



**2026-2027**

## **ASA Development Team Selection Criteria (M&W)**

**Effective: January 29th, 2026**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The document outlines the criteria and process to select athletes to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team
- 1.2 The document shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice
- 1.3 The following disciplines will make up the criteria for selection to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team
  - Halfpipe (HP)
  - Slopestyle (SS)
- 1.4 The athletes named to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team will continue to train with ASA sanctioned clubs, under the direction of the club's certified coaches, and receive support from ASA as a Member of the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team
- 1.5 ASA defines the 2026-2027 Development Team as a pay to play program where opportunities will be provided at a substantially decreased cost or free, when possible, to named Development Team athletes
- 1.6 ASA defines high performance in the Development Team context as a sport program that aims to develop athletes through the LTAD pathway from Train to Train up to Train to Compete, where athletes are competing at Provincial level and above competitions

### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 ASA: Alberta Snowboarding Association
- 2.2 LTAD: Long Term Athlete Development
- 2.3 FIS: Federation International de Ski & Snowboard
- 2.4 CSF: Canada Snowboard Federation
- 2.5 HPP: High Performance Pathway



2.6 CSCP: Canadian Snowboard Coaching Program

2.7 YTP: Yearly Training Plan

2.8 NORAM: FIS North American Cup

2.9 CRL: Canadian Ranking List

### **3.0 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 The ASA Development Team recommendations shall ordinarily be made on the basis of the athlete's performance during the 2025-2026 season commencing December 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026, in accordance with the procedures detailed in this document

3.2 The selection is for one-year ONLY – 2026-2027 season commencing July 1, 2026 ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3.3 The purpose of the ASA Development Team is to provide those athletes identified on a performance pathway supplemental tools and resources, to support their athletic results.

### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for nomination to the ASA Development Team an athlete must:

4.1 Must be between the ages of 11 and 15 years of age as of December 31, 2026. Year of Birth (2010-2015)

4.2 Must be a Canadian Citizen

4.3 Must be a permanent resident of Alberta for the 12 months prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and continue to hold Alberta as their permanent residence for the duration of the 2026-2027 season

4.4 Be a member in good standing of CSF and ASA with valid 2026-2027 compete or compete/FIS license and a minimum SAIP 3 insurance by September 1, 2026

4.5 Must not be under suspension or other sanction for any doping or doping-related offense

4.6 Be an active member of an ASA sanctioned club, training with a licensed CSCP coach, certified to coach LTAD stage 4-5



4.7 Be medically fit for competition by December 1st, 2026

4.8 Competed in a minimum of two provincial/WSPL (amateur) sanctioned competitions within Alberta, where in one (1) competition a minimum result of a top 5 in the athletes age category must have occurred in either the HP or SS discipline.

4.9 For freestyle disciplines, consistent competency in the skills outlined in Appendix A.

The following athletes are ineligible for nomination to the ASA Development Team:

4.10 Any athlete who is a member of Canada Snowboard's National Team including Development or Next Gen program, or named to ASA's Provincial Team.

## **5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **FREESTYLE (SS,HP)**

The freestyle disciplines of SS and HP will be ranked as per the final published WSPL list of the 2025-2026 season, (approximately June 30, 2026). Canadian athletes will be extracted based on the WSPL list and placed on the CRL per discipline.

#### **5.1 Female athletes:**

5.1.1 For SS, athletes must be within the top 35 of all CAN female athletes and within the top 200 World Rank

5.1.2 For HP, athletes must be within the top 35 of all CAN female athletes And within the top 200 World Rank

#### **5.2 Male athletes:**

5.2.1 For SS, athletes must be within the top 50 of all CAN male athletes and within the top 300 World Rank

5.2.2 For HP, athletes must be within the top 35 of all CAN male athletes and within the top 300 World Rank

## **6.0 TEAM STRUCTURE**

6.1 The number of athletes nominated to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team is based on:



- The number of athletes that meet or exceed the selection criteria; and
- ASA's ability to run the development Team (i.e. financial constraints)

6.2 ASA will work to provide ancillary services to support the athletes on the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team to supplement their ASA clubs programming

6.3 The Development Team is a pay to play program structure where the level of support provided by ASA will be determined by the size of the Team and any financial constraints.

