



2027 Canada Winter Games Selection Criteria

Athlete & Coach/Staff

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The document outlines the criteria and process to select athletes and coaches/staff to members of CWG Team Alberta 2027.
- 1.2 The purpose of CWG Team Alberta 2027 is to be competitive, achieve podium success at CWG in as many disciplines as possible, whilst providing experiences and exposure to National competition. The selection criteria is therefore compiled to ensure the success of CWG Team Alberta 2027.
- 1.3 The document shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 1.4 The following disciplines will make up the snowboarding competition at CWG:
 - Halfpipe (HP)
 - Slopestyle (SS)
 - Big Air (BA)
 - Snowboard Cross (SBX)
 - Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS)

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 CS: Canada Snowboard
- 2.2 WSPL: World Snowboard Federation Point List
- 2.3 CWG: Canada Winter Games
- 2.4 PTSA: Provincial/Territorial Snowboard Association
- 2.5 ASA: Alberta Snowboarding Association
- 2.6 CGC: Canada Games Council
- 2.7 SAIP: Sport Accident Insurance Program
- 2.8 EOI: Expression of Interest





3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Athlete Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection to Team Alberta an Athlete must:

- a. Meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's [Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)
- b. Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the [2027 CWG Snowboard Technical Package](#)
- c. Be a permanent resident of Alberta as of September 1st, 2026
- d. Be a member in good standing with CS and ASA
- e. Must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense
- f. Be an active member of an ASA sanctioned club, training with a licensed CSCP coach
- g. Be medically fit for competition as per 8.1 (c)
- h. Purchase a 'compete' or 'compete/FIS' license with a minimum of SAIP insurance level 3, by September 1, 2026
- i. Be actively competing at provincial level competitions in the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 season
- j. Must be available to participate in CWG seminars, sessions or camps leading up to Games

3.2 Ineligible Athletes

The following athletes are ineligible for inclusion at the Games:

- a. Senior National Team members – defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1 or SR2 card at anytime; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- b. Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
 - Olympic Games
 - Senior World Championships

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event after November 29, 2026, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2027 Canada Games).





Athletes who are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Additionally, while C1 cards have been discontinued, athletes who have previously held a C1 card and who meet all other eligibility restrictions may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.

3.3 Coach Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection to Team Alberta a Coach must:

- a. Meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's [Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)
- b. Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the [2027 CWG Snowboard Technical Package](#)
- c. Be a licensed member in good standing with CS and ASA
- d. Be a permanent resident of Alberta as of September 1st 2026
- e. Be an active licensed member of an ASA sanctioned club by September 1st, 2026
- f. Be at minimum NCCP Competition-Introduction Advanced Trained, by September 1st, 2026

4.0 AGE CRITERIA

4.1 The eligible age window for CWG is 13-19 years of age as of December 31, 2026 (YOB 2007-2013)

5.0 TEAM SIZE

5.1 Athletes

The number of athletes selected for CWG is based on a pre-determined team size allocation according to the CGC:

- ASA can send a maximum of 4 male and 4 female athletes. Maximum entry is based on athlete participation (per gender) in at least 3 of the 5 events.

5.1 Coaches

The number of coaches selected for CWG is based on a pre-determined team size allocation according to the CGC:

- Team Alberta will consist of 2 coaches*

*If a team sends athletes who are women one coach must be a woman. If a team sends athletes who are men, one coach must be a man.

5.1.1 Additional Team Staff





a. Apprentice Coach

- See Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program
- See Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program

Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff

6.0 SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 Selection Committee

The ASA selection committee responsible for the nomination and selection to CWG Team Alberta 2027 for both athletes and coaches is composed of the ASA High Performance Committee.

7.0 RANKING PROCESS

7.1 Athlete

The Alberta Snowboard selection committee is restricted by the quotas set by CGC.

FREESTYLE (HP,SS,BA)

Selection will be made based on the WSPL ranking of Alberta registered athletes in the freestyle disciplines (HP, SS, BA). Female and male athletes will be ranked by gender.

The WSPL list used will be the final list published of the 2025-2026 season (est. publish date will be June 30, 2026).

The top ranked athlete per gender in each discipline (HP, SS, BA) will be selected to CWG Team Alberta 2027.

In the event an athlete is ranked first in multiple disciplines, the athlete will be selected for the discipline in which their WSPL points are higher.

SPEED (SBX)

Selection will be based on an athlete's results at Jnr Nationals in the SBX competition with a minimum result of a small final (positions 5-8) in the 2025-2026 season. Male and female athletes will be ranked separately.

