Provincial Team, interested athletes must submit a brief written response outlining why they believe they should be considered. This response should include their goals and aspirations in snowboarding, both short-term and long-term.
- Athletes interested in joining the 2023-2024 Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team for Slopestyle and Halfpipe must submit a completed application form.
- The high-performance committee will review all applications and assess the athletes based on the eligibility criteria outlined above.
- Final selections will be made by the high-performance committee, and successful candidates will be notified of their inclusion in the team.

## Team Composition:

In each discipline (Slopestyle and Halfpipe), there will be a total of 6 kids selected for the Provincial Team. The team will comprise 3 male athletes and 3 female athletes in each discipline.

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## **Mandatory Volunteer Hours:**

Athletes who are selected for the Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team will be required to complete the following mandatory volunteer hours during the season:

1. 1 Grom event: Assist in supporting a Grom event to promote snowboarding among young athletes.
2. 1 In-school Riglet program: Participate in an in-school Riglet program to introduce snowboarding to students and encourage their interest in the sport.
3. 1 Fundraiser for the Provincial Team: Take part in a team-sponsored fundraiser to raise funds that will directly benefit the Provincial Team's activities and development.

For Parents of the Provincial Team (if applicable): Parents of athletes selected for the Provincial Team are encouraged to contribute to the team's success and support their children's snowboarding journey. As part of their involvement, parents are required to complete 1 casino volunteer shift to assist with fundraising efforts.

Additional volunteer hours beyond the minimum requirements are encouraged and welcomed as they play a significant role in fostering a positive snowboarding community.

**Impact on Eligibility:** Failure to meet the mandatory volunteer hour requirements will impact an athlete's eligibility for the following season's Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team. Athletes must fulfill their volunteer commitments to remain in good standing and be considered for team selection in subsequent seasons.

## **Appeals:**

In the event of any disputes or appeals regarding the selection process, athletes will have a period of 7 days from the date of the team announcement to submit a written appeal. The appeal should include a detailed explanation of the grounds for the appeal and any supporting evidence. The high-performance committee will thoroughly review all appeals and make a fair and impartial decision.

It is important to note that meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee a spot on the 2023-2024 Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team. The selection process will be highly competitive, and only the most qualified and promising athletes will be offered a place on the team.

The Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team aims to develop and support talented athletes in their pursuit of excellence in Slopestyle and Halfpipe snowboarding. The team fosters a positive and inclusive environment that encourages growth, sportsmanship, and a passion for the sport.

For more information about the application process and specific deadlines, please visit the Alberta Snowboard Association website or contact the high-performance committee directly.

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# APPLICATION FORM

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### Personal Information:

1. Full Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Gender:  Male  Female  Non-Binary  Prefer not to say
4. Address:
  - Street:
  - City/Town:
  - Province:
  - Postal Code:
5. Phone Number:
6. Email Address:
7. Emergency Contact Name:
  - Phone Number:
  - Relationship to Applicant:

### Snowboarding Experience:

8. How many years of snowboarding experience do you have?
9. Snowboard Discipline (check all that apply):
  - Alpine (Race)
  - Halfpipe
  - Slope Style
  - Snowboardcross
  - Adaptive Snowboarding (Para-snowboarding)
  - Other (please specify):
10. Are you a current member of a snowboard club or team? If yes, please provide the name and contact information of the club/team.

### Competition Information:

11. Have you competed in snowboarding events before?  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide details of your competition experience (include event names, dates, and results, if possible):
12. What are your competitive goals for joining the Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team?

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### **Athletic Background:**

13. Have you participated in other sports or athletic activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please briefly describe your previous athletic experience:

14. Do you have any injuries or medical conditions that could affect your participation in snowboarding or team activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide details:

### **References:**

Please provide contact information for two references who can speak to your snowboarding skills and character:

#### *Reference 1:*

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

#### *Reference 2:*

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

### **Consent and Declaration:**

By signing this application form, I acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee a spot on the Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team. If selected, I commit to representing the team and the sport of snowboarding in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. I understand that as a member of the Alberta Snowboard Provincial Team, I must abide by the Safe Sport rules and conduct myself professionally and positively at all times. I will show respect to fellow athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and all individuals involved in snowboarding events and activities.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if the applicant is under 18 years old):

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the completed application form to [mwalker@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:mwalker@albertasnowboarding.com) and [drogers@gmail.com](mailto:drogers@gmail.com).

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# CANWEST POLICY

## ALBERTA SNOWBOARD

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Effective for the 2023/2024 season, Alberta Snowboard is pleased to offer the CanWest Pass to eligible snowboard athletes between the ages of 13 and 18. In light of the unexpected unavailability of the World Snowboard Points List (WSPL), we have made a last-minute change to the policy, and we will be using FIS points for the selection process. Please read the following guidelines carefully to ensure that you meet the necessary criteria to apply for the CanWest Pass:

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Age Requirement:** Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old as of December 31st, 2023 for the 23/24 snowboarding season.
2. **Age Exceptions:** Athletes who are one year under or older than the specified age range must include a letter of reference from a coach highlighting their readiness and maturity for high-performance training. This however does not necessarily or automatically guarantee the athlete a spot on the team.
3. **Alberta Snowboard Membership:** All applicants must be registered members of Alberta Snowboard for the current season and in good standing.
4. **Letter of Intent:** Each applicant must submit a letter explaining why they believe they deserve the CanWest Pass. This letter should showcase their commitment to snowboarding, their goals for the season, and how the CanWest Pass will support their growth as snowboard athletes.
5. **Responsible Conduct:** If selected, athletes are expected to act responsibly and respectfully throughout the season, both on and off the slopes.
6. **High-Performance Training:** The CanWest Pass is intended for high-performance training purposes. Recipients are encouraged to take full advantage of the pass to enhance their skills and abilities.
7. **Minimum Provincial Events:** Athletes holding the CanWest Pass are required to participate in a minimum number of provincial events to maintain their eligibility.

### Coaches' Eligibility:

1. Coaches who work directly with athletes in the specified age range (13-18) are eligible for a CanWest Pass.
2. **Coach-to-Athlete Ratio:** Coaches must maintain a ratio of at least 5 athletes to 1 coach to be eligible for the pass.

### Application Deadline:

All applications for the CanWest Pass must be submitted by August 5th, 2023. Late submissions will not be considered for this season.

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### **Application Process:**

- Interested athletes and coaches must fill out the official application form available on the Alberta Snowboard website.
- Athletes must include their letter of intent and, if applicable, a coach's reference letter.
- Coaches should provide necessary information about their coaching role and the athletes they will be working with.

### **Selection Process:**

1. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of snowboarding experts from Alberta Snowboard.
2. Selections will be based on the applicants' performance history, commitment to the sport, and their potential to contribute positively to the snowboarding community.
3. The final decision regarding the CanWest Pass recipients will be communicated to the selected athletes and coaches via email.

Alberta Snowboard is committed to supporting the development of young snowboard athletes and creating opportunities for growth within the sport. We look forward to a successful season with our talented athletes and dedicated coaches.

For any questions or concerns, please contact us at [mwalker@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:mwalker@albertasnowboarding.com).

Let's make the 2023/2024 snowboarding season unforgettable!

Sincerely,

Alberta Snowboard High Performance Committee

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