

# CANWESTPOLICY

## ALBERTA SNOWBOARD

Effective for the 2024/2025 season, Alberta Snowboard is pleased to offer the CanWest Pass to eligible snowboard athletes competing in FIS sanctioned events. Athletes must be between the ages of 13 and 18. 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, 2024 for the 24/25 snowboarding season.

#### **2. Age Exceptions:**

Special consideration may be given to athletes up to two years over the maximum age with a letter of recommendation from Canada Snowboard stating that the applicant is under serious consideration for the National Team for the upcoming season.

#### **3. Alberta Snowboard Membership:**

All applicants must have a current Alberta Snowboard membership, and be in good standing.

Applicants must have an active FIS number at the start of the 2024/25 winter season.

#### **4. Code of Conduct:**

If selected, athletes are expected to act responsibly and respectfully throughout the season, both on and off the slopes. The use of a CanWest pass is a privilege. Any misuse of the CanWest Pass or irresponsible conduct can result in pass privileges being canceled and deemed ineligible to purchase the pass in the future.

#### **5. High-Performance Training:**

The CanWest Pass is intended for high-performance training purposes. The pass will be offered to athletes who will be training and competing at the FIS level throughout Alberta and British Columbia. 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 can be considered for eligibility to receive a Competitors Pass. Such passes would come from the quota of the Province in which they are training and competing. Recipients are encouraged to take full advantage of the pass to enhance their skills and abilities.

#### **6. Minimum Provincial Events:**

Athletes holding the CanWest Pass are required to participate in a minimum of 3 provincial events and should be competing at Canada's National Championships to maintain their eligibility.

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### **Coaches' Eligibility:**

1. Coaches who work directly with high performance athletes competing at the FIS level, 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 **July 31, 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered for this season.

### **Application Process:**

Interested athletes and coaches must fill out the official application form available on the Alberta Snowboard website. Applicants over the maximum age please include your letter from Canada Snowboard.

Coaches should provide necessary information about their coaching role and the athletes they will be working with.

### **Selection Process:**

1. Using the Canadian Ranking List as of June 1, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed by the High Performance committee at 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.

### **Appeals**

Any person wishing to appeal an AB Snowboarding selection decision must do so in accordance with the AB Snowboarding Appeals Policy, which policy can be found at [www.albertasnowboarding.com](http://www.albertasnowboarding.com).

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 [highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com)

Let's make the 2024/2025 snowboarding season unforgettable!

Sincerely,

Alberta Snowboard High Performance Committee

