



## **Alberta Snowboard CanWest Pass Policy Effective for the 2025/2026 Season**

### **Overview**

The CanWest Pass is a privilege extended to a select group of high-performance athletes and coaches who are actively pursuing competitive development within FIS-sanctioned disciplines. As a recipient of this pass, you are not only gaining access to Alberta and Western Canada's premier training environments but also representing Alberta Snowboard. With this comes the expectation that all athletes and coaches will conduct themselves with the highest level of professionalism, integrity, and accountability both on and off the hill. This program is governed by the Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) Competitor Pass framework and is administered provincially by Alberta Snowboard. This policy outlines eligibility criteria, expectations, and conditions of use. The CanWest Pass is not recreational. It is intended exclusively for those pursuing advancement in Olympic and Paralympic pathways and competing under the FIS structure. Alberta Snowboard monitors FIS participation and event performance to ensure proper use.

For more information and updates, visit: [www.albertasnowboarding.com](http://www.albertasnowboarding.com)

### **Athlete Eligibility**

#### **1) To qualify, athletes must:**

- a) Be a resident of Alberta for at least one full year prior to the start of the 2025/2026 season
- b) Have trained in Alberta with an Alberta-based Club during the previous 2024/2025 season
- c) Be in good standing with Alberta Snowboard and hold a valid membership
- d) Hold an active FIS code number at the start of the 2025/2026 winter season (or have applied and be eligible for registration)
- e) Be actively training and competing in FIS-sanctioned disciplines that are part of the Olympic, Paralympic, World Championship, or World Cup programs
- f) Priority will be given to Provincial Team Athletes.

#### **2) Eligible Birth Years by Discipline:**

- a) **Alpine Skiing & Ski Cross:** Born 2005–2009
- b) **Freestyle Skiing (excluding Ski Cross):** Born 2006–2010
- c) **Snowboard Alpine, Snowboard Cross, Big Air:** Born 2006–2010
- d) **Snowboard Halfpipe & Slopestyle:** Born 2007–2011

#### **3) Age Exceptions:**

- a) Athletes up to two years over or one year younger than the listed age ranges may apply with a letter from Canada Snowboard confirming they are under serious consideration for National Team nomination.

#### **4) Para-Athletes:**

- a) There are no age restrictions for carded athletes on the Canadian Para-Alpine or



Para-Snowboard Teams who are permanent residents of Alberta.

5) **Non-Resident Eligibility:**

- a) Athletes who do not reside in Alberta and did not train in Alberta during the 2024/2025 season are not eligible under Alberta's quota.

**Alberta Snowboard Requirements**

- 1) Code of Conduct & SafeSport
  - a) All athletes and coaches must uphold Alberta Snowboard's Code of Conduct and adhere to SafeSport standards.
  - b) Misuse, unsafe behavior, or misconduct at training venues, competitions, or public settings will not be tolerated.
- 2) Alberta Snowboard reserves the right to:
  - a) Cancel any pass if the individual is disciplined for conduct issues or violations of the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code
  - b) Disqualify individuals from current and future participation in the CanWest Pass Program based on conduct
- 3) High Performance Intent
  - a) This pass is intended solely for high-performance athletes who are actively training and competing within a structured development pathway.
  - b) Alberta Snowboard monitors athlete participation via FIS event tracking.
- 4) Minimum Provincial Events Requirement
  - a) Athletes must compete in **at least three (3) provincial events** unless it conflicts with a higher-level event (such as a NorAm or Rev Tour event or equivalent); during the season and are **expected to compete at Canada Snowboard Nationals**.

**Coach Eligibility**

- 1) Coaches applying for a pass must:
  - a) Be full-time Club or Provincial Team Coaches or Managers affiliated with Alberta Snowboard
- 2) Work directly with eligible athletes at the FIS level
- 3) Maintain a **minimum 1:5 coach-to-athlete ratio**
- 4) Independent or unaffiliated coaches do **not** qualify.

**Pass Costs**

- 1) **Athlete Pass:** \$765.00 + applicable taxes
- 2) **Coach Pass:** \$1,530.00 + applicable taxes
- 3) Invoices will be issued after pass allocation.
  - a) Passes are distributed only once payment is received in full.
  - b) Passes are **non-refundable** except in cases of verified serious injury. TBD by CanWest Committee

**Application Process**

**Deadline to Apply: Friday, July 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM (MT)**

- 1) Applications must be submitted using Alberta Snowboard's official form. Provided to  
88 Canada Olympic Rd SW  
Suite 105 & 108, 140 Bob Niven Training Centre  
Calgary, Alberta, T3B 5R5  
highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com



Clubs.

- 2) Athletes applying with an age exemption must submit a letter from Canada Snowboard. Clubs will need to contact Tyler Ashbee directly.
- 3) Coaches must submit coaching roles and athlete rosters
- 4) Late submissions will not be considered for this season.

### **Selection Process**

- 1) Alberta Snowboard's High-Performance Committee will review applications using the **Canadian Ranking List as of June 1, 2025 (WSPL)**
- 2) Evaluation criteria:
  - a) Performance history
  - b) FIS participation
  - c) Commitment to development and training
  - d) Representation of Alberta Snowboard's values
  - e) Results will be communicated via email
  - f) Provincial Team Athletes

### **Appeals**

Any person wishing to appeal a CanWest Pass selection or revocation decision must do so in accordance with Alberta Snowboard's Appeals Policy, available at [www.albertasnowboarding.com](http://www.albertasnowboarding.com).

### **Disqualification, Misuse, and Pass Termination**

- 1) The following actions may result in immediate pass cancellation and disqualification from future CanWest Pass eligibility:
  - a) Breach of the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code
  - b) Sanctions issued by Alberta Snowboard for any disciplinary issue
  - c) Withdrawal from organized training or competition programs without cause
  - d) Training suspension due to injury without a formal return-to-sport plan
  - e) Continued use of a pass after a program withdrawal or injury suspension

### **Refunds for Injury**

- 1) Passes are non-refundable unless the athlete:
  - a) Sustains a serious injury
  - b) Submits a doctor's note confirming inability to train or compete for the remainder of the season
  - c) Returns the physical pass to the CWSAA office for pro-rated consideration
- 2) Alberta Snowboard reserves the right to revoke or suspend a pass at any time for conduct violations, regardless of injury status or competition level.



**Questions?** Contact us at:

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Alberta Snowboard is committed to fostering excellence, accountability, and athlete development. This program is a privilege and an investment in our high-performance community.

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