In the event there are multiple speed athletes who submit an EOI, ranking will be determined by their result at Jnr Nationals. Only one (1) athlete per gender, will be selected under the speed discipline.





Should there be no speed athletes who meet the minimum requirement listed above or a scenario where an athlete (male or female) has ranked first in multiple freestyle disciplines, the remaining quota spot(s) will be filled as per the following process:

Athletes will be ranked using the table in Appendix (A).

Athletes will be ranked in descending order in each freestyle discipline and afforded a point value based on their rank, as per Appendix (A). The cumulative value will then be taken and the athletes ranked on their overall score.

The top athletes will then be provided the available quota spots.

In the event of a tie in the cumulative value, the athlete with the highest value(s) in their score will be given priority.

7.2 Coach

The Alberta Snowboard selection committee is restricted by the quotas set by CGC. Eligible coaches will be selected based on the following priority order:

PRIORITY ONE (1)

- Coaches who have met all minimum eligibility criteria with an expression of interest submitted by the selection deadline. If more coaches apply for the positions than are available, coaches will be ranked according to Priority 2.

PRIORITY TWO (2)

- Coaches will be ranked by their CSCP/NCCP certification level and number of years at that level, as indicated in The Locker, or through proof of certification. For example, two coaches with Competition-Introduction Advanced Trained, one certified in 2012 and one certified in 2016, the priority, or tie break, would be awarded to the coach certified in 2012, as they are deemed to have more experience at that level. A coach who is working on or completed more advanced certifications (e.g. NCI, ACD or equivalent) will be ranked above a Competition-Introduction Advanced Trained coach, again based on years at that level. If a tie still exists between coaches, they will be ranked according to Priority 3.





8.0 SELECTION TIMELINES

8.1 Athlete

- a. Eligible athletes who are seeking consideration for selection to the Games must submit an EOI between September 1st and October 1st, 2026 with any enclosed materials that support their selection (refer to 7.0 ranking process) to highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com . Only athletes who submit an EOI will be considered for selection. EOI must include the following information:
 - Name
 - DOB
 - Preferred DisciplineEOI must also include a coach evaluation and rider assessment confirming that the athlete meets the minimum skills addressed in the 2027 CWG Snowboard Technical Package.
- b. The selection committee will determine and communicate to the nominated athletes for CWG Team Alberta 2027 as well as identify two (per gender) alternates on October 26th, 2026.
- c. Athletes must accept or decline their nomination by November 2nd, 2026. Any athlete who declines their nomination will lead to the alternate (in priority rank) being provided the opportunity to accept nomination.
- d. CWG Team Alberta 2027 will be announced November 16th, 2026.

8.2 Coach

- a. All eligible coaches who are seeking consideration for selection to The Games must submit an EOI by May 30th, 2026 to highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com . Only coaches who submit an EOI will be considered.
- b. The selection committee will determine and communicate to the nominated coaches for CWG Team Alberta 2027 on August 4th, 2026
- c. Nominated coaches must accept or decline their nomination by August 10th, 2026
- d. CWG Team Alberta 2027 coaches will be announced November 16th, 2026.

9.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS





9.1 Subject to any revisions of an athlete or coaches' decision to decline selection after December 7th or an athlete or coaches' inability to participate due to injury or illness, ASA reserves the right to determine the appropriate course of action based on circumstances.

9.2 ASA may exercise discretion to revise this criteria prior to the end of the eligibility period(s) identified in the document, as reasonably necessary to avoid dispute(s) in the selection process.

9.3 ASA may at any time disqualify an eligible athlete from being considered for nomination based on current or past behaviour of the athlete which is inconsistent with ASA's code of conduct. ASA will advise the affected athlete in writing of their decision.

10.0 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

10.1 Athletes and coaches selected to represent CWG Team Alberta 2027, must be registered with CWG through the online platform no later than Jan 1st, 2027.

11.0 APPEALS

11.1 Any dispute relating to the selection criteria must be conducted in accordance to ASA's [appeals policy](#).

APPENDIX (A)

Cumulative ranking point matrix for selection.

POINT MATRIX:			
Position	Point(s)	Position	Point(s)
1st	100	16th	15
2nd	80	17th	14
3rd	60	18th	13
4th	50	19th	12
5th	45	20th	11
6th	40	21st	10
7th	36	22nd	9
8th	32	23rd	8
9th	29	24th	7
10th	26	25th	6



11th	24	26th	5
12th	22	27th	4
13th	20	28th	3
14th	18	29th	2
15th	16	30th	1