## **7.0 COMMITMENT CRITERIA**

7.1 Once nominated to the ASA Development Team, athletes must adhere to the following commitment criteria:

- 7.1.1 Be based in Alberta full time, training with an ASA sanctioned club and ASA/CSCP certified and licensed coach
- 7.1.2 Always act and participate in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner, maintaining compliance with ASA's Code of Conduct
- 7.1.3 Always wear ASA supplied outerwear clothing for award ceremonies, podium appearances (if provided) and other ASA supplied clothing for Provincial Team appearances as directed by ASA
- 7.1.4 Agree to attend all ASA Provincial events, and where conflict exists with a larger event i.e. NAC Air Nation, World Cup etc. written notice to ASA leadership minimum 30 days in advance of competition is to be provided seeking exemption
- 7.1.5 Adherence to ASA Provincial Team's attendance requirements, as follows:
  - 7.1.5.1 Must attend all training sessions and sanctioned events, unless the athlete has been excused
  - 7.1.5.2 An athlete is only excused when:
    - Prior approval from ASA Leadership
    - Provides a doctor's note indicating reason for absence



7.1.5.3 Maximum of three (3) unexcused occurrences, over the course of the season will be tolerated, whether in the form of missed training/session attendance, tardiness or early departures

7.1.5.4 Exceeding the number of unexcused occurrence, the athlete will be removed from the ASA Team including all associated benefits such as CanWest Pass

## **8.0 SELECTION PROCESS**

Eligible athletes who are seeking consideration for nomination to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team must submit their EOI between July 1, 2026 and August 15th, 2026 to [highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com)

### **8.1 Expression of Interest (EOI) Requirements**

EOI's must be submitted in a slide deck format containing the following information:

8.1.1 Athletes Name

8.1.2 Athletes DOB

8.1.3 Athletes Club

8.1.4 Athletes Coach Name & Contact Information

8.1.5 How athlete meets the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 4.0

8.1.6 Letter from athlete's coach confirming athlete meets minimum skill competencies outlined in Appendix A.

8.1.7 Athlete confirmed in slide deck that they have read, understand and agree to section 7.0 Commitment Criteria

8.2 Only athletes who submit an EOI by the submission deadline (see 8.0) will be considered for nomination

8.3 The selection committee will determine and communicate to the nominated athletes for the 2026-2027 ASA Provincial Team on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



8.4 Athletes must accept or decline in writing to [highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com](mailto:highperformance@albertasnowboarding.com) by 5pm MST, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8.5 ASA will announce the 2026-2027 Provincial Team no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## **9.0 UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES & REVISIONS**

9.1 Subject to any revisions of an athlete's decision to decline selection after Team announcement, or an athlete's inability to participate in the 2026-2027 season 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), 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 behaviors of the athlete which is inconsistent with ASA's code of conduct. ASA will advise the affected athlete in writing of their decision

9.4 It may occur that an athlete, may by reason of health-related curtailment of activities or extraordinary circumstances, be unable to participate in the minimum number of events as identified under 4.0 eligibility. In such circumstances, the athlete's eligibility for selection shall be reviewed on the basis of the athlete's projected medical-rehabilitation, as well as additional information provided in the EOI.

## **10.0 APPEALS**

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



## **APPENDIX A.**

Minimum skill competency for consideration to the 2026-2027 ASA Development Team

### **SLOPESTYLE**

All applicants must be able to demonstrate the following technical skills:

- Ability to enter and exit medium features both regular and switch
- Ability to maneuver body position on a rail/box using both frontside and backside rotation ( able to do both )
- Ability to vary the entrance into a rail/box feature - lip slides and front/back side approaches
- Air stability with style (ability to grab/tweak/vary body position) on jumps

Furthermore, specific technical skills for both men and women as follows:

#### **Women**

2 way 360

1 way 540

#### **Men**

2 way 540

1 way 720

### **HALFPIPE (18ft pipe)**

#### **Women**

Straight airs at 3' feet

2 way 360 at 2' feet

Consistent, grabbed, all in the same run

#### **Men**

Straight airs at 5' feet

2 way 720 at 4' feet

2 way 540 at 4' feet

Consistent, grabbed,  
all in the same run

Those athletes with additional competition or creative/unique skills should identify and provide evidence of the competency in skills to support their application for consideration to the Development Team.